

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday May 12, 2016**

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

Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approved the May 12, 2016 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

The minutes from the April 14, 2016, regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale; motion carried.

The minutes from the April 25, 2016, Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting were approved on a motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale; motion carried

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending April 30, 2016: General Revenue Fund, \$146,061.28; Road & Bridge Fund \$145,828.30; Sewer Fund, 4,854.71; Road Repair (black topping), \$54,495.65; Fire Fund, \$42,386.85; Building Repair Fund, \$143,513.45; Parks & Rec Fund, \$54,507.37; and the Lease/purchase -\$7,988.79; for a total in the checking accounts of \$583,658.82. The 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 April 2016 was \$93.29. Receipts for the month were \$8,813.51. April disbursements were \$20,955.87. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried.

Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the May 2016 claims and payroll totaling \$99,121.64; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: : Information for a workshop on capturing and using rainwater; Lake Country Power 2015 Annual Report; Lakes & Pines Board & Employee issue; Aitkin County Historical Society newsletter; Kennecott Tamarack project update; Riverwood Healthcare & Foundation "Holes fore Hospice" Charity Event information; Land Stewardship Project information letter

Concerns from residents not on the agenda:

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner reported that they have been blading and shaping roads; started hauling gravel this week; did repairs on a boat landing, checked into replacement boat landing planks; ordered signs "No Dumping", "Weight Limit", "No Turn Around"; performed maintenance at the leaf sites; marked out for the calcium chloride application; cut in a small ditch nears Ron's Smith's property; a small berm was constructed along the shoulder on a section of 520th Lane to help alleviate water run-off; Bob Beaver will meet next week to review the projects discussed last month; Tom Besch will be asked to start for the summer

220th Avenue – Workman Township – the clerk informed the board that Ron Smith spoke with Jim Berg of Workman Township regarding the road maintenance work needed 220th Avenue. It was discussed for Shamrock Township to perform the work on Workman Township's portion of the road when we do our portion. Jim Berg requested an estimate to be presented to the Workman Township board at their next regular board meeting.

Keith Mielke would like to rebuild his garage attaching it to his house. The other side of his house is a couple of feet into the road right-of-way. The township stated that the addition does not affect the township roads and had no concerns with the requested permit for the new garage and suggested that he follow all county rules and regulations.

Calcium Chloride – Township will apply calcium chloride for stabilization on the following roads: 400' 520th by Bill Dean's; 1225' on dump road; 5000' on 490th (Floer Road); 1000' on Bridge Road; 1600' on the Hillcrest road; 400' on 202nd Ave; 400' on 493rd Lane (Ekelund Sawmill Road) for a total of 10,025'.

Sell of Loader – the 910 loader sold on MinnBid for \$19,600.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Kraft – Request a variance to build a garage/pole barn 16' within the road right-of-way. The road runs through his property and the property owner's that use the road have easements even though it is a platted road. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld to provide Mr. Kraft with a letter for the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning stating that the township will accept his variance request giving a 20' road right-of-way from the edge of the traveled surface of the road and suggested to follow all county rules and regulations. Motion carried.

Gary Anderson – informed the board of a drainage issue on 473rd Ave. (Ekelund Rd). The township had constructed a retention pond several years ago that catches most of the water from the west. There is still a drainage issue with the water running from the east. It was discussed that some ditch work and culverts could help the direction of the water drainage. The board will have Bob Beaver, township engineer, view the area for recommendations.

Alan Hancock – Pending Cart Way – the board was provided with information regarding 497th Lane, an existing road that runs through personal properties that would be otherwise land locked. Mr. Hancock is trying to get easements signed by property owners for the existing road. The owner of a couple of pieces of property will not sign the easements providing legal access. Mr. Hancock will be officially petitioning for a cartway to be granted. The board discussed the procedure and the approximate costs, they will request a deposit of \$3,000 at the time the petition is presented to the board. He will also have to pay land value when an amount is determined.

Chamber of Commerce Funding - the board reviewed the information provided by Troy Gilchrist, township attorney, and will discuss it at the June 3rd regular board meeting.

The board acknowledged complaints regarding "junk" properties by a couple property owners of properties that are becoming "junk" and are viewed as an eye-sore. The township has no authority on this matter.

The board was provided with the results of this year's well test stating that the water at the town hall is good.

A resident requested a "slow - children at play sign" to be erected on his road (207th Ave.). It was stated that although the road is receiving an increase in traffic volume, the road is still considered a low traffic area. The subject will be continued to the next regular board meeting.

Charles Quale received a call from Gary Bollmann regarding Kimball Point Edition – 209th Place. Mr. Bollmann was requesting maintenance on part of and a vacation of a platted non-maintained road beyond his property. Charles explained that the township cannot expend any funds into the improvement of 209th Place because it is not a township maintained road.

Concern was stated about the people walking on township roads not merging to vehicle traffic and the relevance of the state's pedestrian statute.

Concern of the township's road weight restrictions policy was discussed. The state removed their weight restrictions before the county did causing confusion for the township roads. Subject will be tabled until the next regular board meeting.

Meeting adjourned 2:34 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Charles Quale
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JUNE 3, 2016, REGULAR BOARD MEETING