

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, November 2, 2011**

The public hearing was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Karjalahti at 9:48 a.m. at the town hall. Present were Supervisors Charles Quale and Ron Smith, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel and residents Ron Isakson and John Clasen.

The purpose of the public hearing was to determine if 189th Place meets the township's specifications and otherwise satisfies the requirements established by the town board for acceptance as a township maintained road. The hearing was immediately preceded by a road view of the road by the supervisors, the clerk and the road maintenance employees.

The road was found to have a 24 to 27 foot top, an adequate turnaround and good ditches. Two culverts are under the road. The road has been inspected by the county engineer and meets the county road specifications.

The driveway culvert located on the east side just before the red log building is too large and too short; it should be replaced with a smaller, longer culvert set lower. There is concern that the water will collect, run off onto the road and create a swale and soft shoulder. The board wants adequate culverts on any new driveways installed.

John Clasen requested a copy of the petition requesting the road acceptance; one was provided. He asked if money was paid upfront by those presenting the petition to cover the costs; no escrow funds were requested. The board will bill the developer for the expenses. John stated he feels discriminated against because he was previously told he would need to provide escrow funds upfront for a road vacation. Nancy Karjalahti stated that the expenses should have been charged prior and an escrow account set up to cover the expenses for the road acceptance; this was not done. These expenses will need to be paid by someone. It was noted that road vacations and road acceptances are two different procedures. Any further discussion on road vacations should be addressed at a regular board meeting.

Ron Smith moved by resolution to accept the road, seconded by Charles Quale. Discussion: the resolution should state that the road will be accepted and recorded when the expenses are paid by the developer (JCAT,LLC,) and/or the property owners. Vote on the resolution as presented: Smith, opposed; Quale, opposed; Karjalahti, opposed; resolution did not pass. Ron Smith moved by resolution to accept the road and begin maintaining it as such as soon as the township expenses for acceptance and recording of the road are paid by JCAT,LLC and/or property owners, seconded by Charles Quale; the resolution was approved on the following vote: Smith, aye; Quale, aye; Karjalahti, aye. The road order will not be recorded until the expenses are paid. Expenses will be presented to the board before the developer is billed. The road maintenance men will put up right-of-way markers once the road order is recorded.

Ron Isakson requested a stop sign be placed at the intersection with County Rd 6. This is the county's responsibility. A request will be forwarded to the county engineer.

Hearing adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Nancy Karjalahti
Shamrock Township Board Chairperson

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 10, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING