

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 9, 2010**

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Nancy Karjalahti and Ron Smith, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel, road maintenance employee Marvin Turner, residents Jan and Dave Schluter, and Amber Lehman from the *Voyageur Press*.

The minutes from the October 28, 2010 regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Ron Smith.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending October 31, 2010: General Revenue Fund, \$13,694.13; Road & Bridge Fund, \$335,912.60; Fire Fund, \$41,654.99; Building Fund, \$91,581.85; Sewer Fund, \$4,602.34; Parks & Rec Fund, \$34,436.40; and the Lease/purchase Fund, \$27,079.04. The Road & Bridge CD's total \$228,216.69; Building final payment CD, \$75,657.69; Sewer Fund CD's \$81,977.85; Kirt Properties escrow CD \$4,645.89. Interest received October 29 was \$348.17; other receipts totaled \$700; disbursements were \$32,117.26. Total cash and savings balance on hand as of October 31, 2010 was \$939,459.47. Liabilities are the building bond at \$575,000. Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried unanimously. Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to approve payment of claims and payroll (totaling \$78,238.91); motion carried unanimously

Correspondence: The Big Sandy Lake Association meeting agenda and the Aitkin County Historical newsletter were received and will be filed for reference.

Jan Schluter presented a written request for snowplowing on 209th Place in section 29 to be done as has been in the past. She presented a check for the amount previously paid; the board did not accept the check and told her to wait until the end of the season and the township would send a bill.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road report: Marvin Turner reported the roads have been bladed, the trucks are being prepared for snowplowing, and trees were cut on 189th Avenue and 187th Avenue. Ordering of cutting edges for the road maintenance equipment was discussed; Ziegler is offering a 20% discount. Nancy Karjalahti moved to allow the purchase of snowplow cutting edges and grader blades, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried.

484th Street: Nothing new to report.

472nd Street, 218th Place, 483rd Street: Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to contact Janet Smude to get engineering done on these areas through Nicole Sternquist, IMPACK6 Joint Powers Board engineer; motion carried. Nancy will contact Janet.

188th Avenue, Road repair: Rocon Paving is working on the project. Charles Quale reported it was looking good late this afternoon.

Maintenance Building: We have heard nothing from architect, John Geissler, on his progress on the project finalization.

Townhall remodeling: Davey Johnson (Serenity Design & Build) will contact Charles Quale to arrange a time to inspect the building.

Cable company: Nothing new to report.

Ball Field: Waiting for Roth Construction to do the ball field shaping.

Snowplowing Policy: Tim Turner met with the bus driver to map out this year's the school bus routes. A map of first priority roads will be filed with the policy. Ron Smith moved by resolution, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to adopt the snow and ice control policy (Resolution No. 2010-6). The resolution was approved on the following vote: Quale, aye; Karjalahti, no; Smith, aye.

Agreement to Provide Snowplowing Services on Non-township Maintained Roads: Discussion on the agreement was tabled to the next meeting. Section three needs to be revised. It was noted that the township will continue to plow the section of 209th Place (Minnewawa Estates) as it has in the past. When the new agreement is finalized it will be completed as required for plowing Minnewawa Estates.

Old photos/negatives: John Brula is still researching options for copying the negatives and printing the photos.

General election results: The voter turn-out was 499 with 57 additional absentee ballots for a total of 556 ballots cast. 852 people were registered to vote. The voter turn-out was 65.26%.

Health insurance premium increase: Ron Smith met with the road maintenance employees to review health insurance options. They decided to make no change in the insurance plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

A concern/complaint was received about snow fencing and a dock possibly blocking a snowmobile crossing on 502nd Lane. Ron Smith will check into this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Charles Quale
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 9, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.