

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Thursday October 8, 2015**

Board Chairman Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Charles Quale and Allen Eld; treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; road maintenance employee Tim Turner; Bob and one Shamrock residents.

Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approved the October 8, 2015 agenda; motion carried.

The minutes from the September 10, 2015, Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld; motion carried.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending September 30, 2015: General Revenue Fund, \$149,702.28 Road & Bridge Fund \$263,656.80; Sewer Fund, 4,849.77; Road Repair (black topping), \$302,802.47; Fire Fund, \$79,174.86; Building Repair Fund, \$129,842.92; Parks & Rec Fund, \$52,325.10; and the Lease/purchase \$25,746.01; for a total in the checking accounts of \$1,008,100.21. The Road & Bridge CDs' total \$86,251.39; Building final payment CD, \$80,020.35; Sewer Fund CDs' \$90,277.99. Money market interest received in September 2015 was \$171.24. Receipts for the month were \$461,000. September disbursements were \$120,306.66. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried.

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the October 2015 claims and payroll totaling \$42,128.62; motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Lake Country Power September 2015 Newsline; Hardrives, Inc. Cold Mix Production 2015 information; Memo from Minnesota Association of Townships; Aitkin County Land Department memo; ACAT meeting minutes and information; email form Keith and Connie Mielke regarding the installation of a new drain field

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Road report – Tim Turner reported that they have been grading and performing equipment maintenance; this month they have used 450 yards of Class 5, 30 yards rip rap, and 200 yards clay was brought back from 490<sup>th</sup> Street and replaced with pit run; on 483<sup>rd</sup> Street and 182<sup>nd</sup> Ave – they installed a culvert and a sump with a rock dam, reshaped road for water flow; 218<sup>th</sup> Place, (Snell Road) – hauled in gravel and reshaped the road; 210<sup>th</sup> Place – reshaped ditch, added 30 yards of rock, 10 yards of erosion blanket, black dirt and seeded; Mud Lake Dam – is taken care of; ordered salt, should be here next week; will order 5 ton cold mix; can keep Tom Besch busy through the end of the month; 202<sup>nd</sup> Place project – Anderson Bros. are milling and shaping; ordered extra erosion matting and silk fence to have on hand for future repairs

Ron Smith informed the board that he has been discussing the problems caused by the beavers at the dam in Mud Lake with Dani McNeil, support hydrologist at the Flood Risk Management Meeting to find a permanent solution, the dam may be a state issue.

Ron Smith spoke with Tom Pretzel regarding a house that is being built near his house. The house is very large, set up high and causing water to flash off onto the township road causing washouts on the road and driveways further down the hill. The building of the house needs drainage set up to direct the

water to flow towards the lake. Ron will contact Aitkin County Planning and Zoning regarding the drainage issue being caused at this construction site

211<sup>th</sup> Place – Water Run-off, Bob Beaver of SEH is to survey the area; 483<sup>rd</sup> Street (water run-off) and 506<sup>th</sup> Lane (Dave Claussen, water run-off) have been taken care of

Gravel Pit Garage – Tim Turner has spoken with a few different contractors finding out that they are all business until into winter. The work on the garage will be postponed next spring.

Clean up Day - There were 100 sign-ins and loads; Road maintenance men Tim Turner, Marvin Turner and Tom Besch, Supervisors Ron Smith, Chuck Quale and Allen Eld were assisted by Bill Reed, Jack Johnson, Jim Carlson and Jeff Backowski. We had five dumpsters, filling four of them. One dumpster of scrap metal will be picked up by Crow Wing Recycling. Total fees collected were \$461.00.

At the Discovery Willow Watershed Action Discovery Flood Risk Management Meeting Ron Smith was informed that there may monies available to fix the Trader's Post Culvert. We were given an application to complete, and a copy was also sent to Bob Beaver, SEH. The board is not sure if a flare at the end of the culvert will work due to the ice pushing it up in the winter. We will have Bob look at the culvert for his professional opinion of possible solutions and the current condition of the culvert. Ron also informed the board that the flood areas are recorded on FEMA's maps for reference in case of future flooding.

Maintenance Contract – Motion was made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to change the wording in the maintenance contract for clarification that the township agrees to provide both the life insurance and the short/long term disability insurance; motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The board reviewed the Minnewawa Estates Snowplow Agreement and Addendum. Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld to extend the Minnewawa Estate Snowplow Agreement for the next year; motion carried. The Addendum was signed.

Garbage in Leaf Site- Garbage was found at one of the leaf sites. The owner was contacted and has been cleaned up.

Tom Besch informed the board that the fire department has acquired a snowmobile trailer for the use of rescue equipment and asked the board if they can store the trailer in the town hall with the fire trucks. Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to allow the fire department to store rescue equipment in the town hall building with the fire trucks; motion carried.

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to sign the Fire Department Sub-Station Agreement; motion carried.

The clerk will contact Kangas Enterprise, Inc., to have the port-a-potty picked up at the end of October for the season.

The board reviewed the 2015 township road mileage map provided by the County. The mileage has not changed in the last year. Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve/accept the 2015 Township Road Mileage Certification as accurate; motion carried.

Charles Quale and John Brula attended the Aitkin County broadband informational meeting. Different internet providers were in attendance. The provider representatives; such as Century Link, Frontier, Mille Lacs Electric and SCI, was there to present their plans for internet to the area for the future. The

government has allocated monies for CAF, Connect America Funding, to bring broadband to the rural area, to be handed out over a six year period.

The board reviewed the Aitkin County Land Department Tax Forfeited Lands list provided by the county. There were four Shamrock Township properties listed. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale to reserve parcel 29-1-114600, Indian Portage Lots 12 thru 15 Blk 25, for future sewer site; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 10:58 a.m.

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Candace Kral  
Clerk

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Ron Smith  
Board Chairman

**MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 12, 2015, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**