

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 9, 2010**

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Nancy Karjalahti and Ron Smith, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel, road maintenance employee Marvin Turner, resident Rich Biernat and Ron Savage and Mike Danielson from SCI Broadband.

The minutes from the August 24, 2010 regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Ron Smith.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending August 31, 2010: General Revenue Fund, \$23,669.32; Road & Bridge Fund, \$394,237.38; Fire Fund, \$41,615.91; Building Fund, \$94,581.69; Sewer Fund, \$4,596.78; Parks & Rec Fund, \$35,667.70; and the Lease/purchase Fund, \$27,046.33. The Road & Bridge CD's total \$228,216.69; Building final payment CD, \$75,657.69; Sewer Fund CD's \$81,977.85; Kirt Properties escrow CD \$4,636.07. Interest received August 31 was \$441.91; other receipts totaled \$3,770.00; disbursements were \$72,621.79. Total cash and savings balance on hand as of August 31, 2010 was \$1,011,903.41. Liabilities are the building bond at \$575,000. Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried unanimously. Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to approve payment of claims and payroll (totaling \$42,244.67), motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: MAT District 11 meeting notice, Delta Dental rate information, BSLA agenda, Springsted newsletter, On Site Sewage Treatment workshop information, Northwoods Regional ATV oversight meeting information, and information from MNDot regarding potential projects for the Transportation Enhancements Program.

Ron Savage, SCI Broadband, presented information on the proposed transfer of the cable franchise in the township from New Century Communications to SCI Broadband. He also presented information on programming, other services, and potential new areas of service that will be available through SCI. A draft letter was presented to the board outlining a list of items the township should consent to in order to approve the franchise transfer. Ron stated he didn't feel it was necessary to file the FCC Form 394. It was verified that SCI will honor the franchise agreement with New Century Communications. The township attorney will contact Ron regarding the franchise transfer. SCI offered to provide a resolution for the township to consent to transfer of the franchise.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road report: Marvin Turner reported that they have been grading and spreading gravel. Culverts were replaced on 485th LN near the Indian Portage public access. Brush was cleared from the 187th Avenue intersection to improve the line of sight. They graveled the turnaround on 485th LN. The equipment has been pressure washed. They started building a gate for the drive going past the old building to the new building. Shoulder repair was done on Ponderosa Point. A resident on 472nd LN requested the township find the survey stakes along that road; the property owners should get a surveyor to locate the stakes. There is a washout problem on the hill by Ohlund's on 483rd Street. Marvin gave some suggestions on putting in a sump, pipe and culvert to aid in diverting the water off the road.

188th Avenue: A pre-construction meeting was held on September 2. Representatives from SEH, AET, Rocon Paving, LCP, Frontier Communications, and the township attended. There

was a question as to how far the road will be moved near the Timbershores site and moving of the power pole. Nancy Karjalahti will check with SEH and Rocon to clarify. The road should be staked to show where the new section of road will be located. A sign will be placed along the road notifying residents of the upcoming road construction. The clerk will send a notice to the adjoining property owners notifying them of the project.

484th Street: Nothing new to report.

472nd Street: The blading seems to have helped some. There is a large puddle at the corner. Charles Quale will check with property owner Tom Steinmuller about possible ways to address the water runoff.

218th Place: The county zoning office notified the clerk that some construction has been on the edge of the road (Snell Addition). Photos were viewed and the questioned area does not appear to be in the road right-of-way.

512th (Wotring Road): The road has been graded and will be checked on later.

Road Sign Reflectivity: Information was received from Matt Reid, SEH, regarding the new road sign reflectivity requirements. It will be filed for reference.

Maintenance Building: Information was received from the township attorney pertaining to the bond company. He will contact the bond company for clarification. In response to a letter from the township attorney, architect John Geissler will come next week to inspect the building and review what needs to be done to close out the project.

Ball Field: Grant information was discussed. An inquiry had been made about having the field built to Babe Ruth specifications. This will be considered when the field is laid out.

Clean-up day dumpsters: Five dumpsters have been ordered. No scavenging will be allowed through the clean-up day piles. A gate will be installed across the entrance. A sign will be posted.

Snowplowing Policy: Several options for the plow route priorities were received from the township attorney and were reviewed. The selected verbiage will be sent to the attorney for review.

Port-a-potty: The port-a-potty will be removed at the end of the month.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request to rezone property was received from Paul Sather for property along Hwy 232. The board reviewed the request and had no objection to the rezoning the property to commercial.

Propane rates have been requested from area suppliers and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

An inquiry was received about renting our mower tractor to another township. The consensus was to not have the mower tractor available for rent.

Old photographs and negatives of scenes of the township were donated to the township by Audrey Knutson. These were taken by Bill Todd.

A resident on 480th Lane contacted Nancy Karjalahti with a concern that the road was posted as a private road by a neighbor and the school bus was not being allowed to come to her house. The road is a platted road and open to the public. The resident should contact the sheriff's office if she feels threatened by the neighbor.

Charles Quale talked with Bob Sannes on the lights for the outside of the new front on the town hall. Bob suggested energy efficient lights and was given approval to order the lights he recommended.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Charles Quale
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING