

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, June 23, 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, Gary Hamack and Mark Johnson, and Craig Nelson from Morton Builders, Grand Rapids.

The minutes from the June 10, 2010, regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Ron Smith.

Correspondence: The following were received: Aitkin County Association of Townships (ACAT) meeting info & minutes, Northwoods Regional ATV Trail System meeting/open house, MDH Water Protection Grants available, John Palmer's request for information on 209<sup>th</sup> PL

Gary Hamack and Mark Johnson voiced concerns about water runoff and washouts. Gary expressed concern about water going on his septic system and asked if there is some way to reduce the amount of water running on his property. A road view was scheduled for July 14 at 4 p.m. at 19806 472<sup>nd</sup> Street to inspect the area. It was noted that some of the natural drainage areas to the township lakes have disappeared or been blocked due to development. Discussion was held about who pays for correction of water drainage issues; no answers were given.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Election Assistance Grant/Building remodeling: Craig Nelson from Morton Builders, Grand Rapids, was present with plans for entrance door replacement and overhead door removal. After much discussion throughout the meeting on design options Ron Smith moved to approve the construction proposal from Morton Buildings, Inc., Grand Rapids (for the removal of two overhead doors, two ADA compliant service door replacements (one with power assisted opener), one additional service door, one added window, an added Gable porch and removal and replacement of designated interior Hi-rib panels and removal and replacement of all exterior Hi-rib panels), in the amount of \$20,960.00 seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried unanimously. Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to approve a down payment check to Morton Buildings in the amount of \$2,100.00; motion carried. The township will sell the used overhead doors once they are removed.

Road report: Tim Turner reported they have been grading and pulling shoulders; finished digging banks back, mulch and seeding on the Floe Road; and mowing ditches has started, they may use the mower for two weeks. They are still working on the road sign inventory.

Tim and Marvin had looked at a tractor in Duluth and other tractors available online. There was discussion on the purchase of a used tractor and new mower in comparison to renting for a short time each year. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith, to purchase a 2007 Challenger model MT455B, from Ziegler for \$40,770 and a new boom mower from Diamond Mowers for \$22,831 (total of \$63,601.00); motion carried. Charles Quale will sign the purchase agreement.

Mr. Putnam on 512<sup>th</sup> Lane contacted Tim and would like the turnaround improved. He is also concerned about the location of the road. Mr. Putnam will check with Tim when he is up here.

484<sup>th</sup> Street: Charles Quale talked with property owner Mark Youngren and he is in favor of the project and has given verbal consent for equipment to access the project from his property and leave equipment on his property, if needed. At this time, we are not doing the full design (not to include the holding pond on the other side of the road). We need to get a release to work on

private property from the property owners. There is an agreement with BSALWMP for the township to facilitate the project and cost share with BSALWMP.

188<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Nothing new to report; waiting to hear from Matt Reid, SEH engineer.

Building: Nothing new to report. Need to check with the township attorney on the status of the building closeout.

Ball field: Ads have been placed for quotes on the shaping of the field. Questions have been asked on leftover equipment. It was stated that there are some bats, balls, helmets and a t-ball stand in the small storage shed. There is enthusiasm for the project and many have offered to volunteer. Quotes are due on July 6.

Radio System Update: Ben Crowson, DSC, will be contact the clerk when he will be in the area to look at the township system. There will not be a fee if it's a sales call but if it turns into a service call, there will be a fee.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Cleaning of the buildings was discussed. A list of cleaning duties will be developed and an ad placed for quotes.

The schedule for election judge training and the list from the county auditor of those interested in being trained as election judges was reviewed. The people on the list were provided with the training schedule.

Information from the PERA training seminar was tabled.

A variance request from Janis Stevens, 19037 509<sup>th</sup> Lane, for a setback of thirteen feet from a road was reviewed. There was question as to whether the road is a private easement road or part of a plat. The board expects that the established county ordinances will be followed.

Big Sandy Lodge Tax Abatement Financing: Nancy Karjalahti moved to accept the application for tax abatement financing that was submitted to Aitkin County, seconded by Ron Smith; motion approved unanimously. The public hearing to approve the tax abatement financing was set for 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 22. Ross Wagoner, Aitkin County Economic Development, and Don Proulx, Big Sandy Lodge, will be notified of the hearing date.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Candace Bartel  
Shamrock Township Clerk

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Charles Quale  
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

**MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JULY 8, 2010  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**