

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, July 30, 2009**

Board Chairman Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Nancy Karjalahti and Charles Quale, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel, road maintenance employee Tim Turner, and residents Jerry Pawlek and Ron Flatten.

The minutes from the July 9, 2009 regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti.

Correspondence: The 2008 township population and household estimates were received from the state demographer's office, invasive species posters were received from the DNR, and a thank you letter was received from the Horseshoe Lake Association.

Jerry Pawlek requested use of the townhall for the Horseshoe Lake Association meetings. Meetings are held three times a year. The request was approved.

Ron Flatten is in the process of purchasing Willey's Sport Shop and requested approval of an off sale liquor license. Motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the off sale liquor license requested by Minnewawa Partners Inc., doing business as Willey's Sports Shop and Spirits; motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Building: John Geissler e-mailed information on the replacement sensor installed by Gartner Refrigeration. He recommends the township pay the bill and reduce the amount owed to the M.G. Carlson (general contractor) by the amount of the bill. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to send a copy of John's e-mail to Gartner Refrigeration with the payment of the bill and a copy to M.G. Carlson; motion carried. John will get an estimate from another supplier for replacing the large floor grates; this cost will also be deducted from the final payment to M.G. Carlson.

Road Report: Tim Turner reported the roads have been bladed, a culvert was installed on 472<sup>nd</sup> Street, Anderson Brothers finished crack sealing the blacktops, culverts were picked up from the county, repaired road wash-outs and a section on 480<sup>th</sup> Lane, and continued working on clearing an area for the ball field. Dean Masonry plans to work on the sidewalk project next week.

Ron Smith will check with MnDot regarding the width of the flairs on newly paved sections of State Highway 65 where it intersects with the township roads.

Several residents have inquired about the possibility of blacktopping 508<sup>th</sup> Lane in section 8. They were given information from the draft blacktopping policy for reference. Mary Streeter requested information on the date of the recording of a section of 508<sup>th</sup> Lane; Charles Quale will get the information to her. Just prior to the meeting Mary Streeter reported water over the road on 508<sup>th</sup> Lane. Tim Turner left the meeting to check and found no water over the road.

A special board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 4 p.m., to review the employee work agreement.

198<sup>th</sup> Place access (Sheshebe public access): It was noted that most of the fence has been removed from the right-of-way. At the request of the property owner, the flower beds will be

allowed to remain in place but will be required to be moved by October 1, 2009. The remainder of the fence will need to be moved as soon as possible.

486<sup>th</sup> Street (Westberg)/484<sup>th</sup> Street (Nelson): Still waiting for the design. Nancy Karjalahti discussed the situation with Steve Hughes, Aitkin County Soil and Water, and the property owners should contact him with questions.

165<sup>th</sup> Place: (Barrett Road) Ron Smith will talk with Lonnie Thomas, state hydrologist, concerning the requested drainage at the south end of the road.

Baseball Field: The maintenance men are clearing more trees in the area.

Parking Lot Blacktopping: Charles Quale will request quotes from Hardrives and Anderson Brothers for blacktopping a portion of the parking lot. The blacktop should be compressed to a minimum of three inches.

Blacktopping Policy: Tabled to the next meeting.

ACAT Quarterly Meeting: Ron Smith, Charles Quale and John Brula attended the July 16, 2009 meeting at the Waukenabo Community Center. Mark Jacobs gave a report on ATV trail development in the county, Brian Napstad reported on the decrease in state funding for counties, and discussion was held on redistricting townships in the county for the county association. The next meeting will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at Hazelton Township.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Notice was received from the MN Department of Revenue of the unallotment of market value homestead credits (MVHC). The township's payment will be decreased by \$6,300. This reduction applies to townships with population over 1,000. Reductions for 2010 have not yet been determined.

A complaint regarding a dump/trash site on private property near 483<sup>rd</sup> Street in Section 22 was received. This issue should be addressed with Aitkin County Environmental Services and county ordinances enforced.

An anonymous letter was received regarding concerns about the bluff on the Prairie River near the bridge on Lake Avenue (County Rd 14). It was also addressed to several county offices. No action was taken.

Fall Clean-up Day was set for Saturday, September 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the townhall site. Proof of residence will be required.

Bill Pratt questioned the maintenance of a platted road. This was tabled to the next meeting.

Nancy Karjalahti contacted Terry Betley on the surveys requested on sections of 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Section 27 (near Timbershores and Greenwood). More information may be available at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Candace Bartel  
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ronald Smith  
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

**MINUTES APPROVED AT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AUGUST 13, 2009**