

SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 9, 2007, 7 p.m.

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Nancy Karjalahti, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel, road maintenance employee Marvin Turner; property owners Terry Roy and Jim McLaughlin and Mike Heaser from the *Voyageur Press*.

Nancy Karjalahti moved to approve the minutes from the July 26th regular board meeting as amended, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried. Ron Smith moved to approve the August 2nd special board meeting minutes, seconded by Charles Quale; motion carried, Nancy Karjalahti abstained. The minutes from the August 9th special board meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti.

Nancy Karjalahti moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried. There was a question on the bill received from the township attorney. Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to withhold payment of charges from June 16, June 19 and June 21 and pay the balance of \$2902.66; motion carried. Nancy will discuss the charges in question with the attorney. After reviewing the other claims, Ron Smith moved to pay the claims, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried.

Correspondence: The Big Sandy Lake Association meeting minutes and agenda were distributed. The Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative monthly newsletter was received and will be filed for reference.

Terry Roy questioned the limit on the township credit card. Per the credit card resolution the monthly limit is not to exceed \$2000.

Jim McLaughlin presented a petition requesting the township accept a portion of 496th Lane near the Eagle Nests townhouse development. Nancy Karjalahti moved return the petition to Mr. McLaughlin as incomplete due to lack of a legal description, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried. The petition can be resubmitted with a legal description. More information on how the road was recorded will be required in order to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building: Ron Smith moved to allow Nancy Karjalahti to get a pumping contract for the new maintenance building's holding tanks, seconded by Charles Quale; motion carried. The pumping contract will be required in order to get the building permit.

Roads: Marvin Turner reported shouldering was done on the blacktopped roads, 370 yards of gravel was hauled and the Sheshebe point was bladed. Offers of \$1500 on the John Deere tractor without the mower and \$1700 with the mower were received. The clerk was directed to place ads for the tractor and mower, for sale as is, the township retains the right to accept or reject any and all offers. Offers will be accepted until September 12 and reviewed at the September 13th regular board meeting.

Ron Smith moved to approve the purchase of 720 cubic yards of gravel from the DNR at \$5 per cubic yard, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried. This is contained in pile #1 as designated by the DNR.

The testing report received from American Engineering Testing, Inc. on the bridge was reviewed and will be placed in the bridge file.

A request to put neighborhood watch signs on the speed limit sign posts was discussed. The board will check with John Welle, Aitkin Co. engineer, on the legality of this request. MnDot guidelines will need to be followed.

The maintenance men were directed to check on rental costs for a backhoe for use towards the end of September. It was noted that a loaner backhoe will be available for use on the Minnewawa public access projects.

A resident voiced a complaint about a snow fence across an unmaintained road. Charles Quale will follow-up on this.

Nancy Karjalahti moved to accept the request by Jerry and Bonnie Maxwell to withdraw their petition to vacate a portion of road near 209th Place in Minnewawa Estates, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried.

The annual road view report had been reviewed. The maintenance men are aware of what needs to be done.

Motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Ron Smith, to authorize the chairman to approve the rental of a backhoe for use in preparing for the building project; motion carried.

Nancy Classen contacted the clerk with questions regarding their building project on 506th Lane. She was told to contact one of the supervisors.

The fall clean-up day may have to be cancelled this year due to the building construction. A decision was tabled until the next meeting.

