

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Thursday July 10, 2014**

Board Chairman Jerry Pawlak called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Charles Quale; Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; road maintenance employee Marvin Turner; Bob Beaver, SEH, and five Shamrock residents/property owners.

Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale, to approved the July 10, 2014 agenda with addition to “new business”.

The minutes from the June 12, 2014, regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the June 19, 2014, regular board meeting Continued from June 12, 2014,were approved on a motion by Jerry Pawlak, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending June 30, 2014: General Revenue Fund, \$140,157.32; Road & Bridge Fund 328,811.13; Fire Fund, \$22,392.68; Building Repair Fund, \$107,936.49; Sewer Fund, 4,835.05; FEMA, \$0; Road Repair (black topping), \$255,118.46; Parks & Rec Fund, \$55,015.21; and the Lease/purchase Fund, \$33,556.59; for a total in the checking accounts of \$602,562.61. The Road & Bridge CD's total \$303,428.03; Building final payment CD, \$79,288.22 Sewer Fund CD's \$89,456.22; Kirt Properties escrow CD cashed in with a total of \$4,726.11. Money market interest received in June 2014 was \$176.98. Receipts for the month were \$386,080.20. June disbursements were \$38,835.69. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the June 2014 claims and payroll totaling \$32607.92, motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Kennecott Exploration email informing the township that they have signed an agreement with Talon Metals, a Taranto based company to fund ongoing exploration in Tamarack; Email from Matt Jeschke regional communities manager of Kennecott Exploration Company (email is further down in your packet) stating that he and another manager will be visiting the tamarack project and wanted to know if the township would be interested in meeting for a project update; LMA emails re: Public access inspections LMA Summer BBQ and Fundraiser set for Saturday August 16 from 1 – 4 pm at Banns and DNR warning information stating that the violations rate for aquatic invasive species laws are too high and that there will be ramped up enforcement July 11-13 weekend; PERA memo introducing the township to two association representative that are now in the Duluth office; Cemstone/Hardrives, Inc. memo stating that the Cemstone asphalt production facility in Isle has change ownership to Hardrives, Inc.; Lake Country Power Newslne June 2014 edition; June/July 2014 Mercury; The Noncom Scoop Spring/Summer 2014 edition; Notice of Capital Credit Allocation; ACAT meeting minutes and agenda

**Concerns from Residents not on Agenda:**

Residents asked if there are any plans for repair work to be done to the tennis courts, they are in somewhat poor condition. The board informed the residents that there is nothing planned at this time. The long term plan with the construction of the original maintenance building and now the addition to the maintenance building is to put the parking lot in the area where the tennis courts are and moving the tennis courts over. The board wants to wait until the plans for the maintenance building to be set before redoing the tennis courts so that no

money is needlessly spent. The recreation funds were lowered by a vote of the attending residents at the last annual meeting, making money short for the proper repairs to the tennis courts.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Road Report – Marvin Turner reported that they have doing the normal grading and gravel work; mowing the shoulders; made a one call for the culverts to be lowered; finished loading the steel into the dumpster and had it picked up; pump water from a flooding pond on 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue that was affecting nearby residents; the Sterling broke down and took it to Mills Automotive, have not received a report back for the repairs; had the pickup repaired at Meyer's; pulled part of the dam at Mud lake to let water off of 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue; the new 4" pump, Honda 13hp and 200' of hoses have been delivered.

202<sup>nd</sup> Project – bids – Bob Beaver, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) , recapped the events and discussions of the latest meetings (June regular board meeting, meeting with property owners, and June regular board meeting continued). He restated the concerns and solutions relating to the project. Ron Smith did an overview of the meeting with property owners at the site of the road lift. The board discussed the project plans, property owners and township concerns, and possible solutions. Possible amended plans supporting a compromise between the property owners and township were discussed. Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the 202<sup>nd</sup> Project with the correction of lowering the lift one-foot; motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale, to accept the Anderson Bros. bid with deduct alternate; motion passed unanimously.

