

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday April 14, 2016**

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Allen Eld; Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; and one resident.

Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to approved the April 14, 2016 agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes from the March 24, 2016, regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld; motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending March 31, 2016: General Revenue Fund, \$151,428.11; Road & Bridge Fund \$154,610.57; Sewer Fund, 4,853.96; Road Repair (black topping), \$54,487,.25; Fire Fund, \$42,009.01; Building Repair Fund, \$143,411.22; Parks & Rec Fund, \$54,178.53; and the Lease/purchase (\$9,270.76); for a total in the checking accounts of \$595,707.89. The Road & Bridge CDs' \$86,396.37; Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$186,694.68; Building final payment CD, \$80,276.62; Sewer Fund CDs' \$90,432.87. Money market interest received in March 2016 was \$102.05. Receipts for the month were \$0. March disbursements were \$43,273.55. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried.

Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the April 2016 claims and payroll totaling \$20,955.87; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: : ACAT January meeting minutes and April meeting information; The Noncom Scoop Spring/Summer 2016 issue; Lake Country Power March 2016 Newsline; Minnesota LTAP Technology Exchange Spring 2016 issue; TowMaster Equipment & Education Expo info; information and old documents regarding Long Point Place provided by Ron Smith; Big Sandy Area Lakes Watershed Management Project informational Spring 2016 News Letter;

Concerns from residents not on the agenda:

Joe Tveit, new owner of Eagle Point is applying for a liquor license. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to pass Resolution No. 2016-12 – Issuance of Liquor License for Eagle Point Inc.; Motion passed unanimously.

Joe Tschida has a place at Lakeshore Acres, plat 20, questioning the road width and right-of-way and requesting a variance to build an addition to the living room of his home located at 48695 173rd Ave. The board informed him that the road is a 33 foot road at this point and the right-of-way is 16 ½ feet measured from the center of the road. The board has no objections to the requested permit and recommends that the county rules and regulations be followed. The clerk will write a letter to planning and zoning stating the board's decision.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner reported that they have been doing regular maintenance of equipment, pulled plows and sanders off trucks; have been sweeping, grading, performing frost boil repairs; started grading side roads; leaf sites pushed back, brush piles burned and leveled; 20 loads of rock and rock chips used in soft area such as frost boils; trees removed by trader post, 496th Lane (Eagles Nest) and 186th Ave, (Sheshebe); all maintenance workers attended 8 hour safety training.

Nicole Eld, McGregor Area Chamber of Commerce – 3% Lodging Tax – Nicole Eld presented to the board the Chamber of Commerce's reasons for requesting to add a lodging tax to establishments in the township. The Chamber of Commerce will receive 95% for area tourism advertising/promotional purposes and the township

will receive 5% for their use. The Town of McGregor is currently in the process of passing and implanting the tax. The township's approval is being requested. The exact type of properties/businesses (hotel lodging, resort cabins, camp grounds, etc.) in Shamrock Township that will be affected is still being researched. The method of payment is also being researched. It was suggested that the Chamber of Commerce should investigate other options to produce the dollars needed for promotion and marketing of local tourism. Nicole will attend the June 23rd Regular Board Meeting to update the board.

Annual Road View – the board reviewed the spreadsheet with notes taken during the road view. Ron Smith talked to Russel Reese, Aitkin DNR, regarding 188th Avenue where the muskrats are digging under the road along the lake near Greenwood causing damage to the road. The muskrats are getting in around the chain link fencing that was previously installed. The township is receiving a permit to trap muskrat. The permit will be good for about a month. Allen Eld will talk to Pat McGinn to perform the job for the township at a price of \$10.00 per muskrat.

210th/211th Survey – Bob Beaver presented and explained to the board a survey map of the survey recently performed for the township; the board discussed the roads, easements and ditches represented on the map. Possible solutions for the water drainage in the area were. Other areas also discussed were- 188th Ave. as future project due to safety issues of the standing water; also Bridge Road, at the end where the asphalt is badly breaking up and temporary repair in area where the plow throw asphalt this past winter

Big Sandy Lodge Tax Abatement – the sale of the Lodge is complete; all taxes from the tax abatement to both the township and the county have been paid to the county, the county will send the township's portion shortly.

Sell of - 910 Wheel Loader – Brian Zimple informed Charles Quale that the county puts all equipment to be sold on MinnBid. The fees of using MinnBid were discussed; there are no fees for a non-sale of an item. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith for the township to sell the 910 Wheel Loader on MinnBid Online Auction with a minimum bid amount of \$11,000; motion carried.

Calcium Chloride (Wild Oaks) – the township received an email that some of the residents in the Wild Oaks Association do not want calcium chloride applied to the road by their properties. The clerk will send a reply email stating that they need to come to an agreement with their association; it is not the township's responsibility to continue to settle their differences.

Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting will be April 25 at 9:00 a.m.; the clerk will order pizzas for lunch for the attending staff.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale, to acquire port-a-potty services from Kangas, Inc. for the summer at a rate of \$90 per month with weekly cleaning; motion carried.

Donation Requests – The board discussed the requests for donations the township received. They also discussed the possibility of contracting with the McGregor Chamber of Commerce for promotional/advertising funding for Shamrock Township area to help alleviate the financial obligations on the local businesses. The clerk will check with the township attorney and report her finding back to the board at the next regular board meeting. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to set a maximum donation contracting amount of \$7,500; Motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to donate as follows: ANGELS for \$2,000, Big Sandy Water Institute for \$2,500, Riverwood Foundation for \$1,500. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Smith attended the Big Sandy Lake Association meeting and reported that the lake association is heavily involved in the Governor's Opening; the inspectors at the boat ramps are now through Aitkin County rather than the lake association; there is a boat wash station at Willey's and a portable at Growler's. They are also starting to discuss a Lake Improvement District program similar to Minnewawa's for either the lake or the whole Big Sandy Watershed District.

Tim Turner was contacted by John Montour asking if the township could use the backhoe to clean out the ditch by the culvert located by the Sportsman’s Club. He informed John that he should contact Aitkin County.

Meeting adjourned 2:05 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Charles Quale
Board Chairman