

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 26, 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 Nancy Eddy and Rich Biernat.

The minutes from the July 12, 2012 regular board meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Charles Quale seconded by Jerry Pawlak.

Correspondence: Signed Sub-Station Agreement; Email from MPCA giving the results of the water tests completed on Big Sandy Lake; Flood update from Scott Turner; County Board Modified Wake Restrictions removing all wake restrictions within the county; Aitkin County Debris Removal Options; Letter from Minnesota State Demographer stating Shamrock's population as determined from the 2010 survey; Letter from Anne Marcotte; Memo from Arrowhead Regional Development Commission giving the date of a closeout sale; Lake County Power Notice of Capital Credit Allocation

Concerns from residents not on the agenda:

Nancy Eddy stated her concerns regarding FEMA hiring from outside the area rather than using local contractors for clean-up of the flood damage. Chuck stated that they are using some of the local business and that the board tried to direct FEMA to local contractors.

Rich Biernat stated that he was at the FEMA meeting on July 18, 2012, and understood that FEMA is only helping governing bodies. He asked the board being that he lives on a public (however, non-township maintained) road if the township would help him and his neighbors repair the road along with the rest of the damaged township roads and they would reimburse the township for any out-of-pocket costs to the township. He stated that the road held out pretty well but they need some help with repairing the road. Ron Smith informed him that the township will need to talk to Troy Gilchrist, the township's attorney, to find out what the township can do from a legal stand point. Charles Quale suggested that Rich Biernat talk to Aitkin County for help with the road being public land.

OLD BUSINESS:

▪ Road report: Tim Turner and Marvin Turner have been blading and doing washout repair; cold mix patching and shoulder repair. They installed a culvert to get rid of trapped water at the end of Long Point Place. Replaced the culvert on 469th Lane, a driveway culvert that was washed out, the owner picked up the culver and Tim put it in to be sure it was deep enough; the culvert on Floe Addition was changed out. They took the pickup down to Meyer Repair to change all the fluids in it after driving through all the flood waters, they said that everything was clean. All the roads are open now; they changed the oil and differentials in the Sterling; replaced the hose on the loader; the backhoe tractor will need two new tires on the front, the board told Tim to order the new tires; Anderson Bros. crushed out the extra pile of gravel for the township. As the township starts raising/repairing roads we can hire out to local contractors.

Flooding: Big Sandy is down to a foot above normal, flood waters are receding faster than expected. Ron Smith stated concern regarding the debris alongside the road and who will be cleaning it up. Our maintenance guys don't have time, he has check into Sentence-to-Serve. The board discussed the left over sand piles for sand bagging that was not used. The board decided that it would be reviewed again in October to be sure that any sand that may still be there is out of the way of snow plowing in the winter.

FEMA Meeting, July 25: Ron Smith and Candace Kral attended the FEMA meeting; Jerry Pawlak attended as a citizen. Ron discussed certain roads that were in need of repair and how they may be handled by FEMA. The township filled out an application to receive FEMA funds. Candace has the information that was still needed, DUNNS number and direct deposit set up. FEMA will schedule a meeting with the township for a “kick-off” meeting, which is one-on-one meeting with a FEMA representative. The township will try to get the meeting set so that the whole board can be present. The township can start repairs on the roads as long as the work is well documented.

520th Lane/Trader’s Post: The clerk presented the board with a draft of a letter to Lonnie Thomas requesting his opinion regarding the culvert at NW Bellhorn Bay for the board to review. The board was satisfied with the letter to be mailed.

- Townhall Remodeling: Charles Quale is still waiting for a quote from John Hawkinson.
- Ball Field: Jerry Pawlak presented a quote from Landsburg landscape Nursery to have the ball field graded and hydro-seeded. The quote was \$13,980. The board decided to research some other options before a decision is made. The board tabled for now.
- Lily Ave house: Nancy Eddy stated that due to her house being so close to the property line, she would like to make a barter system/purchase for removal of the house on Lily Ave. for a strip of property along her property line. The board informed her that they are not interested at this time and they would need to discuss the issue with the township attorney. Ron Smith informed the board that he has been approached by people wanting something from inside the house. Different options were discussed. Tim and Marvin have almost completed the gate to be put up on the property. Ron Smith was offered some pipe that can be used for the gate for free as long as we pick it up.
- C.U.P.: Ron Smith informed the board that he and the clerk worked together on the permit. They spoke Terry Neff, Aitkin County Planning and Zoning, who informed them that the property already has a C.U.P. for mining connected to the property and we do not need to obtain a new one. The township does not need to do anything until we have a crushing crew come into the pit to crush rock.
- Martin Communications - Radio Replacement: Martin Communications is working on the new radio system; radio channels are as follows 1-our channel, 2- truck to truck, 3- weather channel, 4- county channel.

NEW BUSINESS:

Salary Review for Maintenance Workers: The board tabled the salary review until August 23 at 10:00am

Jerry reported that the township has a waiver for people to sign before they ride in a township vehicle.

New Employee Hire: has contacted Jackie and Austin Nelson for the job of part-time labor seasonal employee. Jerry Pawlak will set an interview with Austin Nelson for the official hiring process. The board agreed to pay the new season worker \$9.59 per hour. Duties would include mowing lawn; cleaning the shop; washing trucks; help ditch clean up, etc.

A motion was made by Jerry Pawlak, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the amended Transaction Report for July. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Freie spoke with Ron Smith and informed him that she will go to the people along the road to get waivers signed for the township to do the work that is needed to fix the road. The board suggested that the township check with the engineer for the wording that should be used.

Ron Smith was contacted by a resident on Maple Road regarding a sign that is located on Maple Road stating that the residents will maintain their brush.... And wanted to know what the township should do regarding the sign. Who the recipient of the sign is intended to be for is unclear, whether it is the township or the power company, so the township will maintain the ditches as normal. The resident also stated concern about the road being block by dump trucks when flood debris is being picked up.

Concern was stated by a resident that the township should spray for Army Worms. The board decided that spraying would not be a good for the environment in general and that they will not spray at this time.

Ron Smith is going to get a hold of Greg Kimman to look at all of the road that were flooded for his professional opinion for repairing and raising the roads.

GIS will come out and put historical high water markers out to mark the height of the flood waters.

The six inch pump that is to be shared between McGregor Fire Department and Shamrock Township has been purchased at a cost of \$700. It can to be picked up from Willow River Fire as soon as the Scott Turner of the McGregor Fire Department finishes some paper work. It will be stored at the Town Hall.

The City of Aitkin did not charge us for the use of their pump. The clerk will mail a thank you letter to the City of Aitkin and Aitkin Fire Department for the use of their pump.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Candace Kral
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ron Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairperson

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