

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 24, 2010**

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Nancy Karjalahti and Ron Smith, Treasurer John Brula, Deputy Clerk Candace Kral, road maintenance employee Tim Turner, and residents Mark Allaman and Dave Schaaf; and SEH representative Matt Reid.

The minutes from the August 12, 2010 regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale.

Correspondence: Information on the 15th Annual MN Development Conference on Sept. 29-30 in St. Paul, Northwoods Regional ATV Trail System Oversight Committee Meeting Agenda were received and will be filed for reference. Tim Turner received info on a new sales representative for Ziegler. Also received Information from MN Dept. of Health on revisions of the safe Drinking Water Act and Nancy Karjalahti commented on the new well rules. Nancy Karjalahti received a notice on TMDL Study presentation in Tamarack on Thursday, August 26, from 1:00-3:00.

OLD BUSINESS:

188th Avenue: Matt Reid stated that we received two bids for the project; one from Rocon Paving and the other from Anderson Bros. Construction and gave the recommendation for Rocon Paving. SEH will take care of the contracts and they are working on getting the permits. A preconstruction meeting is set for next Thursday, September 2 at 9 a.m. at the Townhall. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti to accept the bid from Rocon Paving. Motion carried. Tim Turner was told to redo the culvert after the preconstruction meeting so that it can be done accordingly with the blacktopping; coordinate with the contractor.

Road report: Tim Turner reported that they have been grading and laying gravel pretty steady due to the heavy rains. They pulled and leveled stumps accordingly for the baseball field so everything is ready for the bull dozer. A side window on the backhoe tractor was broken. Tim gave the okay for Goble Excavating to dump more fill on the ball field.

484th Street: Ron still needs to talk to Jim Carlson. Concerns were stated regarding the cost share and maintenance of the project by the property owners. Property owners are unwilling to pay the cost share and may be unable to provide the required maintenance.

472nd Street: Concerns were stated regarding the drainage and the right-a-way (easements) with the location of the road. The maintenance crew is working to relieve the water drainage as much as possible. There was discussion about putting a culvert between Tom Steinmuller and Gary Hamack. Tom Steinmueller needs to be contacted before any work is done.

218th Place: The Board will wait to view the area until October when the area is easier to see. Ron Smith suggested tabling the issue until they can get a better look at the road.

512th (Wotring Road): Location of the road and concerns regarding the maintenance and snow plowing of this road were discussed as well as the construction of a turn-around for township trucks. Petition for vacation of the road and the issue of land-locked property was also discussed and the steps the residents need to take for a vacation. A copy of the Guidelines for Vacation of a Road was given to David Schaaf. The law book was also presented to the residents for their review. The residents were also informed that if they have a problem with the maintenance or snow plowing to contact one of the board members or the Townhall with their concern. Tim was told to grade the road.

Maintenance Building: A letter from township attorney Troy Gilchrist to MG Carlson and an e-mail from MG Carlson to Troy were presented. Concern was stated regarding the amount of the bond. The clerk will contact Troy to continue with the process and to have Troy to write the bonding company that we still have contractors contacting us that we still have balances due. Have Troy get it closed out. Tell Troy to proceed.

Ball Field: The ball field is ready for Roth Construction to begin the shaping. Concerns were stated regarding the proximity of the ball field to the propane tanks and making the recreation area a non-smoking area.

Used Garage Doors: One bid was received and opened. Tim Turner's bid of \$100 per door was accepted. Motion made by Ron Smith and seconded by Nancy Karjalahti. Motion carried.

Cable system: The board was informed that there is nothing new to report.

Clean-up day dumpsters: Nancy Karjalahti will call to reserve five dumpsters. She will also check if we can accept TVs and computer monitors. The clerk will put the ad in both the Aitkin Age and the Voyageur Press. Concerns regarding the safety and liability of salvaging on the site after the posted clean-up day were raised. The board will have a sign made to post. A statement can also be added to the ads that will be run in the newspapers

Snowplowing Policy: The revisions to the policy made by township attorney Troy Gilchrist were discussed. Suggested verbiage for road priority list – Snowplowing priorities are as follows: During the hours between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. the school bus routes and blacktop roads and between 5 p.m. and 6 a.m. are on an as needed basis. School bus routes are reviewed on a yearly basis. This will be sent to Troy Gilchrist for comment.

Maintenance employee's pay rate: Discussion was held on the pay increase for the maintenance employees effective August 1, 2010. Aitkin County is going to start contract negotiations for maintenance department; the board would like to see what the county is going to do. Ron Smith made the suggestion to table the subject for a month.

Information on option for SS/DCP resolution: The board members were given the information for their review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Calcium Chloride bill from Workman Township: A bill was received from Workman Township for calcium chloride application to the Shamrock portion of 512th Lane for 2009 and 2010. The treasurer checked to verify that the 2009 cost had not been paid; upon investigation, the bill will be computed with the rest of the bills.

Sawmill Road: Ron Smith informed the board that he spoke with Roger Kapsner, (493rd Lane), regarding abandoning the road and may be coming to the next meeting. The road is a public access (Ravine Road). The Board discussed the erosion and water issues on the road.

Rath Property (484th Street): Tim Turner checked the Pat and Bev Rath property and the drainage as requested by Nancy Karjalahti. The Raths are doing landscaping that may affect the drainage of the township road by the dedicated public access (Mushkodasa Road). Ron Smith is going to view the area.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Candace Kral
Shamrock Township Deputy Clerk

Charles Quale
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING