

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, January 10, 2008, 7 p.m.**

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Nancy Karjalahti, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel; road maintenance man Marvin Turner, Aitkin County Sheriff Scott Turner, and property owner Rich Biernat.

Ron Smith moved to approve the minutes from the December 13th regular board meeting as corrected, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried. The minutes from the January 9, 2008 special board meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending December 31, 2007: General Revenue Fund, \$32,763.12; Road & Bridge Fund, \$382,604.44; Fire Fund, \$61,620.55; Building Fund, \$182,811.88; Sewer Fund, \$23,294.11; Parks & Rec Fund, \$12,969.88; and the Lease/purchase Fund, \$333,061.83. Building Fund CD is \$31,500.44; Road & Bridge CD's total \$110,600.98; Sewer Fund CD \$51,682.70. Receipts totaled \$73,442.08, disbursements were \$149,759.94. Total cash and savings balance on hand as of December 31 was \$1,222,909.93. Motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Ron Smith to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried. Nancy Karjalahti moved to pay the claims and payroll as presented, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried.

Correspondence: Copies of the Big Sandy Lake Association meeting minutes and agenda and the 70 Mile Trail newsletter were distributed; USBank newsletter and the Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative newsletter were received and will be filed for reference.

Rich Biernat questioned the board on previous decisions made regarding a portion of 209<sup>th</sup> Place in Section 29. Discussion was held on the history of this road. No decisions were made. The clerk will check on how frequently a road vacation petition can be presented to the Board.

Aitkin County Sheriff Scott Turner talked with the Board on issues and concerns relating to Shamrock Township. The township has the largest use of and most complaints relating to ATV's. He distributed the latest ATV regulation manual. He is hoping to get a vehicle speed monitoring device for use in the county. Discussion was held on problems related to use of township lakes. He will provide the township with last year's statistics. The most recent increase in calls to his office is complaints on smoking in bars. The county hazard mitigation plan is in effect. There has been a decline in meth labs in the county; mainly due to new laws regulating components used in the making of meth. The new concern is abuse of prescription drugs. He reminded the board and residents to call the sheriff's office with any concerns.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Building Project:**

Construction Update: No work has been done since the last Board meeting due to the delay in delivery of the steel for the roof. Notice was received from MG Carlson Construction Co. that they had received confirmation that the bar joist and deck would be delivered on January 15. Sub-contractors were notified to plan to return to the project the week of January 22. Ron Smith talked with architect John Geissler about concerns voiced at the January 9 special Board meeting; information was faxed to John relating to these concerns. Northern Door sent a keying schedule for the doors and requested notice of any changes needed; none were needed. A report from AET on the strength testing on the floor slab was reviewed.

**Road Report:**

Marvin Turner reported they have cut trees from the road right-of-way on 498<sup>th</sup> Lane, 170<sup>th</sup> Place and 510<sup>th</sup> Lane; the roads have been plowed three times; both leaf sites have been burned; truck

maintenance and repair of the pickup plow were done; and they cleaned snow off the roof of the building noting that there is ice buildup on the gutters.

The minutes from the public hearing held December 6, 2007 and the continued public hearing held January 9, 2008 were approved on a motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti. Troy Gilchrist, township attorney, advised the Board to set an amount for additional escrow funds for the hiring of a road engineer to review the plans presented by Gary Kirt Properties for the proposed road near 197<sup>th</sup> Avenue (project addressed at the public hearing). Ron Smith will contact SEH for an estimate and that amount will be requested from Gary Kirt Properties.

Census: Additional census information was received relating to updating local addresses. The Board had previously elected not to participate in this program.

The clerk was directed to invite Terry Neff, Aitkin County Planning & Zoning, to attend the February 7 Board meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Changes in the township liability insurance coverage were reviewed. There will be no additional insurance premium at this time.

The DNR forest road prescriptive easement plan was discussed. Aitkin County is included in the 2008 hearing cycle.

The 2008 federal rate for business mileage is 50.5 cents per mile.

Motion by Ron Smith to set the Board of Audit and Budget Meeting for February 21 at 6:30 p.m. and to change the date of the March regular board meeting to March 6, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried.

A letter of resignation was received from Karen Reid, Deputy Clerk, dated January 10, 2008.

Resurfacing of the tennis courts was discussed. Charles Quale will get a cost estimate..

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Candace Bartel  
Shamrock Township Clerk

Charles Quale  
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE  
FEBRUARY 7, 2008 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.**