

Shamrock Township Board Meeting

Thursday, March 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, Tim Turner, road maintenance man, residents Terry Roy and Cal Jacobson.

Nancy Karjalahti moved to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2007 regular board meeting as corrected, seconded by Charles Quale; motion carried. Charles Quale moved to approve the minutes from the February 13 Board of Audit meeting as distributed, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the period ending February 28, 2007 gave the following fund balances: General Revenue Fund, \$5,395.82; Road & Bridge Fund, \$143,543.91; Fire Fund, \$56,546.83; Building Fund, \$97,144.07; Sewer Fund, \$21,370.53; and the Parks & Rec Fund, \$6,111.00. Building Fund CD's total \$164,752.36; Road & Bridge CD's total 257,000.00. Total cash and savings balance on hand as of February 28 was \$751,864.52. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried. The check for the bill from Junction Tire for the grader tires will be voided. Goodyear will be billing the township directly. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to approve payment of bills and payroll totaling \$41,772.62; (this does not include the amount for the grader tires) motion carried. The new budget-billing amount from Lake Country Power will be \$300 per month beginning with the next billing statement.

Correspondence: Big Sandy Lake Assn. meeting minutes and agenda were distributed; the Lake Minnewawa Lake Association newsletter was distributed; 2007 Land Use Planning Workshops information was distributed; the Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative's *The Outlet* was received and will be filed for reference.

Cal Jacobson presented a survey map of a portion of 506th Lane. Nancy and David Clausen would like to build a new house. There is an issue with the platted road and the location of the existing road. The Clausen's would like to vacate the platted road and put in a new road. If this is done, the new road should have a 33 foot right-of-way and be as good as or better than the current road. It was recommended that both property owners attend a board meeting or provide notarized statements attesting to their agreement with changing the road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building Committee: Terry Roy presented a revised floor plan and preliminary estimate from CAM. The building committee had not reviewed the information.

Bridge Report: Ron Smith met with Allen Jensen, from the Aitkin Co. Engineer's office, and representatives from Lake Country Power Company regarding the location of power poles near the new bridge. Some of the poles will be re-located to the south side of the road. Continued concerns about the road base were discussed. The proposal from American Engineering Testing, Inc. was reviewed. The proposal is for testing the subgrade density of the new road alignment, composite soil sample testing and nuclear density tests of the compacted surfacing aggregate. This will be done prior to paving. An estimate for optional bituminous testing was also received. Motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Charles Quale, to accept the proposal for subgrade and Class 5 verification testing on Long Point Place (Bridge Road) with the estimated fee of \$930.00 and the change of the paving date to earlier in the summer; motion carried.

Road Report:

Tim Turner reported plowing, winging of shoulders and a lot of time spent on equipment repair. The tree by Mr. Zeug's property on 485th Lane was removed.

Cable TV Franchise: The clerk reported the cable TV franchise ordinance has been processed. New Century Communications was sent a bill for township fees relating to the preparation of the ordinance. Copies of the required insurance and performance bond were also requested.

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

Drainage & Wetland Management Seminars: Nancy Karjalahti attended two seminars and shared information. The next meeting will be on drainage management on March 22 at 11 a.m.

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

Spring Clean-up Day: Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the townhall and LMA garage site.

NEW BUSINESS:

The annual report from the McGregor Fire Department was reviewed. The township's fair share levy for 2007 is \$29,083.27. The 2008 amount will increase to \$32,618.71.

The agenda for the annual meeting was reviewed and revised.

Motion by Nancy Karjalahti to sign the DNR lease for the two yard waste sites, seconded by Charles Quale; motion carried.

Charles Quale moved by resolution to approve 3.2 percent malt liquor licenses for the following establishments upon request: Big Sandy Sports & Pizza, Cajun Queen, Shamrock Store and Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion passed unanimously.

Information was received from the Aitkin County Association of Townships regarding the required use of automark voting machines beginning in 2008. Townships were requested to contact legislators with concerns.

The Minnesota Association of Townships spring short course (day-long training session) schedule was reviewed. Board members will attend March 30 at Breezy Point or April 5 in Grand Rapids. Attendance at the Urban Township short course on April 26th was discussed, no definite plans were made.

The clerk shared information on several bills being presented to the legislature that relate to township issues.

Information was received on the 2010 Census LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses) Program. The board decided not to participate in this program.

Information was shared on "Transform 2010 – *Preparing Minnesota for the Age Wave*". This shows the anticipated changes in demographics and the impact it will have on communities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ron Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE
APRIL 12, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**