Ball Field – The clerk has contacted the paper to write a follow-up community interest article regarding the ball field, voyager press agreed to write the article. Jerry Pawlak informed the board that he spoke with Wayne Floe, Floe International, and the benches will be completed late July early August. The clerk has not heard from Jeremy Paquette regarding the extra work on the dugouts. The board would like to have a dedication celebration in the spring. Charles Quale asked the Twins Community Fund regarding "Twins Mini Camp" for the dedication celebration of the new ball field. He will contact the proper contacts in the fall to schedule for the spring.

Brent Hutchens –Ron Smith informed the board that he met with Mr. Hutchens regarding his retaining wall. Ron tried to explain to him about how much easement the township needed and the reasoning for the road right-of-way for maintenance of the road; mainly for the snowplowing and the winging of the road in the winter. The road is a township road by "prescription". The board will have the township attorney construct a letter to Mr. Hutchens regarding "use and maintenance" of a road and road right-of-way.

Maintenance Building/Townhall Addition – Transfer of Funds – postponed to August regular board meeting

Kirk Properties – the board will have the road repaired using the deposited funds and then return the balance to Kirt Properties as per the previous agreement.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jerry Weiskopf stated concerns regarding firearm use within the township and the safety of others and wild life in the immediate area. The board informed him that the township has no ordinance or resolution regarding firearms and that the township follows any county and state ordinances and laws. The enforcement of the ordinances and law are the responsibility of the sheriff department.

Jerry also shared his concern about the increased amount of gravel/rocks that was in his yard this spring. The board explained that this was a result of using the wing on the plow truck to move the larger amounts of snow we had last winter. Using the wing pushes the snow further back from the roadway and takes gravel/rocks with it.

Appoint election judges – primary election – the board reviewed the list of election judges provided by the clerk. Motion was made by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale, to appoint the election judges for the primary election to be held on August 12, 2014, on the recommendation of clerk; motion passed unanimously.

Kennecott Exploration Tamarack Meeting – the board requested that the Kennecott Exploration Corporation schedule a public update meeting at the town hall for the local residents and lake association members to attend

Lynn Tempesta Garage set back – Jerry Pawlak met with Lynn Tempesta regarding the building of her garage. Jerry Pawlak discussed the reasons for a 20' township road setback and the benefits of the garage door direction in relation to road maintenance.

2013 Population and Household Estimates – April 1, 2013 population estimate is 1,237; April 1 2013 household estimate is 634

Deborah A. Lutz interim use permit – rental home – the board reviewed the interim use permit request

The board stated some concerns regarding the tax status of parcels after reviewing several interim use permit requests for rental properties in the township. It is the town board's understanding that they are zoned residential. It was stated that if the owners of these properties are using them for income generation, they should be taxed as commercial properties. It is unfair to the resorts in Shamrock Township and Aitkin County to have to compete with businesses that do not pay commercial taxes. The clerk will send a letter to the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning requesting this issue be addressed and status of rental properties changed to reflect their commercial intent.

The township received an email from a property owner stating concern of the large amount of turtles that are being run over on the roads this year. She requested information on how to obtain a "Turtle Crossing" sign to be posted. The clerk will inform her that she needs to contact the DNR regarding her concerns. The board stated that they are not in favor of additional signs being placed in the road right-of-way.

Jerry Pawlak informed the board that he was contacted by Denny Warwick regarding the erosion control project on 483<sup>rd</sup> Street that the township had started in 2011/2012. The project was postponed due to the flooding in July 2012. The board discussed the project. Jerry requested that the project be re-estimated by SEH and to be put back on the agenda for further discussion and possible completion.

The "No Trespassing" signs for the Township Gravel Pit property will be done by Glenz Signs according to DNR legal requirements

Meeting adjourned 7:48 p.m.

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Candace Kral  
Shamrock Township Clerk

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Jerry Pawlak  
Board Chairman

**MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 12, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**