

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 25, 2010**

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Nancy Karjalahti and Ron Smith, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel, road maintenance employee Tim Turner, and residents Rich Biernat and Jim Carlson.

The minutes from the May 13, 2010, regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti.

Correspondence: The Lake Country Power annual meeting information and director ballot were received. Action on the ballot was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building: Craig Nelson, Morton Builders, will stop in to look at the proposed remodeling of the old building and what work the board wants Morton to do. Charles Quale talked with Davey Johnson about drawing a design for the remodeling project. Jeremy Paquette would be another possible design source.

Duluth Steel notified the clerk that they are still owed \$17,810 on the maintenance building. They were referred to architect, John Geissler. Ron Smith stated that he has been unable to contact John Geissler as directed at the last meeting. Motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Ron Smith, to have Troy Gilchrist, township attorney, proceed with closing out the finalization on the maintenance building and to check with the bond company to see if the performance and payment bonds are still in effect; motion carried.

Tim Turner corrected the statement in last month's minutes regarding the make-up air unit; it is still not operating correctly even after the repair by Gartner Refrigeration Co. Approval was given to have Freeman Electric look at the make-up air unit. Freeman Electric will be replacing four exterior lights and putting in an outlet for the air-compressor.

Road report: Tim Turner reported that the roads have been bladed, 400 yards of gravel have been put down, calcium chloride sections have been marked, calcium chloride was applied to some of the short sections of road on May 21, the rest of the calcium chloride will be applied on May 26, the scrap metal from clean-up day has been removed from the LMA garage site and will be picked up from the township site soon. Tim was authorized to arrange to have the tires picked up. The DNR has rolled the leaf sites.

Jim Carlson commended the board on the clean-up day effort.

188th Avenue: Matt Reid, SEH, met with Ron Smith, Tim Turner, and Marvin Turner on May 24 and inspected the areas needing repair. Matt suggested milling both sections, moving a portion of the road by Timbershores, replacing a culvert, the problem by Greenwood has most likely been caused by muskrats, and several options for shoreline stabilization were mentioned. Ron Smith moved to have the clerk send a letter to Matt Reid asking him to present a proposed plan for the project, engineer a plan for each step, give the cost of SEH doing the bid process (the township may be interested in doing this), and having SEH oversee the work on the project, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried.

Road sign replacement plan: The first step will be to identify the location and number of various signs. The regulatory signs will need to be replaced first starting with the stop signs.

484th/486th Streets: Nothing new to report. Charles Quale will try to contact Mark Youngren over the Memorial Day weekend.

There was discussion on damage done to roads on the Sheshebe circle by ATV's especially on weekends. Charles Quale will contact the sheriff's office and request extra patrol for this area over the upcoming weekends.

Annual Road View: The report was distributed for review. It was noted that the roads are overall in good shape.

Ball field: Size and other requirements were discussed. Tabled to later in the meeting to allow the board time to inspect the site.

Big Sandy Lodge Tax Abatement Financing: Information on the county approved plan was reviewed. Further discussion was tabled; Nancy Karjalahti was given approval to contact Don Proulx regarding possible township tax abatement financing.

Radio System Update: Duluth Superior Communications was contacted; waiting to get their quote on system upgrade.

Big Sandy Water Institute: Jim Carlson explained the funding challenges for this year and clarified the funds donated to ISD#4; these funds were used exclusively for the Big Sandy Water Institute. Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to donate \$2500 to the Big Sandy Water Institute; motion carried.

Ball field (cont.): The board inspected the ball field site and discussed various options. Request for quotes will be published after more information on the dimensions, etc. is presented at the next meeting.

Snowplowing policy: Discussion was tabled. It was suggested to discuss the policy and agreement to provide snowplowing at a second monthly meeting and designate the meeting for that purpose or schedule a special board meeting for it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tractor/mower purchase: Designating a supervisor authority to sign a purchase order to purchase a used tractor/mower was discussed. Further discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

Four large pine trees near the flag pole are dead or dying. It was suggested to wait until winter to take them down unless they show signs of disease.

Permission was granted to the clerk to attend PERA employer training in June.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Charles Quale
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JUNE 10, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.