

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 10, 2008, 7 p.m.**

Board Chairperson Nancy Karjalahti called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Charles Quale, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel, resident Rich Biernat, Mike Heaser from the *Voyageur Press*; property owner Gary Volkman arrived later in the meeting.

The minutes from the June 26, 2008 regular board meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending June 30, 2008: General Revenue Fund, \$20,124.28; Road & Bridge Fund, \$490,035.74; Fire Fund, \$46,902.04; Building Fund, \$208,964.63; Sewer Fund, \$26,447.34; Parks & Rec Fund, \$19,429.72; and the Lease/purchase Fund, \$0.00. The Road & Bridge CD's total \$112,664.45; Sewer Fund CD \$52,646.94. Interest received June 30 was \$1,156.86, other receipts totaled \$252,174.76; disbursements were \$23,912.92. Total cash and savings balance on hand as of June 30 was \$977,215.14. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried. The treasurer noted that the first interest payment on the lease/purchase loan will be made on August 1 in the amount of \$23,156.25. Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale to approve payment of claims and payroll in the amount of \$17,732.95; motion carried.

Correspondence: Notice was received of a public hearing on August 9 on the Aitkin County Shoreland Management Ordinance. A copy of the proposed changes is available for review in the clerk's office or on the county website; Big Sandy Lake Association meeting minutes and agenda were distributed; the Mille Lacs Electric newsletter was received and will be filed for reference.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tennis courts: Anderson Brothers has scheduled the tennis court repair for the week of July 28, weather permitting.

Road Report: 240 yards of gravel were spread; repaired small washouts near the bridge, added gravel, compacted around the guard rail and posts; trees were cut and the frost boil fixed on 209th PL, fixed the dip in the blacktop near the entrance to Big Sandy Lodge on 487th St.; removed a beaver dam on Mud Lake again; all road ditches were mowed and regular road grading was done; elevations were taken on the ditch adjacent to 19629 486th St.; and the right-of-way pins were located near public access on 198th PL in Sec.21.

The maintenance men were directed to check on a beaver dam plugging a section in the Lake Minnewawa/Mud Lake area near the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club.

Damage to a resident's trailer was reported at 51818 209th Place; the driveway approach needs to be repaired.

Maintenance of the yard waste sites was discussed; Nancy Karjalahti will check with the DNR on this. It was noted that compost from the yard waste sites has been removed by commercial businesses; the website will be changed to state for residents use only – not for resale.

Bridge: The county contract for repairing the shoreline was awarded to Roth Construction. The bid was \$33,085.00.

197th Avenue: Rod Kern notified the clerk that there was a delay in getting the performance bond due to a clerical problem. The bond should arrive by June 15.

Road Views July 8, 2008:

_ 19629 486th Street – the culvert across 486th Street diverts water to a natural drainage ditch to the Lake Minnewawa through the Westberg property. Their holding tanks fill from the excess water. The maintenance men took elevations of the area. Removing the culvert would create a pond on the other side of the road and would negatively impact the condition of the township road. It was suggested to have the holding tanks inspected by an independent source and to contact Steve Hughes, Aitkin Co. Soil and Water to evaluate the situation. Ron Smith will contact Steve Hughes. It was noted that this is one of the lowest lots on Lake Minnewawa.

_ 48573 198th Place – possible encroachment in the road right-of-way adjacent to a public access. The maintenance men found three survey stakes. The clerk will try to obtain a copy of the survey. The issue will be referred to the township attorney, if necessary.

_ 19551 484th Street - natural water-way ditch from high ground floods through the Nelson and Youngren properties. There is a small retaining wall, rocks and fallen trees in the ditch. Steve Hughes from Aitkin Co. Soil and Water will be asked to look at this.

_ 197th Ave/198th PL public access – Ron Smith will consult with Steve Hughes on this. A contractor doing work for a resident filled in the ditch on the south side with sand, damaged the culvert and the road to the lake. This damage needs to be repaired and returned to the condition prior to the start of the work. The clerk will check on a survey for this area.

Building: The inquiry from the bonding company will be completed after consulting with the architect. Ron Smith will contact the architect to request a meeting. On June 27 damage was done to the riser on one of the holding tanks by Jack Olson Construction Co.; the architect, the general contractor and the township attorney were notified of the damage. Jack Olson Construction Co. was hauling top soil around the building on June 27.

Lake Minnewawa Association request for funding: LMA had requested funding to help pay for a used truck. The township association attorney advised the township that they cannot donate money for this purpose.

Townline roads: Workman Township will review the agreements at their next meeting.

Cable TV: The clerk was directed to notify the cable company about the low-hanging wires in the township. Charles Quale will be the contact for this issue.

MAT Short Course: John Brula, Candace Bartel and Charles Quale plan to attend the August 1 training in Grand Rapids.

NEW BUSINESS:

The conditional use permit requested by Jack Olson for a nine-lot residential subdivision was reviewed. The board had no objection to the request.

The conditional use permit requested by Tony Bodway for a 20-lot residential subdivision was reviewed. Gary Volkman, adjacent property owner, voiced his objection to the subdivision. He was referred to John Welle, Aitkin Co. Engineer, in regard to a question on the road and advised to attend the planning commission hearing on July 21. The board recommends following the established county ordinances and to consider the input by neighboring property owners.

A request to maintain 481st Lane in section 27 was received. The clerk will respond to the questions and send a copy of the road acceptance guidelines to the property owner.

There was discussion on election judges. Training will be provided in August.

Tree removal after regular business hours was discussed. No decision was made.

Residents on 490th Street (Floer Road) would like to see the work completed on the section realigning the road and have some trees removed. Posts with reflectors will be placed along the berm.

The McGregor School contacted Ron Smith about the possibility of purchasing the dugouts and bleachers. They are not for sale at this time.

Board members were reminded of the ACAT meeting on July 17 and the benefit for Don Sather on July 12.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Nancy Karjalahti
Shamrock Township Board Chairperson

**MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE
JULY 24, 2008 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.**