

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 5, 2009**

Board Chairman Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for the victims of the shootings at Ft. Hood TX. Present were Supervisors Nancy Karjalahti and Charles Quale, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel, road maintenance employee Tim Turner, and residents Craig Karjalahti, Jerry Pawlak, Rich Biernat, Mr. Ebert, and Lisa Koehler from the *Voyageur Press*.

The minutes from the October 22, 2009, regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending October 31, 2009: General Revenue Fund, \$9,373.97; Road & Bridge Fund, \$257,543.49; Fire Fund, \$45,717.73; Building Fund, \$184,878.04; Sewer Fund, \$4,421.27; Parks & Rec Fund, \$22,600.82; and the Lease/purchase Fund, \$26,465.99. The Road & Bridge CD's total \$223,180.50; Sewer Fund CD's \$79,953.78; Kirt Properties escrow CD \$5,600.24. Interest received October 31 was \$602.50, other receipts were \$6110.27. Total cash and savings balance on hand as of October 31, 2009 was \$859,735.83. Liabilities are the building bond at \$625,000. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried. Motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve payment of claims and payroll totaling \$34,133.99, motion carried

Correspondence: Information was received from several businesses included in the state's cooperative purchasing venture program. The Big Sandy Lake Association meeting minutes and agenda were distributed.

Jerry Pawlak expressed concern about the condition of the road leading to the leaf site on Goshawk Street (Cty. Rd. 6). Tim Turner will check with the local DNR Forestry office for assistance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building: Nothing new to report.

Road report: Tim Turner reported salt/sand was mixed, grading was done where possible, started sandblasting the box on the Sterling dump truck, Darlow Excavating took down a tree and ground the stump on Long Point Place, and he will check prices on bulk motor oil.

198th Place (Sheshebe public access): Nancy Karjalahti moved to widen parts of 198th Place to provide for parking, seconded by Charles Quale; motion carried.

486th Street (Westberg)/484th Street (Nelson): Ron Smith will contact Mark Jacobs, Aitkin Co. Land Department, regarding a possible settling pond for one area. This will be put on the February agenda for review.

165th Place: (Barrett Road): The response to the permit request previously submitted to Lonnie Thomas, DNR Hydrologist, was reviewed. A motion was made by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale, to send a copy of the report to Dick Salo for him to review with his neighbors and let the board know how they would like to proceed; motion carried. It was suggested that Mr. Salo and neighbors attend a future meeting to discuss the situation.

188th Avenue survey: Quotes for borings were received from Braun Intertec and AET. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to accept the quote from AET; motion carried.

508th Lane (Maple Lane): Written permission will be requested from Peter Fausch to allow the township road maintenance equipment to turn around in his driveway.

480th Lane/481st Lane: Motion Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve sending a letter to Aitkin County Abstract verifying that sections of 480th Lane and 481st Lane in sections 24 and 25 are township accepted and maintained roads; motion carried.

Mr. Ebert expressed concern about garbage being dumped on an unmaintained road. He was referred to Aitkin County Planning and Zoning.

Snowplowing policy: Moved to the end of the agenda for further discussion.

The Pavlak variance request from June was reviewed. There is concern that a four foot high retaining wall will divert water on to the township road. Nancy Karjalahti will contact Aitkin County Planning and Zoning with the concern.

NEW BUSINESS:

A conditional use permit requested by Carl Rippie was reviewed. No board action was required, it was recommended to follow the county zoning ordinances. Nancy Karjalahti noted this appears to be an after the fact permit application.

Information was shared about the NE Minnesota Wind Energy forum to be held on November 12.

Another request has been received from the census bureau requesting verification of township boundaries and street names.

Additional time was spent reviewing the draft snowplowing policy. Proposed revisions were made and will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ronald Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

**MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS CORRECTED AT THE DECEMBER 10, 2009
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**