

**Shamrock Township Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 8, 2007**

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, Marvin Turner, road maintenance man, residents Terry Roy, Rick Eidem, Mike Urie, and John Grones from the *Voyageur Press*. John Grones tape recorded the meeting.

Charles Quale moved to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2007 regular board meeting as distributed, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried. Nancy Karjalahti moved to approve the minutes from the January 16<sup>th</sup> special board meeting as distributed, seconded by Charles Quale; motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the period ending January 31, 2007 gave the following fund balances: General Revenue Fund, \$27,380.65; Road & Bridge Fund, \$347,720.42; Fire Fund, \$84,413.12; Building Fund, \$146,903.63; Sewer Fund, \$71,248.74; and the Parks & Rec Fund, \$6,100.57. Building Fund CD's total \$114,081.71. Total cash and savings balance on hand as of January 31 was \$797,848.84. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to approve payment of bills and payroll totaling \$65,423.56; motion carried. Motion by Nancy Karjalahti to allow maturing CD #36130 to roll over, seconded by Charles Quale; motion carried. Motion by Charles Quale to purchase two \$25,000 CD's with money from the building fund, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried.

Correspondence: The clerk read a letter from Kathy LaBerge, Long Point Place, thanking the road maintenance men for their fine work, Big Sandy Lake Assn. newsletter was distributed; the Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative's *The Outlet* and the Lakes & Pines newsletter were received and will be filed for reference. Information on contract services for road right-of-way maintenance was received from Brushwacker, Inc. and Central Applicators, Inc. and will be filed for reference.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report:

Bridge update – Ron Smith talked with Alan Jensen, Aitkin Co. Engineer's office. There is some debris in the lake near the bridge that needs to be removed. Rocks have been moved allowing more room for the snowplows. Rick Eidem, American Engineering Testing, gave guidelines for compaction on the road. He will put a proposal together for checking the road compaction in June.

496<sup>th</sup> Lane - a letter was received from Jim McLaughlin, Eagle Nest Townhome Assn., regarding the section of road the townhome association had repaired last fall. The letter needs to state that the township will not be held liable for any damage to this section of road and a description of the contractor's repair work is also needed. Ron Smith will contact Mr. McLaughlin for the additional information.

Marvin Turner reported plowing, winging of shoulders and removal of ice ridges at public accesses had been done. They also painted a wall and section of floor in the townhall. The Sterling truck needed new batteries; the grader needs new batteries and tires. Tim Turner was given permission to order the needed tires. Mr. Zeug requested the maintenance men remove a tree in the road right-of-way on 485<sup>th</sup> Lane; the request was granted.

Ron Smith reported the Tri City Paving gravel pile is actually owned by the state (the lease ran out) and is not for sale at this time.

Cable TV Franchise: The cable company has not returned the franchise agreement.

Building Committee: The committee met January 29 with twelve people present. Terry Roy agreed to chair the committee. Background information on the building project was shared. Terry Roy received permission from the board to contact John Geissler, DSGW Architects. The next building committee meeting will be Monday, February 12, at 7 p.m.

Riparian Land: Nancy Karjalahti has received many inquires on the placement of docks on the dedicated to the public riparian lands; another group has voiced their opinion that the issue should be left in the county's hands. It was noted that the DNR may adopt statewide shoreland regulations that would void any township or county ordinances. After further discussion, Mike Urie requested the issue be added to the agenda for the annual meeting.

Ron Smith will be checking on the timber sales on public lands and report at the March meeting.

Urban Township Task Force: No report from the task force.

ACAT Meeting: Steve Hughes has been appointed Aitkin County Weed Inspector. A new township informational DVD produced by MAT was received and is available for viewing.

Office Equipment: John Brula reported on the purchase of a laptop computer for the clerk. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to allow up to \$1000.00 for the purchase of additional computer-related items.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The maintenance men were notified that the training session they planned to attend in Duluth has been cancelled due to low enrollment.

Charles Quale moved to appoint the following to serve as election judges for the township election on March 13: Richard Cox, Judy Haussner, Louise Orttel, and Karen Reid, Kathy LaBerge and Midge Wilson as alternates, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried.

Notice was received from the county assessor's office confirming that Ron Smith, Charles Quale, and ~~Ron Smith~~ Nancy Karjalahti have attended the required appeals and equalization course. This is required training for the annual Board of Appeal and Equalization to be held on Friday, April 27.

Information was shared on Drainage and Wetland Management Seminars to be held in McGregor on February 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 8 from 1p.m. to 3 p.m. and March 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Fireside and are being coordinated by Aitkin County Soil and Water.

Well inspection reports were received from the Minnesota Dept. of Health and will be placed on file.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Candace Bartel  
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ron Smith  
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS CORRECTED AT THE  
MARCH 8, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**