

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 28, 2012**

Board Chairperson Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Charles Quale and Jerry Pawlak; Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral and residents Lowell and Candace Bartel, Nancy.

The minutes from the June 14, 2012 regular board meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Charles Quale seconded by Jerry Pawlak.

Correspondence: Aitkin County Association of Townships agenda for July 19 meeting and minutes from April 19, 2012, meeting; E-mail from Julie Freie regarding her driveway issue; Letter from Edina Realty Foundation stating that a donation has been made by Tony Boadway due to our recent land purchase; Lakes Sanitary notice stating that due to increase in costs, our rate will increase in July; Fax from Floe International informing us that the Big Sandy 4th of July Fireworks Show has been postponed; R.-T.E.A. recycled tire engineered aggregate about using tire chips on our roads

Charles Quale received a call from Jack Hooper, Lakes Sanitary Service, informing him that they are picking up a load of shredded tires McGregor Township is going to take half the load and wanted to know if we wanted half the load for the cost of the fuel. The board had been informed several years ago that Aitkin County Environmental Services did not recommend putting shredded tires on roads near the water table. The clerk will check with environmental services to recheck if we can use tire chips on our roads.

Concerns from residents not on the agenda: Nancy Karjalahti stated the proper procedure for residents to test their wells.

OLD BUSINESS:

▪ Road report: Work on washout, hauling sandbags and sand to flooding areas (flooding started on June 20th), had Darlow fix washouts in Sheshebe area; CK Services fix washout on 480th Lane and 472nd Street and Eklund Excavating fixed washout on 490th Street; we have used 100 yards of rock chips and 700 yards of sand for sandbags. A culvert has to be changed next week. They need to check into a water pump to removed areas of water on Bridge Road where there is little to no natural drainage

Flooding and washouts of roads around the lakes in the township were discussed.

Deterioration of roads that are under water was discussed and that Aitkin County engineering department may also be looking at our roads to get an estimate and see what can be done to fix and improve our troubled spots.

A call from Aitkin County Sheriff was received regarding temporary storage of generators for residents that will be shut off for an extended period of time. The generators will be kept in the fire station side of the town hall and will be handed out to the residents if needed. It was noted that a section on the north shore of Big Sand Lake and some other areas have had the power disconnected due to water over electrical transformers and/or electric meters.

Tim and Marvin have transported some residents in and out of flooded areas in cases in high necessity. The Aitkin County Sheriff Department is trying to get other forms of transportation to help out residents in flooded areas. Sandbags used/distributed to date - 48,600

Aitkin County is going to supply garbage disposal or dumpsters located around the area for the residents to use for flooding clean up and would like the town hall to be one of the locations.

The board decided that the maintenance guys are to be reimbursed for this month's cell phone service since they have been using their personal cell phones for extensive township business this month due to the flooding.

Tim Turner is to order extra signs and cones to have for use of road closures or flooding.

197th Ave. Mr Tillman: The clerk informed the board that Mr. Tillman had call stating that the residents in the area had been maintaining the road but that it has now washed out so bad that they can no longer do it. Mr. Tillman was referred to Charles Quale. The property owners have cut trees and hauled in gravel like they were told to do previously for the township to accept the road as a township road. Charles Quale explained to Mr. Tillman that that section of the road is a road dedicated to the public but not a township maintained road.

- Radio Replacement: Tim Turner stated that Martin Communications was out and the township will be replacing five radios and speakers and one in the office for the clerk's use. They need to replace the antenna on the tower and cable and will write up a quote and get back to Ron Smith.
- Townhall Remodeling: The board was informed that the ads are in the newspapers and the clerk has sent out a couple of plans/specs.
- Ball Field: Jerry Pawlak contacted Lansberg regarding hydro seeding and they will get back to him with an estimate.
- Lily Ave house: The ad requesting offers on purchasing and removing the house is in the newspapers, none have been received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Smith stated that he thinks that we should get the Greg Kimman from SEH engineer involved in the Sheshebe water problems near Julie Freie's driveway. Different possibilities for fixing the problem were discussed. Ron Smith will contact Greg Kimman.

Ron Smith received a letter from Jim and Judy Hawley stating that they have required another lot and are again filing a variance application for the construction of a garage. They are requesting a note or letter from the township stating the functionality of the turnaround by their property so that they could then send it with their variance application. Ron Smith will talk to the Hawleys.

(1:16) A request was received from Jim Carlson from Big Sandy Water Institute for a donation for the organization. The board restated that the attending residents at the annual meeting voted that the township give out no donations so the township board is not able to donate. Jerry Pawlak made a motion to follow the peoples vote at the annual meeting not to donate, seconded by Charles Quale. Jerry Pawlak- aye; Ron Smith – aye; Charles Quale – nay; Motion carried.

Recognition was given to the Tim Turner and Marvin Turner for all the work that they have been doing during the flood emergency.

Charles Quale stated that he would like to have a request at the annual meeting for the township to have a dollar amount for the township to have an appreciation/celebration for the township residents in the future.

Jerry Pawlak stated his concerns of Tim and Marvin transporting residents for insurance purposes for their protection. Charles Quale and Ron Smith state that transporting residents in township vehicles during an emergency situation is allowed. Charles Quale moved to allow the road maintenance men to transport people during an emergency situation to assist the ambulance, fire department and the sheriff's department, seconded by Jerry Pawlak; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Candace Kral
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ron Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairperson

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JULY 12, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING