

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday April 13, 2017**

Board Chairman Allen Eld called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Charles Quale; Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; Tim Turner, maintenance; Amanda Miller and Joni Torgerson, Kennecott, Dale Lueck, State Representative and three property owners.

Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles, to approve the April 13, 2017 agenda; motion carried.

The minutes from the March 23, 2017, Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending March 31, 2017: General Revenue Fund, \$166,420.56; Road & Bridge Fund \$201,332.55; Sewer Fund, 9,815.56; Road Repair (blacktop), \$153,896.79; Cartway/Road Vacation, 2,500.00 (Bartz); Fire Fund, \$39,677.95; Building Repair Fund, \$172,846.18; Parks & Rec Fund, \$65,545.48; and the Lease/purchase -\$8,095.29 for a total in the checking accounts of \$798,979.88. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$188,178.19; Building final payment CD, \$80,791.62; Sewer Fund CDs' \$90,729.49. Money market interest received in March 2017 was \$136.26. Receipts for the month were \$28,614.67. February disbursements were \$20,770.20. Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the April 2017 claims and payroll totaling \$98,485.93; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Lake Country Power March 2017 Newsline; Lake Country Power Annual Meeting information; Compass Minerals enhancements update

Amanda Miller, Communities Coordinator, Kennecott Exploration Company, gave a presentation with the assistance of Joni Torgerson, of the progress of the mining based in Tamarack. She also stated the steps in the process of mining as they pertain to the Tamarack location if they continue to proceed. The presentation consisted of laminated visuals and a slide show. She also invited individuals to the facilities in Tamarack where they can get a tour of the facilities and equipment.

Concern was stated that on 170th Place, in the Brekke Edition, a couple of hills are steep enough that you cannot see traffic coming from the other direction and requested that the hills could be cut down so that you can see oncoming traffic.

A request was made that 490th Street, Floe Road, be treated with calcium chloride on the entire road by the township. It was stated that the entire road is heavily used by both automobiles and ATVs; that the 4-wheelers are tearing up the road. It was also suggested that the road needs to be treated for stabilization as well as dust control for safety. It would allow for the traffic to be more easily seen through the heavy traffic dust. The maintenance will put the counters out at both ends of the road and the board will further discuss it at the next regular board meeting.

498th, 210th and 211th – a resident wanted to know what progress has been made regarding the re-routing of the road to put it in the platted location. It was explained that the project is larger, more involved and costly project than anticipated due to the terrain of the platted road involved. The maintenance has ditched the area, laying rock, for drainage and to reroute the water flow in the area to alleviate the washing out of the road and effected driveways. The corner has been reshaped.

Gary Vorlicky presented a petition to the board for the vacation of a portion of the platted road 208th Place on behalf of his son Jeff Vorlicky, property owner. The Vorlickys' would like to vacate a portion of the platted 208th Place to enable them to replace a trailer with a home on the property. The road currently (and for at least 40-45 years) travels through property west of the platted road. The property that the current road crosses over is State of Minnesota property. The board stated concerns as to whether or not the platted road can be vacated. There are structures built on portions of the platted road by other property owners. Without the currently traveled road, other property owners would be land locked if the platted road is vacated. Another question is if the currently traveled road would be a Township road due to "Use and Maintenance" or "Errors and Omissions". Concern was stated regarding the vacation of the platted road and eliminating legal access to other properties along the platted road. The board consulted with Dale Lueck, our State Representative, regarding the legalities of this issue. It was pointed out that some of the property owners on the platted road cross state property in the process of traveling from traveled surface of road to their recorded properties. The town board contacted Kennedy & Graven, township attorney, during the meeting and spoke with Kyle Hartnett, regarding the possible vacation of this portion of the road. Kyle stated that he believes that it would be possible due to the length of time that the current road has been in use. It was stated that the whole of the platted road that is separate from the currently traveled road may need to be vacated. It was also stated that the township may need to acquire an easement for the currently traveled road prior to the vacation of the platted road. Gary Vorlicky would like to continue with the road vacation process. He will present the township with a check in the amount of \$2,500 escrow to the clerk the following week. The clerk will contact the township attorney to request them to continue forward with the research for the possibility of the vacation of the platted portion of 208th Place. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale, to accept the Road Vacation Petition from Gary Vorlicky on behalf of Jeff Vorlicky to vacate a portion of 208th Place with the understanding that they may withdrawal the Petition for Vacation at any time; Charles Quale, aye; Allen Eld, aye; Ron Smith abstained due to possible conflict of interest. Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to allow Allen Eld, Board Chairperson, to sign resolution 2017-13 Resolution Issuing an Order Setting Forth Initial Descriptions an Setting Hearing Date Regarding the Proposed Vacation of a Portion of 208th once said resolution is prepared by the township attorney; Charles Quale, aye; Allen Eld, aye; Ron Smith abstained due to possible conflict of interest.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner reported that they have been blading, frost is still from coming out; 170th place has bad frost boils; have been brush cutting and mowing; performed maintenance in the leaf sites; have attended safety training, Tim Marvin and Tom; has been cold mix patching; fixing scalped yards from snowplowing; ready to sweep blacktops, waiting for rain; 473rd Street – approximately 1200 yards of fill use and culverts and 300 yards of gravel;

Tom Besch – concern was stated as to whether the township should require a physician's note approving Tom's medical ability to work and perform the necessary tasks due to a back issue at the end of last summer. It also stated that the back issues were not a result of the work that he did for the township. Tom Besch has a current CDL license which requires an annual physical. The board will have Tom work for clean-up day; board will then observe and talk to him at that time regarding his physical health.

Calcium Chloride – the board was informed that all notices, mail and emails, have been sent out

Worting Road – Workman Township Billing – the clerk stated that she was informed that Workman Township does bill Shamrock Township for only half the cost of Calcium Chloride and the property owners pay the other half

Salt Shed – Bob Beaver will attend the May regular board meeting with information regarding the construction of a new salt shed

Truck Replacement – the board was supplied with the quote for a 2018 MAC dump truck with plow for their review. The truck will be set up similar to the 2014 truck. Specs will be provided with the final cost of the new truck. Tim Turner and Charles Quale will review them when received to check for accuracy of desired final product. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve Charles Quale the authority to sign the Purchase Agreement for the 2018 Mac truck; motion passed unanimously.

Annual Road View – the board reviewed the notes presented by the clerk highlighting the comments and observations made by the board during the annual road view

Bob Beaver will be contacted to move forward to provide the board more information regarding a solution and road repair for the water issues on 188th Avenue

Phone and Internet Service – John Brula has been working with John Dover, Frontier Regional Sales Representative. John Brula was previously informed that Mr. Dover was going to send James Carr, technician, to try to increase the speed of the internet. Mr. Carr did come to the town hall, John Brula measured the speed last month at 1.07 megs download, he has measured it twice today and we are getting 2.21 download. The upload is very poor. SCI will has no plans at this time to provide service to the town hall. The board was informed that Mr. Dover said that the Big Sandy Area and the town hall would be in the improvement area for the CAF funds that Frontier received from the federal government. By mid-summer the township should be up to 6 megs

Bartz Road Vacation – reminder that the public hearing is May 1 at 3:00 pm

The board agreed to purchase pizza from Zorbas on April 24 for the Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Eagle Point, Inc. amend conditions of CUP – The board reviewed the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to amend condition of the previous CUP

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith, to continue the meeting to April 24, 1:00 pm or immediately following the competition of the Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting at 3:17 pm

Candace Kral
Clerk

Allen Eld
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE MAY 11, 2017, REGULAR BOARD MEETING