

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 27, 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 Craig Karjalahti and Jerry Pawlek.

The minutes from the August 13, 2009 regular board meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale. The minutes from the August 26, 2009 special board meeting were approved on a motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti.

Correspondence: Information was received on the MAT District 11 meeting at Walker, MN Unemployment Insurance changes and the Lake Country Power capital credit allocation.

Craig Karjalahti inquired about snow plowing on unmaintained township roads. The inquiry was made on behalf of unidentified property owners. The board will research the issue and work to develop a policy relating to this topic.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building: Nothing new was reported

Road Report: Tim Turner reported the roads have graded, work has been done on 490th Street, shouldering was done on the blacktopped roads, and work continues on the ball field. It was noted that some birch trees in the road right-of-ways are dying, especially on Long Point Place.

198th Place access (Sheshebe public access): It was reported that part of the fence in the right-of-way has been moved. Nancy Karjalahti moved to have a letter sent to Hilbrand's regarding trimming and/or removal of trees in the road right-of-way, the removal of the section of berm that is in the road right-of-way and removal of a sign that is in the road right-of-way, seconded by Charles Quale; motion carried.

486th Street (Westberg)/484th Street (Nelson): Nicole from Impact6 said the design for these areas had been sent in July. A copy was requested as one has not been received.

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

188th Avenue survey: We are waiting for an official copy of the survey.

Baseball Field: The maintenance men have been adding fill and shaping the area. It may be necessary to hire a bulldozer to do some work.

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

Clean-up Day: Four dumpsters will be ordered. A tire pick-up will be arranged after the clean-up day if there are enough tires collected. Ads will be run in the *Aitkin Independent Age* and the *Voyageur Press* and posters will be put up in area businesses.

NEW BUSINESS:

A variance request from JDT Properties requesting variance setbacks for construction of additions to Willey's Sports Shop was reviewed. The board recommends following the established county zoning ordinances.

Certification of the 2010 levies set at the March 10, 2009 annual meeting will be sent to the county auditor prior to the September 15, 2009 deadline. Information from the MN Department of Revenue regarding the unallotment of Market Value Credits was distributed.

The U.S. Census Bureau has requested information about new housing unit construction in the township that began in or after March 2009 to add to the list for the 2010 census. Such information should be obtained from Aitkin County Planning and Zoning.

Charles Quale reported that Hardrives, Inc. has left-over gravel, etc. in the DNR pit from the State Highway 65 paving project that the township could purchase. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to purchase the following product from Hardrives, Inc. at the designated or lower negotiated price contingent on obtaining a storage lease from the DNR: 393 tons of Class 5, 1196 tons of Class 6, for \$5967; 1560 tons of 3/4" round rock for \$5850; 2760 ton of 5/8" crushed rock for \$10,350; 3254 tons of 3/16" sand for \$12,202.50 and 2405 tons of chips for \$9,018.75 (total = \$43,388.25); motion carried. DNR royalties will be paid by Hardrives, Inc. Nancy Karjalahti will contact Steve Lane, MN DNR, in regard to the storage lease.

Motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the proposed changes made to the employee work agreement effective August 1, 2009; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ronald Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING