

Shamrock Township Board Meeting Thursday, May 25, 2006

Chairman Ron Smith called the regular board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Nancy Karjalahti, and Charles Quale, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel and Deputy Clerk Karen Reid; three residents; Tim Turner, road maintenance man; and John Gronnes and Angie Johnson from the *Voyageur Press*.

Motion by Supervisor Quale to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2006 regular board meeting as distributed, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti; motion carried.

Correspondence: A thank you was received from ANGELS for the donation sent to them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building Project: Supervisor Karjalahti moved to set informational meetings pertaining to the building project for Wednesday, June 21st, at the town hall and Monday, July 17th, at the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club, meeting time will be 7 p.m., motion seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried. The clerk will run articles in the June 7, 14, 21 and July 5 and 12 issues of the area newspapers.

Supervisor Quale moved to put the building on the ball field site as close to the existing building as possible, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti; motion was amended to include leaving the existing building up; motion carried unanimously.

7:15 p.m. John Gronnes, publisher of the *Voyageur Press* arrived and requested permission to tape record the meeting; permission was granted.

Road report: Tim Turner reported 688 yards of gravel have been hauled, mostly on 487th Street and Sheshebe Point; sections to be treated with calcium chloride have been marked; ordered the leased mower for mid-June; the county put a new culvert on 487th Street approach to Lake Avenue; culverts will be ordered; information has been received on the shoulder reclaimer, Tim was given approval to go to Wadena to see a demonstration; Matt Eidem's payrates were clarified, rate 1 will be for mowing and rate 2 will be at the backup snowplow driver rate for driving truck; Supervisor Karjalahti asked about selling culverts to residents. The topic was discussed, no decision was made.

Supervisor Quale will contact Brian Malm, Bolton & Menk, regarding the upcoming blacktopping of 487th Street. The board would like to meet with a representative from the blacktopping company and view the road to make sure it is ready for blacktopping.

Calcium chloride application was discussed. Questions by resident David Schaaf were answered.

Town road report: Tim Turner has been working on areas identified in the report; he will consult with one of the supervisors if he has questions.

David Schaaf, Urban Township Task Force chairman, reported that the task force will be contacting towns that have gone to an urban town status for information on the process and advantages of urban town status. The next task force meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12, at 1 p.m.

The donation to the Lake Minnewawa Association (LMA) was discussed. Supervisor Karjalahti will attend the next LMA meeting and discuss the possibility of having a contract with LMA for weed control on Lake Minnewawa.

Supervisor Karjalahti reported that the DNR is working with Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club and LMA to develop a comprehensive lake plan to access the aquatic condition of Lake Minnewawa. She noted the permit to run the weed harvester is \$750 per year.

Supervisor Karjalahti reported that she and the clerk attended the conditional use permit hearing to allow mining exploration in Clark Township on May 15th. As was stated at the last meeting, the board's

concern is contamination to the Big Sandy Watershed that would result from mining. It was noted that the permit was denied by the county planning commission.

John Brula met with John Gronnes regarding the township's website. The board would like information posted about the building project before the informational meetings.

The riparian land legislation was sent to the governor on May 22, 2006.

Jim McLaughlin, representing Eagle Nest Townhomes, requested assistance from the board on improving a section of blacktopped road on 496th Lane just after the township portion of road ends. Chairman Smith met with Don Wolfe (town home resident) and viewed the condition of the road prior to the meeting. Eagle Nest Townhomes has contacted Anderson Brothers to evaluate the site and recommend the needed repair and allowance for proper drainage. Supervisor Karjalahti recommended that a petition be presented to the board for acceptance of this section of the road.

Chairman Smith reported that John Welle, Aitkin Co. Engineer, was going to try to attend the meeting and had indicated that there are papers he needs signed in reference to the Long Point Place bridge replacement project. Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to authorize Chairman Smith to sign the papers, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried.

Supervisor Karjalahti was authorized to order an urban town law book, if one is available.

After discussion on the duties of the deputy clerk, Supervisor Karjalahti moved to allow eight hours of training for processing payroll, allow attendance at a CTAS training offered by Irene Bright, allow attendance at the MAT summer short course, and be paid for attending meetings and taking minutes in the clerk's absence, motion seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried.

The clerk was directed to contact the cable TV company to clarify questions relating to a franchise fee and title transfer.

The architect's contract for the building project and the township attorney's suggested changes were reviewed. The clerk was directed to verify that the attorney had reviewed Part 2 of the contract and have the attorney talk with the architect on the suggested changes/clarifications.

Nancy Karjalahti reported that the Lake Minnewawa Association and Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club are working together on a weed control project for Lake Minnewawa. She has been asked to be a member of the joint committee.

Supervisor Karjalahti moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ronald Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairman