

**Shamrock Township Board Meeting
Thursday, July 13, 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, road maintenance man Marvin Turner, Sadie Frericks, webmaster from the Voyageur Press, two residents and two non-residents.

Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to approve the minutes from the June 22nd regular board meeting as distributed, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried. Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to approve the minutes from the July 10th special board meeting as distributed, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried.

Supervisor Quale moved to accept the treasurer's report as given, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti; motion carried. The claims were reviewed, total expenditures were \$22,964.30. Motion by Supervisor Quale to approve payment of claims, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti; motion carried.

The minutes from the June 9, 2006 meeting and the agenda for the July 14, 2006 Big Sandy Lake Association were distributed, information on the Annual Minnesota Development Conference to be held in October was shared, *The Outlet* from Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative was received and will be filed for reference. A letter was received from Kevin Slattery regarding the noise level from Pier 65 over the 4th of July weekend. Chairman Smith talked with Mr. Slattery and explained that the township does not have an ordinance pertaining to this issue. His letter will be forwarded to the county board. It was noted that the BSALWMP annual meeting will be July 15, 2006. No board members will be able to attend.

Tim and Casey Jelinski requested board approval in support of their application for an off sale and on sale liquor license. They are in the process of purchasing Sportsman's Bar. Supervisor Quale moved by resolution to approve the issuance of the liquor license, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti. The motion was amended to include 'pending sale' in the resolution; the amended resolution was approved unanimously. The new business will be known as "Growlers".

Chairman Smith presented the site plan and elevations for the proposed building. More information will be presented at the July 17th meeting.

Road Report: 400 yards of gravel were spread, mostly on 510th Lane. The agreement with Michael Jaworski for work on the corner of 170th Place has been signed. This corner has been mowed back. Supervisor Karjalahti requested the work be done as soon as possible; a local contractor can be hired if backhoe work is needed. It has been too dry to do much road grading. Culverts have been picked up from the county. Tim Turner will be on vacation the week of July 24.

Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to reject the petition to vacate Partridge Road at this time due to not having an adequate legal description, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried. The petitioner will be advised of the costs involved in proceeding with the petition process.

The dedicated to the public riparian land issue was discussed. Chairman Smith noted that there are other parcels that are not included on the county list. Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to allow Chairman Smith to meet with Mark Jacobs, Aitkin Co. Land Commissioner, regarding the township's intention to take over regulation of some of the parcels, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried. Bill Reed, resident on Big Sandy Lake, had some questions relating to the proposed ordinance; it was suggested he attend the Riparian Land Committee meeting on July 31st.

Urban Township Task Force: Supervisor Karjalahti resigned from the task force. She stated the task force seems to be focused on the annual meeting and the authority of the town board. Chairman Smith will contact David Schaaf for more information.

Sadie Frericks, webmaster for the township website, updated the board on the progress of the website. It is currently up and running. The board gave approval for additional information to be included.

8:20 p.m. John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer, arrived. The board received a copy of a letter from Terry Neff, Aitkin County Planning and Zoning, confirming that a variance permit is not required for the Long Point Place bridge approach work. John presented the four bids that were received for the bridge project and the approach work. The bids were considerably higher than the estimates. Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to continue with the bridge replacement project and accept the lowest bid, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried. Approximate cost to the township will be \$102,683.20. John will explore the possibility of utilizing fill from Jim Haussner's pit to bring down the cost. The county board will award the bid at their meeting the week of July 17. The township board will be notified of the pre-construction conference with the bridge contractor. John will attend township board meetings during the bridge construction if requested by the board.

Bruce Newcomb's request for a variance (#34238V) from the road right-of-way set back to build a storage shed at 50482 217th Avenue was reviewed by the board. Motion by Supervisor Quale, seconded by Chairman Smith, to take no action on the request; motion carried.

The conditional use permit (#34128C) requested by Jack Olson to create a 9-lot residential subdivision/plat in Sheshebe 5th Addition was reviewed. Motion by Supervisor Quale, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti, stating the board has no objection to the plat, it does request that the road and turnaround within the plat follow Aitkin County specification for new roads; motion carried.

Reports have been received of people throwing riprap into Lake Minnewawa near the Timbershores property; also reported was people taking riprap from this site for personal use. This was reported to the sheriff's office. Chairman Smith will talk with the sheriff about this problem. Signs will be posted identifying the riprap as part of the erosion control and it is not to be removed.

It was agreed to request the township attorney attend the August 3 continued annual meeting and to request a deputy sheriff be in attendance.

The meeting compensation was tabled to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Clerk

Ron Smith
Board Chairman

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JULY 27, 2006 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.