

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 12, 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, Dora Potts, Voyageur Press; Tim Homstad, Flood Debris Removal Coordinator; Jim Berg, Workman Township; and residents Terry Malley, Kent Kretz, Jan and Dave Schluter, Rich Biernat, Jerry Weiskoff, Kevin Futhey, Bob and Barb Griefzu.

The minutes from the June 28, 2012 regular board meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Jerry Pawlak, seconded by Charles Quale.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending June 30, 2012: General Revenue Fund, \$80,882.56; Road & Bridge Fund, \$295,583.69, Fire Fund, \$21,593.56; Building Fund, \$77,107.40; Sewer Fund, \$4,716.06; FEMA, 0, Road Repair, \$53,288.84; Parks & Rec Fund, \$62,181.20; and the Lease/purchase Fund, \$33,849.72, Cash Fund \$629,203.03. The Road & Bridge CD's total \$340,340.20; Building final payment CD, \$77,793.89; Sewer Fund CD's \$85,492.38; Kirt Properties escrow CD \$4,692.54. Money market interest received June 30 was \$119.26, and disbursements were \$21,724.64. Total cash and savings balance on hand as of June 30 was \$672,482.04 (checking account, \$629,203.03; savings, \$508,279.01) Motion by Jerry Pawlak, seconded by Charles Quale to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried unanimously. Motion by Jerry Pawlak, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the June claims and payroll totaling \$21,724.64, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Card from John and Michele Regenscheid thanking everyone for the help with sand delivery and other flood related help; email from Minnesota Public Radio News giving flood recovery advise; email from Carolyn McElfratrick giving recovery and assistance programs contacts for farmers impacted by natural disasters; email from Terry Neff, Aitkin County, with debris removal options; Big Sandy Lake Association Agenda; LMA volunteer and donation request to its members; updated wake restrictions list for area lakes; Scott Turner, Sheriff of Aitkin county flood update from July 10, 2012.

Concerns from Citizens not on the Agenda: Jan Schluter on 209th Place (part of which is a public road but not township maintained) was wondering if there was going to be help with their road to assist in repairing it. Ron Smith informed her that there is going to be some FEMA funding available that will probably be for roads like hers. Rich Biernat asked the board if they will keep them informed of any updates and that Jan Schluter is their contact person. Ron Smith confirmed that the board will let them know if anything comes up that they should be aware of.

Bob Grietzu asked if there are any provisions in the Township Bylaws to recognize the road crew as a little bonus or whatever to show the townships appreciation for all the extra work they have been doing. Charles Quale informed them that a vote or approval from the residents at the annual meeting is required for the township to be able to spend money in that way and that the subject will be raised at the next annual meeting.

Kevin Futhey on 496th Lane brought in signed waivers from the surrounding residents giving the Township of Shamrock permission to dig a permanent ditch along the south side of the road that was requested by the board previously in order for the township to fix the road.

Jerry Weiskoff asked the board if anyone (agency) has given them a date as to when Big Sandy Lake will be usable. Ron Smith informed him that it all depends on how fast the lakes levels

drop and that Aitkin County Health Services are going to be testing the water in the lake for contamination.

Jim Berg, Chairman of Workman Township, wanted to thank Shamrock Township and especially the maintenance guys for all the assistance that was given to his township with the sand and sandbags provided to their residents.

Terry Malley on 520th Lane, wanted to know if anything had been considered for the culvert bridge that goes between North Bellhorn Bay and East Bay due to the bay being destroyed due to the lack of water flow. Would like to help find grant money or whatever is needed to help open that up. Wants to know what to do to get this process started. Ron Smith informed him that he and the township engineer viewed the area. The engineer informed Ron that there would not be much change to that bay no matter what was done because there is no current there to speak of. When the last culvert was set there is was set at a depth set by the Corp of Engineers. To set the culvert any deeper would need the consent of the Corp of Engineers. Ron Smith said that he would contact Lonnie Thomson, state hydraulics, to get his opinion on what could be done with that bay.

Tim Homstad, Flood Debris Removal Coordinator, informed the township that starting probably next week the county has offered to absorb the cost of curb-side service pick-up to pick flood debris from county residents, not commercial. Tim provided information on flood cleanup of homes.

- Road report: Tim Turner reported that most of their time has been spent on flooding issues, most township roads are now open, they are trying to fix the washouts that they can fix; they are about a month behind on road grading because they have not had the time; 101 hours have been put on the 8 inch pump, Marvin Turner will return the pump to Brainerd today; Aitkin said that we can keep their pump until next week. The township and McGregor Fire Department are working together to purchase a pump that will be kept here. Sheriff Turner would like the pump to be on wheels so that it is easily mobile. The pump is from fire surplus supply. We need to work on getting a small pump also, we have been borrowing a small pump to pump out the water on some of these smaller flooded area on Minnewawa area. Ron Smith suggested that the maintenance guys buy a pump.

Tim asked what should be done with the sand bags used by the residents in the township. Ron Smith stated that he spoke with Sheriff Turner who said that he is trying organize to get pallets to the residents to pile their sand bags on and the township will go around and pick up the pallets in our township and drop them off at our sand pile in the state pit. Sentence to Serve would then empty the sand out of the bags, which are now polluted materials. Charles Quale informed the board that he spoke with Terry Neff who stated that the county is going to provide a dumpster for the bags after the sand is emptied out, the location of the drop-off sites for the dumpsters is still undetermined. The computer in the shop has apparently been hit by lightening through the DSL line; it does not work.

Tim stated that they would like to hire someone to mow lawn. They have been too busy to do it. Ron Smith also suggested that the new hire could possibly be used to clean up debris in roadside ditches caused by the flooding, clean the shop or wash vehicles. The clerk with check with the township insurance for any age limits. Tim Homstad informed the board that upon cleaning up the roadside leave in piles and let him know to have it picked up at no cost to the township.

- Townhall Remodeling: No quotes have been received for the remodeling. Charles Quale will hire contractors as needed to have the remodeling completed.

- Ball Field: Jerry Pawlak talked to Lansberg regarding the grass seed planting of the ball field. They will get back to Jerry with a quote to hydroseed the ball field.

- Lily Ave. house: No offers have been received for the purchase/removal of the house
- Hawley Proposed Garage: The board viewed and discussed the e-mail sent with drawings of the proposed garage.
- Martin Communication, Inc.: Ron Smith talked to them and the necessary equipment is on order, we will be getting new radios, speaker and antenna for the radio system.
- Gravel Pit and Conditional Use Permit (CUP): The clerk has been working on getting the forms and maps completed. Ron Smith with work with her to complete the necessary documentation that is needed obtain the CUP.
- Ron Smith took Greg Kimman, SEH engineer, to the 188th Ave., near Julie Freie, to inspect the constant drainage/puddle problem to get his opinion and possible fixes to the problem. The area is narrow and the home owners along the area will have to sign off on the work that will needed to be done. Ron also took Greg to view Bridge Road area flooding.

Bob Gretzu wanted to know if the board has considered contracting out to get roads repaired more quickly. Ron Smith informed him that we have already used some local contractors since the flood and will probably do more subcontracting out to repair roads.

NEW BUSINESS:

Charles Quale brought up the issue of what we are going to do with sand piles that were hauled out for sand bags that are still sitting and were not used for sand bags. Different options were discussed.

Ron Smith talked to Sheriff Turner to find out what to do with the snails along the shoreline. The sheriff suggested that they need to be buried due to health factors.

- Gravel: Anderson Bros. are currently crushing gravel in the state pit for class 5 to exchange the rock that the township currently has. We will have approximately 4,200 ton of class 5. Due to the current flooding, the board has decided to negotiate with Anderson Bros. to crush another 5000 ton class 5 in the state pit to use as necessary until the township acquires the CUP needed to activate the newly purchased gravel pit property
- Selection of Election Judges for the Primary Election: A motion was made by Charles Quale, seconded by Jerry Pawlak, to have the clerk select and notify the election judges from the list of qualified judges. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Candace Kral
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ron Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairperson

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JULY 26, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING