

Shamrock Township Board Meeting
Thursday, September 28, 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, Tim Turner, road maintenance man and Jeff Hooper representing Lakes Sanitary Service/J&H Transfer Service.

Charles Quale moved to approve the minutes from September 14 meeting as distributed, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried.

Correspondence: The Aitkin Co. Association of Townships (ACAT) meeting notice, meeting minutes and treasurer's report and the Minnesota Taxpayers Association newsletter were distributed.

Jeff Hooper thanked the board for choosing J&H Transfer for the cleanup day dumpsters and he appreciates the good work done by the township maintenance men in loading the dumpsters. He noted that the rate per dumpster for the September cleanup was lowered to \$475 due to the drop in fuel prices. He also stated that a St. Cloud recycling service might be willing to bring a dumpster to the cleanup days for the scrap steel. Jeff would like the opportunity to bid on the monthly garbage collection service. The board will solicit for bids in December for 2007 service.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report: Tim Turner reported they've hauled 50 yards of gravel. Six dumpsters were used for the cleanup day, the white goods have been hauled to Bass Brook Recycling in Cohasset, and dumpsters for the scrap steel have been ordered. John Welle, Aitkin Co. engineer, advised Tim to order the winter salt from the supplier we used last year. It was noted the Eagle Nest Townhomes Association had repaired the section of blacktop in their portion of the road. Ron Smith will check with the association president to see if they received a guarantee on the blacktop repair and also on an alternative location for township road maintenance equipment turnaround. The rental backhoe has been picked up. It has been rented for one month.

Bridge Construction: Ron Smith talked with Jack Olson, JO Construction, regarding the condition of the road. The township maintenance men had done some shaping to help improve the road. Ron will consult with Alan Jensen (project contact person from the Aitkin Co. engineer's office) regarding the condition of the road and also check on the liability of the township maintenance men working on this section of the road. Tom Nistler, Frontier Communications, requested permission to bore phone lines under the bridge. They have permission from the DNR. The board had no objection to this request.

Road Mileage: The annual road mileage certification was approved on a motion by Nancy Karjalahti and seconded by Charles Quale. The report will be sent to the county engineer's office.

Tree removal on 214th Place: The township has still not received a copy of the consent agreement to remove the tree in question. The stump is to be removed so it is not a hazard for the snowplow.

Partridge Road vacation: Ron Smith has left messages for Tom Peterson regarding the status of his property issue and is waiting for a response.

Building: No report has been received on the possibility of renting office space from the DNR. Charles Quale is waiting to hear from a property owner about renting a building for storage of maintenance equipment.

Ekelund Sawmill corner & settling pond (493rd Lane): Nancy Karjalahti was planning to meet with Steve Hughes, Aitkin Co. Soil & Water, earlier today but he didn't show up. Ron Smith will check with Harry

Ekelund about the possibility of putting in a settling pond.

Riparian Land Committee: Nancy Karjalahti reported that LMA and BSALWMP have grant money available for work on public accesses. It may be possible for the township to do some 'in kind' work on the selected accesses. Committee members will be doing visits to the sites on Lake Minnewawa. The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 13. It was reported that LMA has offered the township equipment storage space in their garage over winter.

Urban Township Task Force: No report was given.

New Century Communications: The clerk distributed a shorter franchise agreement received from the cable company. The clerk was directed to contact the township attorney to determine the need for an agreement with the cable company. If there is an agreement requirement, the attorney will review the agreements provided by the cable company before the board acts. There was concern that the township would be liable for removal of cables and equipment if the cable company would go out of business during the duration of a franchise agreement with the township.

Web site: The web site has not been updated since July 5. Meeting minutes have been provided in a timely manner. John Brula will check with John Grones, *Voyageur Press*, on the website.

Motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale, to cancel the board meeting scheduled for October 26; motion carried.

Nancy Karjalahti reported that she was not able to go on the trip to see the mining operation in Ladysmith, WI.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emergency Preparedness: Sheriff Scott Turner will attend the October 12 meeting to update the board on county plans.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ron Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 12, 2006
REGULAR BOARD MEETING.**