

**Shamrock Township Board Meeting
Thursday, June 22, 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, and six residents.

Motion by Supervisor Quale to approve the minutes from the June 8th regular board meeting as distributed, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti; motion carried. Motion by Supervisor Quale to approve the minutes from the June 21st special board meeting as distributed, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti; motion carried.

Correspondence: Big Sandy Lake Association newsletter was distributed; a letter informing the board of a change in ownership of the McGregor NAPA store was shared; the Advocates Against Domestic Abuse newsletter was received and will be filed for reference.

Tom Peterson presented a petition requesting vacation of Partridge Road, which is located between 520th and 521st Lane in Section 4. The township attorney will be contacted for guidance on how to proceed with the vacation request.

Ron Conzet, Vice President of the Lake Minnewawa Association, presented a contract for services to go along with the \$2000 donation that was approved at the May 11, 2006 meeting. Motion by Supervisor Quale to approve signing the contract, seconded by Chairman Smith; motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Quale to sign the revised contract with dsgw for architect services for the proposed building, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti; motion carried.

Road Report: Use of a Piranha road edger was demonstrated for the maintenance men; they felt it was over-priced for the job it did. They are hoping to see a demonstration on a Harley Rake. They plan to complete basic shouldering on the remaining portion of the new blacktop on 487th Street before the 4th of July weekend. The rental mower should be here on June 26th; they hope to get one round of mowing done before the 4th of July weekend. A report was received from American Engineering Testing, Inc. on tests they did to determine the blacktop thickness on 487th Street. One sample was 3.0 inches the other sample was 3.9 inches. The 487th Street blacktop was stripped by Dave Nelson, Traffic Marketing Service, Inc.

A complaint was received from Kay Rinta regarding abuse of the road behind her property and the placement of a private property sign on a road. These are not township maintained roads; she was referred to the county land department.

The letter composed by the clerk relating to the agreement between Michael Jaworski, owner of property on the 170th Place curve, and the township to taper the bank, remove some trees, and reseed the bank was reviewed and approved.

A copy of a letter written by John Welle, county engineer, to Terry Neff, zoning office, was reviewed. It was written to confirm that a variance permit would not be required to move dirt to lower the grade of Bridge Road (Long Point Place) in conjunction with the bridge replacement project.

Three residents inquired about the township's status on the recent change in the MN statute relating to the Aitkin County Riparian Lands Ordinance. It was noted there are approximately 70 dedicated to the public land parcels in the township. People would like to be able to put docks in some of these locations. A township ordinance was drafted in 2001 but never adopted. A special board meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 10, at 7 p.m. to discuss this issue. It was also suggested that the board consider putting a public dock on Lake Minnewawa.

The urban task force will meet on Tuesday, July 11, at 1 p.m. The difference between a regular

township and an urban township was discussed.

The clerk attended the DNR Alternative Shoreland Standards meeting on July 15. Information sheets were distributed. It was noted that Aitkin County is reviewing the recommendations made by this advisory committee. Counties are not mandated to adopt the recommended changes.

Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to select www.townofshamrock.org as the domain name for the township's website, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried.

Supervisor Karjalahti reported on the Minnewawa Aquatic Vegetation Committee (joint committee of Lake Minnewawa Association, Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club, and the township). Their next meeting will be Tuesday, July 25, at 10 a.m. at the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club. The DNR will be evaluating vegetation in Lake Minnewawa on August 10th.

A variance requested by Robert Stewart, Jr. (permit #34141V) was reviewed. No board action was required.

The next Aitkin County Association of Townships (ACAT) meeting will be Thursday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Waukenabo Community Center.

The Big Sandy Lake Association annual meeting is June 24. Supervisor Quale plans to attend; if he is unable to attend, he will provide information on the bridge replacement project and the building project for presentation. The Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club annual meeting is July 8. Supervisor Karjalahti plans to attend. The BSALWMP annual meeting will be held July 15 in Cromwell.

Supervisor Quale notified the board that another application from a township resident for the McGregor fire department will be submitted. He noted that there are several more individuals interested in applying.

The clerk requested to be paid mileage for posting legal notices within the township. Motion by Supervisor Quale, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti, to approve this request; motion carried. The rates board members are paid for attending meetings was discussed and tabled to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Clerk

Ron Smith
Board Chairman

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JULY 13, 2006 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.