

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 23, 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; Tim Turner, road maintenance employee; Greg Kimman, SEH; and residents Rich Biernat, Terry Malley, Donald DeBolt, Connie Huspek, Barb Evans and Kent Krez.

The minutes from the August 9, 2012 regular board meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Jerry Pawlak seconded by Charles Quale.

Correspondence: E-mail from Mark Pawelski, Lake Minnewawa Association; Information for 18th Annual Minnesota Fall Maintenance Expo; Minnesota Association of Townships District 11 Meeting Notice and Agenda

Concerns from residents not on the agenda:

Connie Huspek and Barb Evans stated concerns regarding 184th Place. They showed the board pictures that showed the damage to the road after the heavy rains we have had this year. The road is causing car damage. The board explained them that the road is dedicated to the public but is not a township maintained road. Connie Huspek and Barb Evans were given the Resolution stating the road specifications for the township to accept and maintain the road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road report: Tim Turner reported that they have been blading the roads; mowing the ditches, one pass of all roads have been completed; worked on blacktop shouldering; truck maintenance; Tim has spoken with Brian's Welding in Brainerd and they will weld the pickup truck frame; ditch cleaning on 496th Lane; both Tim Turner and Marvin Turner attended the FEMA meeting. The leaf sites - the Minnewawa site on County Road 6 is open, they have cleaned it up and put some stuff in the dumpster; the site on 503rd Street is closed until it is cleaned up and a permit issued. Ron explained to the residents in attendance that the site was closed by the DNR and MPCA due to people dumping garbage at the site. Ron contacted the Big Sandy Lake Association, Bruce Johnson, who said that he would get volunteers to clean up the site. A suggestion was made to put up new signs to help people place brush and leaves properly at the site. Anderson Bros. are finished with their crushing in the state gravel pit. Tim had Greg Kimman figure some blacktop repairs and rip rap replacement from the flood damage that will be on Greg's report.

FEMA Kick-off Meeting, August 15th: Ron Smith, Candace Kral, Candace Bartel, Tim Turner and Marvin Turner attended the FEMA meeting on August 15th. A one-on-one meeting with a FEMA representative will be scheduled to take place after Labor Day.

Greg Kimman: presented the board with a report of SEH's opinion of the probable cost for the damaged areas that the board asked him to look at. He also discussed the options for the pond drainage at Long Point Place North near 205th Place according to the Topo that was done. A contract was presented and discussed. A motion was made by Charles Quale, seconded by Jerry Pawlak, to authorize Ron Smith to enact the contract with SEH if deemed necessary. Motion passed unanimously.

188th Avenue drainage issues – discussed the best solution for the area, with a cost of \$39,100 for SEH's fees not the actual construction project. The estimated cost would be approximately \$240,000 for the project to be completed. The contract was discussed but not signed.

A preliminary estimate for the construction and engineering to repair and upgrade the roads that were underwater from the flooding was given. The board stated that before they decide in which order to repair roads they will need to prioritize according to benefit and traffic use of each road.

520th Lane/Trader's Post: Ron Smith informed the residents that the board contacted the state hydrologist to get his opinion of what the board should/could do with the culvert to help the lake in that area. The clerk presented the board with a letter received from Ken Zeik, Staff Hydrologist of the DNR stating that a larger/deeper culvert would not increase flows for water quality benefits. The sediment build-up is a result of natural lake wind/wave actions. Terry Malley presented the board with a packet consisting of pictures and letters from his neighbors on the Bell Horn Bay that are affected by the culvert/bridge stating concerns for the demise of the bay that he presented to the board at the last meeting. The board informed Terry Malley that the culvert/bridge rating given by the state is too high for the township to receive any help in replacing the culvert/bridge. Different sources of possible funding and "what if" scenarios were discussed. Jerry Pawlak suggested that Terry Malley attend the Aitkin County Soil and Water meeting to get other possible resources. The board encouraged him to continue his research.

Point North: 218th Place – Vandermay's Shores – Two options that were previously given by SEH were discussed. A motion was made by Jerry Pawlak that the board have SEH continue with this project upon written approval from Larry Olson, seconded by Charles Quale. Motion passed unanimously. Greg Kimman will contact some contractors to get the board bids for this project.

Leaf Site - MPCA Permit: the clerk presented the board with a letter from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency stating the closing of the leaf site along with the permit application the township needs to complete to reopen the leaf site along with the site clean-up that was discussed previously. A motion was made by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale, to complete and sign the permit application. Motion carried.

Townhall Remodeling: Different options were discussed to decrease the cost of the townhall remodeling. Ron Smith suggested that the board schedule a meeting to discuss the specifics of the remodeling and what can be changed. Townhall remodeling has been tabled.

Ball Field: The board tabled for now.

Lily Ave house: Nothing has changed. An ad will be run for quotes for the tear down and removal of the house on the Lily Ave property to be discussed at the next regular board meeting. The garage roof on the large garage is leaking and needs to be replaced. An ad will be placed in the paper for the replacement of the roof with a tin/metal roof to be discussed at the next regular board meeting.

Martin Communications: Nothing has changed.

Primary Election Turnout: 138 voted out of 781 registered voters. Voter turnout was 17.7%.

NEW BUSINESS:

James C Hawley – Variance – The board discussed the variance requested and state concerns regarding the right-of-way set back that it may cause issues in the winter with the snowplowing

of the road. The board does not oppose the variance as long as the homeowner provides space for a turn-around the for snow plow in the winter.

James M Ward – Variance – The board does not have a problem with the variance request for a new deck.

Lake Improvement District – Lake Minnewawa – At this time he Public Hearing regarding this issue has been cancelled. If there are any changes, Jerry Pawlak will attend.

The decision to schedule a second September board meeting has been tabled until the September 13, 2012, meeting.

Tim Turner informed the board that Tim and Marvin would like to be out of town for September 14 – 17. The board had no problems with their plans.

Ron Smith informed the board that a resident and her dog were accosted by two bull dogs near the Catholic Youth Camp and was told by the CYC director that the (public) road that she was walking on was private property. The resident proceeded to contact Ron Smith who informed her that that road is a public road. There have been many complaints in the past regarding the public park, lake access and the road in that area of people being told that the property is private. There was discussion of putting the public accesses that are spread throughout the area all together. The board would like to see all the public areas labeled/marked as public. A request to Aitkin County Land Department will be sent asking for help in solving this matter.

Duck Pass – Ron Smith and Tim Turner drove to the turn-around by Greg Bristol's where he would like to gate-off his property and mark as private property. The board has no problem with Mr. Bristol doing this as it is private property.

The board was informed that Jean Falbo at 19773 472nd Street contacted the townhall stating concern of erosion issues on her property. The location was discussed and possible caused of the run-off. Jerry Pawlak will check out the area of concern to see if the erosion is caused by run-off from the township road.

Greg Kimman will rewrite the Agreement for Services for professional services for Long Point Place. A motion made by Jerry Pawlak, seconded by Charles Quale, for Ron Smith to sign the Agreement of Services with SEH regarding Long Point Place. Motion passed unanimously. Greg Kimman will present the bids for the board's review at the next regular board meeting on September 13, 2012.

Tim Turner will place the road counters on the roads damaged by flooding that was represented on Greg Kimman's report to help the board in their decisions for priority in repairs.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Candace Kral
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ron Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairperson

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING