

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Thursday September 8, 2016**

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Allen Eld; Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; Maintenance Tim Turner.

Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to approved the September 8, 2016 agenda; motion carried.

The minutes from the August 10, 2016, regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending August 31, 2016: General Revenue Fund, \$178,024.07; Road & Bridge Fund \$253,405.01; Sewer Fund, 7,571.84; Road Repair (blacktop), \$108,793.88; Cartway, \$1,940.55; Fire Fund, \$9,070.02; Building Repair Fund, \$160,115.91; Parks & Rec Fund, \$60,512.545; and the Lease/purchase \$30,735.66 for a total in the checking accounts of \$810,169.48. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$187,136.12; Building final payment CD, \$80,533.71; Sewer Fund CDs' \$90,578.74. Money market interest received in August 2016 was \$150.06. Receipts for the month were \$9,754.00. August disbursements were \$50,526.62. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the September 2016 claims and payroll totaling \$24,553.73; motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Lake Country Power August 2016 Newsline

**Concerns from residents not on the agenda:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Road Report – Tim reported that they have been grading and graveling (1100 yards Class5 used); cut trees that were on the edge of the road at Traders Post, 173<sup>rd</sup> Place, 218<sup>th</sup> Place and 493<sup>rd</sup> Lane; pulled shoulders and re-graveled on 187<sup>th</sup> Place; reshaped and added recycled blacktop to the hill by Warwicks and suggested trying something different due to the amount of water that is funneled down that hill; rework roller compactor to fit 3 point attachment on tractor; there are two pine stumps on 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue on/near the road right-of-way that needs to be ground, they pose a possible hazard to the snowplow/road maintenance in the winter; stated that he would like to use the recycled blacktop in other areas on the hills to help prevent wash outs; Tim spoke with Bob Beaver who stated that there is nothing new to report. The township will look into purchasing beaver traps rather than continuously hiring the job out.

The township received an email from Bill Zuidema regarding a possible beaver issue on 170<sup>th</sup> Place on Round Lake. There was concern of the road being flooded. Maintenance will check it out.

Different mowers and approximate costs were discussed and will be further researched for the next regular board meeting.

There is no new information 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Alan Hancock – Cartway Petition – The board reviewed the appraisals provided by Patrick Perrine, Perrine and Dad Appraisals, for the properties involved in the cartway, Russ Sampson and Louise Orttel. It was noted that Louise Orttel signed a Waiver of Damages, Irregularities, and Appeal in regards to her property involved in the cartway. The treasurer informed the boards that after the September claims, the Cartway Fund has a balance of -\$629.28. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to request another monetary deposit from Mr. Hancock in the amount of \$3,000 to continue the cartway proceedings. Motion carried. The clerk will contact Mr. Hancock regarding the fund account. The clerk will send a copy of the appraisal to Russ Sampson for his information and contact Louise Orttel to see if she would like to see the appraisal for damages even though she has signed the waiver.

Ball Field Benches – the township is researching other sources to make the dugout benches.

Mobilitie LLC – the board received an email from Jerod Hanaman stating that his team should have the new location for the pole in about 1 ½ weeks and would like to be put on the agenda for the October regular board meeting.

The board reviewed the variance requests by Gayleen Touhey and David Warwick provided by Aitkin County Planning and Zoning, The township provided letters to the county regarding these variance requests previously.

The clerk will order appreciation certificates from Minnesota Association of Township (MAT) and purchase a holder.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Amanda Miller - Kennecott Exploration – the board received an email stating that she will attend the October meeting to give an update of the exploration and that if anyone is interested they can contact her to tour the drill rig until the last week of September.

The board reviewed the variance by Trent Ess requesting a variance from the ordinary high water setback. The Board has no objections to the requested variance and recommends that all county rules and regulations be followed.

The clerk's notary commission expires in January 2017 will be renewed.

Jon LaVasseur 213<sup>th</sup> and 498<sup>th</sup> – Ron Smith was approached by Jon LaVasseur who lives on a road that is a township road by prescription. His garage was damaged by a downed tree and wishes to rebuild. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to provide a letter stating that the road is a prescribe road through use and easements, the township has no objections to the repairing/rebuilding of his garage; motion carried.

Allen Eld presented the board with information about chip sealing processing that is said to extend the life of an asphalted road.

There was concern stated regarding the amount of cars that have been parking along the road by the old Timber Shores area. There was discussion regarding possibly posting for public parking in the area. The township will identify the corners of the parking lot by Timber Shores.

The treasurer informed the board that he now has the new township laptop in use. He also stated that the township has paid him \$20.00 a month for the use of his personal computer, printer, paper and ink. Since he is now using the township's computer, the board needed to decide if they were going to continue to pay for the use of the rest of the equipment and supplies. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to continue to pay John Brula \$20.00 a month to cover the costs of paper, ink and the use of his personal printer in performing the treasury duties and reports. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 2:25 p.m.

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Candace Kral  
Clerk

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Charles Quale  
Board Chairman

**MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 13, 2016, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**