

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday July 14, 2016**

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 1:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisor Ron Smith and Allen Eld; Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; Maintenance Marvin Turner; and two residents.

Motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approved the July 14, 2016 agenda; motion carried.

The minutes from the June 23, 2016, regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending June 30, 2016: General Revenue Fund, \$183,071.47; Road & Bridge Fund \$299,628.49; Sewer Fund, 7,569.31; Road Repair (black topping), \$108,747.54; Cartway, \$3,000.00; Fire Fund, \$9,726.97; Building Repair Fund, \$160,062.42; Parks & Rec Fund, \$62,545.81; and the Lease/purchase \$36,044.12; for a total in the checking accounts of \$870,406.14. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$187,063.19; Building final payment CD, \$80,405.06; Sewer Fund CDs' \$90,503.45. Money market interest received in June 2016 was \$100.02. Receipts for the month were \$387,249.86. June disbursements were \$21,106.03. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the July 2016 claims and payroll totaling \$23,423.38; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Lake County Power June 2016 Newslines; Email from Karla White and Scott Turner regarding State of Emergency Declaration for of parts Aitkin County; Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce football program SCAM warning; Rio Tinto, Kennecott Exploration Company update; Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce activities update; Mark Pawlski email containing a Minnesota Department of Health article regarding waters in Minnesota

Concerns from residents not on the agenda: Mary Streeter stated concern for the grading performed on her road recently and why it was done. It was explained to her that the maintenance employees were fixing storm damage and that the calcium chloride recently applied will come back up to the surface and has not been downgraded by the recent grading.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Marvin Turner reported that they have been grading and graveling; cleaning up trees, cleaning out culvers and fixing roads and washouts from storm damage; worked on the shoulders on Floe Road (490th Street); replaced the culvert on 480th Lane; CAT repaired the mower tractor; they plan to work on the shoulders of blacktop road next week

Bob Beaver – SEH – The clerk informed the board that Bob had nothing new to report, they are still working on the solutions for 210th/211th Place

Alan Hancock – Cartway Petition – Charles Quale informed the board that he and the clerk met with Russ Sampson earlier in the day. Russ will not be able to attend the public hearing due to prior commitments. It was stated that the public hearing is scheduled for Friday, July 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Russ Sampson informed the board that he has been unable to sign an easement as requested by Alan Hancock due to his mortgage company. He has now acquired a new mortgage company and has yet to approach them with the proposed easement. He also stated his concerns for his property value, the ability to split and build on said lot and the personal liability of allowing an easement to go through his property. He gave alternative routes for the cartway to go through for access to the other properties which consist of going through

Orttel's property or the ash swamp that is the back portion of the properties. The board further discussed the eligibility of granting a cartway to Alan Hancock and the alternate routes suggested by Russ Sampson.

Chamber of Commerce Funding – tabled awaiting letters of acceptance from the local businesses that would be affected

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint Primary Election Judges - A motion was made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to appoint elections judges from the list of qualified judges as recommended by the clerk and to notify said election judges. Motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed and discussed the Interim Use Permit requested from Nancy Valentine to operate a vacation/private home rental located at 48097 218th Place.

Anderson Bros. – Gravel Swap – Charles Quale informed the board that Brad from Anderson Bros. approached him asking if the township would do a gravel swap with Anderson Bros. out of the township gravel pit. Anderson Bros. stated that they would include a gravel crush for the township. The board stated that the residents of Shamrock Township were told that the gravel pit would be just for township business and would allow the gravel pit to be used by other companies for non-township business. The board chose to deny the request of a gravel swap with Anderson Bros.

Mobilitie, LLC – permit application – the board reviewed and discussed the information and application provided regarding Mobilitie, LLC. The application is for the placement of a 120 foot pole that they would like to install in the road right-of-way on Long Point Place. The board has several questions regarding the purpose and functioning of the pole; also the benefit(s) and costs for use to Shamrock Township and its property owners. They have requested that a company representative attend a regular board meeting either in person or via conference call. The clerk will contact the company with the request.

Property owners – tree trimming – Ron Smith informed the board that some property owners in the township have trees and shrubs that have grown into the road right-of-way need to be informed that they need to have them trimmed for the safety and protection of vehicles that travel the roads. The clerk will prepare a form letter that can be delivered to homes/cabins as needed.

Mary Streeter asked the board about trimming some brush on the corner of a road, whether the township or she could trim them back. She was informed the township could not trim said shrubs that are causing the visual impairment due to the fact that they are on private property and not the road right-of-way. If she wished to trim them herself she would need to acquire permission from the property owner.

The standing water problem on 188th Avenue near Julie Freie and different possible solutions was further discussed. It was stated that the township needs to correct the problem due to safety issues that are present year around due to the standing water.

The board was informed of a request for the township to make a pickle ball court.

Meeting adjourned 3:11 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Charles Quale
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 10, 2016, REGULAR BOARD MEETING