

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 13, 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 Marvin Turner, and resident Bill Reid.

The minutes from the July 30, 2009 regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending July 31, 2009: General Revenue Fund, \$17,913.10; Road & Bridge Fund, \$355,560.57; Fire Fund, \$45,338.33; Building Fund, \$188,206.84; Sewer Fund, \$4,407.22; Parks & Rec Fund, \$23,144.51; and the Lease/purchase Fund, \$41,000.06. The Road & Bridge CD's total \$221,701.91; Sewer Fund CD's \$79,401.57; Kirt Properties escrow CD \$5,584.92. Interest received July 31 was \$777.81, other receipts were \$692.50. Total cash and savings balance on hand as of July 31, 2009 was \$982,259.03. Liabilities are the building bond at \$625,000. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried. Motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve payment of claims and payroll totaling \$45,946.11; motion carried.

Correspondence: The Big Sandy Lake Association agenda and meeting minutes were distributed. Received and filed for reference were the LTAP newsletter and course information, MN Fall Maintenance Expo information, the Aitkin County Historical Society newsletter and a thank you from Anderson Brothers, Inc.

Bill Reid shared a concern from Walt Ford about buckthorn growing on private property near 189th Avenue. He was referred to Steve Hughes, Aitkin County Weed Inspector.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building: Concern was shared about the status of the general contractor, M.G. Carlson. The township attorney and project architect will be notified.

Road Report: Marvin Turner reported the roads have been bladed, a culvert was installed on 472nd Street, repairs done to the hill on 480th Lane, shouldering work has started, started ditching on 490th Street in preparation for a culvert installation, cleaned out culverts on 189th and 190th, and work has been done on the ballfield.

198th Place access (Sheshebe public access): A letter was sent to ~~Steve~~ Dennis DeMars regarding items in the road right-of-way.

486th Street (Westberg)/484th Street (Nelson): Still waiting for the design.

165th Place: (Barrett Road) Ron Smith is waiting to hear from Lonnie Thomas, state hydrologist, concerning the requested drainage at the south end of the road.

188th Avenue survey: Terry Betley completed the survey of the area near Timbershores and sent a preliminary copy for review. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to contact Rick Eidem to do soundings on 188th Avenue; motion carried.

Blue Bill Pass: The clerk could find no information in past meeting minutes relating to the maintenance of this road.

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

Parking Lot Blacktopping: Charles Quale will request quotes from several blacktopping contractors.

Sidewalk/apron: The work has been completed.

Radio System: Ron Smith and Candace Bartel attended a meeting August 10 in Aitkin sponsored by the Aitkin County Sheriff's department. A presentation on the ARMER system was given. The township's current radio system will need to be replaced by January 1, 2013 due to federal mandates.

MAT Short Course: Nancy Karjalahti reported on the training for the board of equalization and appeal. It was suggested to invite the county assessor to a future meeting to discuss the new guidelines. Candace Bartel reported the importance of the 2010 census; Minnesota is within 3000 people of losing a federal congressional seat. The federal road sign requirements will need to be met as signs are replaced.

Blacktopping Policy: The policy will be worked on at a future special board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request was received from Curtis Sparks to directional bore under 202nd Place to allow for utility services. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith, to allow the directional boring under 202nd Place as outlined in the request from Curtis Sparks; motion carried on the following vote Quale, aye; Smith, aye; Karjalahti, no.

Possible changes to the county ordinance in regard to hazardous waste were discussed. A letter will be sent to Brian Napstad, county commissioner, asking him to attend a board meeting in September to discuss the ordinance.

Information was received about reimbursement for firefighter training. It will be filed for reference.

The board was notified that the Brainerd American Legion will be applying for a gambling permit to put pulltabs, tipboards, and bar bingo in Hillcrest Resort.

The special board meeting scheduled for August 12 was cancelled. The special board meeting to review the employee work agreement was rescheduled for Wednesday, August 26, at 4 p.m.

Ron Smith will meet with Bob Moore to look at the dedicated to the public land at the CYC camp.

Marvin Turner presented information on a windrow buster. More information has been requested and will be available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ronald Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS CORRECTED AT THE AUGUST 27, 2009
REGULAR BOARD MEETING.**