

**Shamrock Township Board Meeting  
Thursday, August 10, 2006**

Chairman Ron Smith called the regular board meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Nancy Karjalahti and Charles Quale, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel, Deputy Clerk Karen Reid, Marvin Turner, road maintenance man, and one resident.

Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to approve the minutes from the July 27th regular board meeting as distributed, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried. Motion by Supervisor Quale to approve the minutes from the July 31<sup>st</sup>, special board meeting as distributed, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti; motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Quale to approve the treasurer's report as given, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti; motion carried. Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to approve the payment of the claims, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried.

Correspondence: copies of the Big Sandy Lake Association meeting minutes and agenda were distributed; *The Outlet* from Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative was received and will be filed for reference; a thank you was received from the Lake Minnewawa Association for our recent donation; the board was invited to send a representative to the America Legion Baseball team dinner to be held Sunday, August 13, at 6 p.m. at the Wilderness Café in McGregor.

Road Report: Marvin Turner reported 725 yards of gravel have been hauled, road signs have been ordered, the Sterling truck needs new tires, Supervisor Quale will check on the availability of a sweeper for use on the blacktop, trees have been removed on 493<sup>rd</sup> Lane and 210<sup>th</sup> Place. Supervisor Karjalahti will check with Steve Hughes, Aitkin Co. Soil & Water Conservation, regarding the public access on 493<sup>rd</sup> Lane (Eklund Sawmill road). It was noted that the road maintenance men can apply weed killer to weeds within the road right-of-way. It was suggested to use a chemical for broad leaf weed control.

Partridge Road: The clerk checked with the county recorder's office regarding the legal description (survey map) provided by Tom Peterson. The county recorder stated that this is a dedicated to the public road and Mr. Peterson should consult an attorney and petition the district court to vacate the road. The clerk consulted the township attorney. He advised writing a letter to Mr. Peterson stating the information from the county recorder and requesting confirmation from Mr. Peterson that he will be withdrawing his road petition to the township. If the petition is not withdrawn, the board should consult with the township attorney. Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to have the clerk write a letter to Mr. Peterson as suggested by the township attorney, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried.

Riparian Lands: the next committee meeting is September 22 at 2 p.m. Chairman Smith has a map of the Big Sandy riparian parcels. Someone is going to check with Al Eld to see if he has a map of the Lake Minnewawa parcels. The board may have to inspect each parcel.

Lake Minnewawa Aquatic Task Force: Supervisor Karjalahti reported there are eight property owners on Lake Minnewawa that have permits to have their weeds treated. The weed evaluation has been postponed to the end of August. The task force will meet again in September.

Urban Township Task Force: No report. The next meeting is Saturday, August 19, at 10 a.m.

Fall clean-up day will be Saturday, September 16, at the town hall. Supervisor Karjalahti will order four dumpsters and will check on the disposal of computers and televisions. There will be a \$10 fee for appliances with freon. Tire fees will be the same as at the spring clean up; no commercial tires will be accepted. Marvin Turner will check on an alternative tire recycling company. The county's hazard waste day will be September 16 in Aitkin.

The bill for \$9,764.22 from Springsted Incorporated for financial services relating to the proposed building was reviewed. Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to approve the bill, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried.

Alternative sites for the clerk's office were discussed. Chairman Smith will check with the DNR to see if they have any office space available. Resident Terry Roy stated he and Jack Olson have construction trailers ~~that could possibly be used for purchase.~~

The proposed building was voted down at the August 3<sup>rd</sup> continued annual meeting. The board will discuss the building project in September.

Supervisor Quale will check into the possibility of renting a building from Chuck Martin for equipment storage over the winter.

Supervisor Quale moved to require that a board member sit on any township committee, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti; motion carried.

Supervisor Karjalahti move to appoint the following to serve as election judges at the September 12<sup>th</sup> primary election pending attending the required training offered by the Aitkin Co. Auditor's office: Barb Griefzu, Pat Daine, Chet Smiley, Louise Orttel, Judy Haussner, Jerry Smith, Karen Reid, Kathy LaBerge, Richard Cox, Midge Wilson; alternates: Jack Brula, Janet Hill, Jan Schluter, Candace Bartel and Ellsa Sorenson, motion seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried.

Information on a USDA/Rural Development Program was shared. No one was interested in attending.

Information was distributed on the 2006 Lakes and Rivers Conference in Duluth, September 7-9.

The need to rent a backhoe this fall was discussed. Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to authorize the renting of a backhoe, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Candace Bartel  
Clerk

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Ron Smith  
Board Chairman

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS CORRECTED AT THE AUGUST 24, 2006 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.**