

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 23, 2010**

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisor Nancy Karjalahti, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel, road maintenance employee Tim Turner, residents Rich Biernat and Jerry Pawlak, and Amber Lehman from the *Voyageur Press*. Supervisor Ron Smith was absent.

The minutes from the September 9, 2010 regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale.

Correspondence: LTAP Stormwater maintenance workshop information, Healthy Lakes Legislative Forum information, Aitkin Co. Public Health newsletter, and an invitation to join the International League of Cities were received and will be filed for reference.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road report: Tim Turner reported that they have been grading roads and mowing ditches, built and installed a gate, doing truck and trailer maintenance, the culvert is here for 188th Avenue, the clean-up day dumpsters and scrap metal trailer are filled, trees were cut on 487th Street, permission was given to cut down an large dead pine on 490th Street, and salt will be ordered for winter salt/sand.

188th Avenue: The DNR permit has arrived. We are waiting for the permit from the Army Corps of Engineers before any work can begin. Residents have inquired about the project.

484th Street: Nothing new to report. Need to clarify who is involved in the cost share. Charles Quale will talk with Mark Youngren.

472nd Street: Charles Quale talked with Tom Steinmueller. Tom Steinmueller would like the road flattened out and diverted down the concrete apron across his property like it had done in the past. Tim Turner will check on reshaping the road and suggested maybe putting in a culvert and sump. Before any work is done the plan will be discussed with Tom.

Maintenance Building: Architect John Geissler met with Nancy Karjalahti, Candace Bartel and Marvin Turner on September 13. John will be following up on the unresolved issues to include the floor grates, heat in the bathroom, wash bay sensor, as-built drawings, and ceiling vent insulation/caulking. Information was received from the township attorney about his letter to the bond company. The possibility of taking the attorney fees out of the retainage has not been clarified. John Geissler e-mailed that he will be working on the project next week.

Cable company: Attorney Robert Vose wrote a letter to SCI informing them that the FCC Form 394 needs to be filed as part of the franchise transfer process.

Ball Field: Waiting for Roth Construction to do the ball field shaping. Information from the Twins Community Fund grant opportunities was reviewed. Lisa Kruse, McGregor Community Education, is willing to assist in completing the forms. Charles Quale will work on this project.

Propane quotes: Quotes were received from four area propane companies. Motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale, to accept the Ferrell Gas quote of \$1.38⁹ for an immediate fill and \$1.54⁹ for additional fills through June 2011; motion carried.

Clean-up day dumpsters: Five dumpsters and a scrap metal dumpster were filled. Concern was voiced over the amount of building materials that was brought in. Some people are abusing the opportunity. Tires will be picked up in the spring. Members from Big Sandy Lake Association assisted township staff.

Snowplowing Policy: The latest revision and comments from the township attorney were distributed. Discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

Old photos/negatives: Jack Brula has scanned the prints and is checking on getting the negatives printed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter was received from the Aitkin County Senior Office requesting funding. This needs to be considered at the annual meeting in March.

Information on the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance 2010 law changes was distributed.

The group that is coordinating the fund raising for the elementary school playground equipment would like to present their plans at a future board meeting.

There will be a community meeting in Palisade on the proposed gasification plant on September 30 at 7 p.m. at the school.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Charles Quale
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 14, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING