

Shamrock Township Board Meeting
Thursday, August 24, 2006

Chairman Ron Smith called the regular Board meeting to order at 7:04 pm. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were board members Nancy Karjalahti, Chuck Quale; Treasurer John Brula and Deputy Clerk Karen Reid, Tim Turner, road maintenance man and two township residents.

Nancy Karjalahti made a motion to correct the minutes from the August 10th board meeting concerning the discussion on alternative sites for the clerk's office. On the second page, the last sentence of the third paragraph should read "Resident Terry Roy stated he and Jack Olson have construction trailers *for purchase.*" Chuck Quale seconded this motion. Motion carried, with correction, to accept the minutes.

Correspondence: Copies were distributed of Big Sandy Lake Association Newsletter and a copy of the NewsHopper article dated August 19, 2006; and the USDA Community Programs newsletter, MDH's The NonCom Scoop newsletter, U of M's Technology Exchange newsletter were received and were available for reference.

Chairman Ron Smith asked if any residents had concerns. Bob Bjorklund from Classic Homes asked for permission to cut a tree on 214th, in Section 7. Chuck Quale made a motion, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti to allow Classic Homes to remove the oak tree on 214th (Kimbel Road), contingent on Shamrock Township receiving a copy of a letter from the property owner giving consent and upon completion to remove the stump so the plow wing doesn't hit it. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report: Tim Turner reported they've hauled 375 yards of gravel ~~by Jack Hausner, ditching by the Floe Road,~~ *throughout the township and ditching was done by Jack Haussner's property and on the Floe Road,* chipping trees and brushing. They need four new tires on the grader and also new tires for the truck. They've checked on a track hoe. They need a sweeper. Jack will check with Larry Paulkert on his contact with McGregor Fire Department. Maybe there would be something available through government surplus? Matt Eidem will be done next week, but will work next summer. Tim asked if they could move the wage for Matt between driving truck and mowing. It was suggested to keep the mowing wage. Both supervisors, Nancy Karjalahti and Chuck Quale were highly complimentary of the great job the maintenance men are doing - "above and beyond", and they both asked Tim to tell that to Matt.

Ekelund Sawmill corner & settling pond: Nancy talked with Steve Hughes, Aitkin County. He will be contacting their Soil & Water engineer. This will be a next spring project.

Partridge Road vacation: Resident, Tom Peterson, was present. He had procedure questions. He said he had not received the letter from Shamrock Township, dated August 11, 2006. The Deputy Clerk immediately provided him with a copy. There was discussion concerning Partridge Road and Tom Peterson drew a couple maps showing his lots and his understanding, following the survey by Marvin Kohout, of actual property lines, including the one he purchased from Aitkin County. Chuck Quale suggested he go to the Aitkin County Planning & Zoning and apply for a variance to build his pole shed. To vacate Partridge Road is a District Court thing, not Shamrock Township.

Urban Township Task Force: Ron Smith reported on the last meeting held, which was a lot of discussion. The next meeting will be held September 9th at 10:00 am.

BUILDING:

Office Space and Equipment: Ron Smith talked with DNR about using a room in their garage, next door, for the clerk's office. The DNR will talk with their supervisors and get back to us. Other options were discussed: Putting a wall halfway through the current meeting room; checking with Chuck Martin on renting his shed, but he's been sick. At election time, we could remove the threshold of the door into the

garage and vote in the other side. The two machines needed for election take up space and there is concern with the flow of voters coming in and exiting and also the need to be compliant with the updated State requirements.

NewsHopper article: The 8/19 issue had an article, which contained Shamrock news about the proposed building, mingled with news from the Aitkin County Commissioners meeting and some unclear and misleading information. There was discussion about getting correct information to the public. At this time, it was determined for Ron Smith to make a telephone call to the NewsHopper concerning this article.

Vote at Extended Annual Meeting: A comment from the NewsHopper article, mentioned above, concerning the vote for the building, led to discussion on the legality of voting at the Annual Meeting and the fact that it is a felony to vote if you are not a resident of Shamrock Township. It was suggested to review the vote list at our next meeting.

Bridge: This is an addition to our agenda, approved at the beginning of today's meeting. Ron Smith reported on Monday's meeting, from John Welle's phone call. Jack Olson is hired to do the digging. He will start September 5th to strip the blacktop and will be done October 1st. The first week of October they will begin construction on the bridge and be done December 1st. Blacktopping will be done in the spring. Jack will take out the trees and do the retaining wall. The County will oversee the bridge project. Tim and Marv should take lots of pictures as any problems will be the responsibility of the contractor. Gravel will be coming out of Bear Country.

Resolution: Chuck Quale moved by resolution to designate Long Point Place a haul road, from Highway 65 to 508th Lane (Maple).

Nancy Karjalahti reported on Township Cleanup Day. Hooper will provide dumpsters for \$475.00 each.

Chuck Quale moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm., seconded by Nancy Karjalahti.

Karen Reid,
Shamrock Township
Deputy Clerk

Ron Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairperson

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS CORRECTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2006 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.