

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 16, 2007, 7 p.m.**

Board Chairman Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present were Supervisors Charles Quale and Nancy Karjalahti, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel; Brian Napstad, Aitkin Co. Commissioner; residents Terry Roy, Ron Richardson, Rich Biernat, Mark Johnson, and Mike Urie; and Jeremy and Jeff Paquette.

The purpose to the meeting was to discuss the dedicated to the public riparian lands within the township.

Brian Napstad discussed the alternative shoreland standard and stated that if it is adopted by the state it may void any township efforts. So far, the county has not adopted any part of the alternative shoreland standard. The county has had some of the township's parcels surveyed and will continue to do the surveys. Aitkin County townships have a two-year window from the repealing of the state statute in May 2006 to act to take responsibility of designated parcels. Brian suggested an option would be to select certain parcels and adopt the county ordinance for governance. Another option would be to adopt a pilot ordinance. It was noted that the county cannot enforce township ordinances.

The board reviewed the parcels in the township. Nineteen previously identified parcels and those on the list from Lake Minnewawa that was submitted by the Riparian Land Committee will be considered for township governance. If accepted, these parcels will be designated for road projects and public use.

This topic will be further discussed at the regular board meeting on February 8.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ron Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE
FEBRUARY 8, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**