

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday October 13, 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 Marvin Turner; Bob Beaver, SEH, Amanda Miller and Joni Torgerson, Kennecott, and 3 residents.

Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to approved the October 13, 2016 agenda; motion carried.

The minutes from the September 8, 2016, regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld; motion carried.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending September 30, 2016: General Revenue Fund, \$173,326.41; Road & Bridge Fund \$237,851.16; Sewer Fund, 7,573.06; Road Repair (blacktop), \$108,811.44; Cartway, \$2,370.72; Fire Fund, \$8,890.98; Building Repair Fund, \$160,141.75; Parks & Rec Fund, \$59,780.05; and the Lease/purchase \$30,740.62 for a total in the checking accounts of \$789,486.16. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$187,437.86; Building final payment CD, \$80,533.71; Sewer Fund CDs' \$90,578.74. Money market interest received in September 2016 was \$130.44. Receipts for the month were \$3,740.00. September disbursements were \$24,553.73. 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 October 2016 claims and payroll totaling \$22,715.47; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: The Mercury; USDA Newsletter, September 2016; email from Mark Pawelski, LMA, passing on information about Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies; Aitkin County Association of Townships (ACAT) minutes and quarterly meeting info together with a list of ACAT Districts and their boards; memo from Hardrives, Inc. containing information of cold mix production for 2016 ; letter from Compass Minerals giving information of the delivery of the township's deicing salt order; Lake Country Power September 2016 Newslne; letter from Aitkin County Care requesting support and donations.

Concerns from residents not on the agenda:

Bruce Johnson – 50155 197th Ave. –a non-maintained public platted road – requested township snowplowing for the winter. Mr. Johnson was informed that the township does plow non-maintained roads except in a very limited, specific circumstances. He was given the information to bring the road up to a spec and to petition the township to assume maintenance of the road. His other option would be to hire a private plow truck.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Marvin Turner reported that they have used 270 yards gravel; mixed 150 yards sand for winter maintenance sand; shouldered black tops with recycled blacktop; clean ditch along 186th Ave., and installed a short culvert at the 4-wheeler trail; clean-up day dumpsters and steel have been picked up; tires will be picked up by First State Tire; reshaped and shouldered along 186th Place, Trader Post;

Ordered salt and cold mix; Kodiak is at Mills waiting for new springs; trapped two beaver by culvert on Floe Road; DOT will clean out culvert at Bridge Road to keep water from 217th Ave

Amanda Miller - Kennecott Exploration – Amanda Miller and Joni Torgerson gave the board and others present an update of the progress of the mining exploration currently taking place in the Tamarack area. Information provided included what will be taking place in the near future and into the new year. It was stated that Kennecott has an open door policy, and that anyone is welcome to tour the drill rigs and other company facilities. They will provide the township and interested residents with a presentation at the January regular board meeting to be held January 12, 2017.

Fall Clean-up day summary – Clean-up day was scheduled later in the month than usual. There were 145 sign-ins and approx. 148 loads; Road maintenance men Tim Turner, Marvin Turner and Tom Besch, Supervisors Ron Smith, Chuck Quale and Allen Eld were assisted by Robert Greifzu, Jack Johnson, Dominic Mindrum , Bruce Johnson. We had five dumpsters, filling them. It was a nice day. Appliances and scrap metal has been picked up by Crow Wing Recycling. Total fees collected totaled \$740.00.

Alan Hancock – Cartway Petition – The board was informed that Resolution 2016-15 Resolution Issuing a Final Cartway Order and Awarding Damages and the Notice of Award of Damages were sent out to Russ Sampson by Certified First Class mail, return receipt requested. A packet of said documents were also mailed to Louise Orttel.

Nicole Eld, McGregor Chamber of Commerce, regarding lodging tax was not present at the meeting.

Ball Field Benches – The board was presented with a catalogue giving the cost for the purchase of various benches. Ron Smith informed that board that the Big Sandy Lake Association would like to contribute to the cost of the benches. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to have the dugouts measured and the benches ordered through National Sports Products that would be appropriate for the dugouts. Motion passed unanimously.

Mobilitie LLC – no representative was present.

John Clasen – it was question if Mr. Clasen paid the July 14, 2015 court ordered judgment of \$556.50. Mr. Clasen has not paid the judgment; Allen Eld will research what can be done to collect the amount owed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint General Election Judges - A motion was made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to appoint elections judges from the list of qualified judges as recommended by the clerk and to notify said election judges. Motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the Agreement to Provided Snowplowing Services on a Non-Township Maintained Road between Shamrock Township and Minnewawa Estates (Snowplow Contract) dated September 11, 2014, and Addendum to Agreement to Provided Snowplowing Services on a Non-Township Maintained Road (Addendum). Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, that they sign the Addendum approving the extension of the Snowplow Contract for the 2016-2017 year. Motion passed unanimously.

The clerk stated that she has spoken with Sue LaValla and would like to hire her as deputy clerk. The board agreed to pay her \$12.50 per hour.

The Township Road Mileage Certification provided by Aitkin County was reviewed. The board stated that the township maintained road mileage has not changed in the past year. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, confirming that the 52.053 miles stated in the certification is correct. Motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed and discussed the ordinary high water level setback requested by Darrin Steam. The Board has no objections to the requested variance and recommends that all county rules and regulations be followed. The board was informed that David Warwicks variance request was not approved by the county planning and zoning board.

There has been dumping in an area on Dump Road where the township may utilize for road drainage work; a "No Dumping" sign should be put up.

The board discussed different future road projects with Bob Beaver.

Meeting adjourned 2:25 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Charles Quale
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 10, 2016, REGULAR BOARD MEETING