

**Shamrock Township Board Meeting
Thursday, June 8, 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, road maintenance man Marvin Turner, and three residents.

Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to approve the minutes from the May 25th regular board meeting as distributed, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried.

Supervisor Quale moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti; motion carried. The claims were approved on a motion by Supervisor Karjalahti, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried. Motion by Supervisor Karjalahti to approve payment to the DNR for the annual lease fee on leased land, seconded by Supervisor Quale; motion carried. It was noted this is due July 1 and did not arrive in time to be included with the monthly claims.

Correspondence: Big Sandy Lake Association meeting minutes and agenda were distributed; an invitation to the Advocates Against Domestic Abuse variety show, the Big Sandy Water Institute 2006 schedule and the Mille Lacs Energy Coop *The Outlet* were received and will be filed for reference. Information was shared on DNR meetings scheduled for June 15 on suggested Shoreland Alternative Ordinances.

Jerry Pollock, representing the Horseshoe Lake Association, requested approval of a raffle permit. Motion by Supervisor Quale, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti, to approve the raffle permit; motion carried.

Don Wolfe and Jim McLaughlin, Eagle Nest Townhomes, presented a bid from Anderson Brothers for repairing a section of blacktopping on 496th Lane. The town home association requested assistance, financial and/or equipment time, from the township for the road repair. The board explained the procedure for accepting a road and the petition procedure. They suggested the association have borings done to test for the condition of the sub-base – the board requires a minimum of four inches of class 5. It was suggested they get a bid from another blacktopping contractor for this project. Further questions were tabled until Aitkin County Engineer John Welle arrived later in the meeting.

Road Report: Marvin Turner reported 400 yards of gravel was spread; the calcium chloride dust control treatment application was partially done – it is anticipated to be completed by June 16; the blacktopping on 487th Street is complete – some shouldering has been done with more needed; the property owner on the 170th Place corner has agreed to allow the bank to be cut back on the corner – he would like a letter stating the township will seed and stabilize the bank and move the dirt to another location on his property, motion by Supervisor Karjalahti, seconded by Supervisor Quale to have the clerk compose the letter, motion carried; the mower tractor has been ordered for June 15th; the dumpster is at the LMA garage for scrap metal pickup from the cleanup day. Marvin was given permission to use personal skidsters and charge the same as the rental company. The rental of a broom was authorized. Marvin will check on having the dump trucks inspected. Sue Woodard requested a slow sign be placed on 472nd Street. After a discussion on weekend use of ATV's on township roads, Chairman Smith will contact the sheriff's office to do some monitoring of traffic speed and ATV usage.

The urban task force will meet on Monday, June 12.

The clerk sent needed information to New Century Communications (cable company). It was noted that the cables are being moved and the old utility poles are being removed.

Maps were received from BSALWMP. The maps show areas of high development and small lots in the township. They also show areas where the soils have a depth to the water table of 12" or less. They

will be filed for reference.

Supervisor Quale presented information on a possible candidate for the fire department. The board had no problem with submitting the application.

The clerk was instructed to provide corrections to the *Voyageur Press* in regard to the article printed in the May 30th issue.

John Welle, county engineer, arrived at 8:30 p.m. He was asked about the 496th Lane blacktop problem. He recommends six inches of class 5 (four inches might be adequate) and three inches of pavement. He agreed that getting soundings would be helpful. When questioned on when to stripe new blacktop, he recommended striping right away.

Replacement of bridge on Long Point Place: The county engineer's office will be coordinating the bridge replacement project. Bids will be opened on July 10th with a possible start date shortly after Labor Day. The paving and approach work maybe delayed depending on weather. The estimated total cost of the bridge and approach work is \$490,000; the township's portion is estimated at \$73,000. Motion by Supervisor Quale, seconded by Supervisor Karjalahti, to sign an agreement with the county for the additional approach work; motion carried. Additional work will include a concrete curb/gutter, a guardrail, and a gabion wall. John will continue to keep in contact with Mr. Plaisted regarding right-of-way on his property. A permit to work in a bluff area will be requested at the August 2 county board of adjustment hearing.

The township attorney has sent changes to the architect's contract to dsgw for the contract on the proposed building project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Clerk

Ron Smith
Board Chairman