

**Shamrock Township
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

The annual meeting held in the Town of Shamrock, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota, was called to order by Clerk Candace Kral at 8:15 p.m. Fifteen residents and one guest were in attendance. The clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Sannes was selected as moderator on a motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Brian Napstad. The meeting agenda was approved on a motion by Brian Napstad, seconded by Rich Biernat; motion passed unanimously.

March 12, 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes were read by the clerk. A motion by Bob Greifzu, seconded by Barbara Greifzu to approve the annual minutes from the March 12, 2013; motion was passed unanimously.

The following agencies sent requests for donations from the township: Aitkin Co. Habitat for Humanity; Aitkin Public Library; ANGELS; Big Sandy Water Institute – requesting \$3000; Cancer Support Center's Rides for Health; Crisis Line & Referral Service – requesting \$250; McGregor Area Library; Riverwood Foundation – requesting \$1500 and Seven County Senior Federation. Motion by Bob Greifzu, seconded by Rich Biernat, was made that the Board of Supervisors review all of the requests and acts upon them individually at the boards discretion either for or against the request, motion was approved on the following vote – Aye - thirteen, Nay - two.

The annual road report summarizing the work done by the road maintenance employees was read by the clerk. The residents were informed that the new truck was paid for out of the Road and Bridge Fund and CDs.

Treasurer John Brula read the treasurer's annual report. The treasurer's annual report was approved on a motion by Brian Napstad, seconded by Bob Greifzu; motion carried.

The application of calcium chloride for dust control on gravel roads notification process was explained to residents.

Townhall addition plans were presented for review. Charles Quale explained to the residents the reason for the size of the preliminary plans that were presented and the probable cost of the addition. It was stated that the board would like to start putting more money into the building Fund to help pay for the addition, either by putting it into the fund through the levy or by adjusting funds at the end of the year accordingly. The board answered resident questions. Different forms of payment for the addition and timing of the building of the townhall was discussed. Motion was made by Bob Greifzu, seconded by Brian Napstad, for the board to continue with the plans for the townhall addition and present the information to the residents at the 2015 annual meeting; motion carried.

The taxable market value and net tax capacity report from the Aitkin county auditor was distributed for review. For the assessment year 2013/tax year payable 2014 the township's total taxable market valuation is \$392,702,800 and the net tax capacity is \$3,983,109.

The clerk informed the residents that the payment for 2013 was \$52,944.85 for fire protection; the 2014 payment will be \$58,895.76; the 2015 payment will be \$63,613.57. It was noted that

the township also provides housing and utilities to have fire department trucks located at the townhall.

The minutes from the Board of Audit/Budget meeting were read by the clerk. A motion by Brian Napstad, seconded by Bob Greifzu, to approve the funds as listed; motion passed unanimously.

Revenue fund:	\$ 100,000	Road & Bridge fund:	\$285,000
Building Repair fund:	\$ 30,000	Fire fund:	\$ 60,000
Sewer fund:	0	Park/Recreation fund:	\$ 5,000
Lease/Purchase Loan		Blacktop repair fund	<u>\$100,000</u>
Repayment fund:	\$ 80,000		

The total levy for 2015 will be \$660,000

The clerk stated that the township could not have an appreciation celebration for the township in the event an occasion should arise (such as the 2012 flooding circumstances) without authorization by the citizens at the annual meeting. Motion by Bob Greifzu, seconded by Rich Biernat, to give the township an allowance of \$2,500 at the discretion of the board for appreciation celebration if an occasion should arise in the future; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ron Smith; seconded by Bob Greifzu; to allow public funds to be used in construction of the roadway in-slope and adjoining driveway on private property adjacent with landowner permission; motion carried.

Thirty people voted in the annual election. The results were as follows: Supervisor: Charles Quale 29, write-in 1; Clerk: Candace Kral 24, write-in 6.

A motion made by Bob Greifzu, seconded by Barbara Greifzu, to set the voting hours for the March 10, 2015, annual township election as 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the townhall; motion carried. Charles Quale moved to set the time for the March 10, 2015, annual meeting at 8:15 p.m. or immediately following the Board of Canvass and the meeting to be held at the townhall; seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried.

The rates for publishing legal notices were reviewed. Jerry Pawlak moved to designate the Voyageur Press as the official newspaper for township legal notices, seconded by Barbara Greifzu; motion carried. The posting locations for township notices were reviewed. The township will continue with current posting locations. Notices are posted at the townhall, Sather's store, Willey's Bait Shop, and Whispering Pines.

The Board of Equalization and Appeal will be held on Monday, April 28, at 9 a.m. at the townhall.

The spring clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the townhall only.

Brian Napstad asked for an update on the gravel pit property that the township purchased in 2012. Ron Smith informed the residents that the property had been posted and that the board will need to have some of the property logged. Berms and sound barriers have been erected/planted. The township will need to do a gravel crush out of the township pit soon.

Commendations were given to the maintenance men for the great job they have been doing and their good attitude. Motion by Jim Hawley; seconded by Bob Greifzu, to give a verbal pat on the back to commend our township road crew for the exceptional job they have been doing; motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that the board consider posting (on the website) an unofficial copy of meeting minutes with a disclaimer stating that the minutes are "Unofficial and Have Not Been Approved" so that the community can get the information sooner.

Charles Quale wanted to thank Wayne Floe, Floe International, Inc., who is donating the benches for the dugouts of the new ball field and that Aitkin County Sentence-to-Serve who has been installing the roofs on the dugouts. The ball field is almost complete, if you have any suggestions for naming the ball field, let the board know. The township together with the Twins Community Organization would like to have dedication ceremony for the ball field this year. Jeremy Paquette has volunteered his time to work on getting a little league ball team for this year, to coach and to help with the ongoing maintenance of the field.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m. on a motion by Bob Greifzu, seconded by Barbara Greifzu.

Candace Kral

Shamrock Township Clerk

Bob Sannes

Moderator

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE MARCH 10, 2015 ANNUAL MEETING