

SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 26, 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 Tim Turner; residents John Clasen, Peter Clements, Jerry and Bonnie Maxwell, and Luke Carlson from the *Voyageur Press*.

Nancy Karjalahti moved to approve the minutes from the July 12th regular board meeting, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried. Nancy Karjalahti moved to approve the July 17th special board meeting minutes, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried. The July 25th public hearing minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Ron Smith.

Correspondence: The Advocates Against Domestic Abuse and the Lakes & Pines newsletters were received. Information on DNR forestry classification and trail designation was distributed. A meeting is scheduled at the McGregor High School on Wed., August 29, at 6 p.m.

Residents shared concerns about an individual causing problems and harassing a township employee while he was doing road maintenance. This person has also dug a ditch/trench across the township road. Sheriff Scott Turner called during the meeting and indicated that the township employees and residents should not tolerate any harassment from this individual and to call the sheriff's office and report any incidents. Tim Turner was directed to call and request a deputy be in the area the next time he does road maintenance in this area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building: Nancy Karjalahti was authorized to contact Michael O'Keefe, licensed septic system designer, to do a septic design for the maintenance building. Ron Smith will check with the architect on the possibility of putting infloor heat in the break room or at least on the perimeter. Ron will also check to see if builder's risk insurance is included as an option on the bid package. A resident voiced concerns to the chairman about the safety of the mezzanine included in the building plans. No changes will be made to the building plans.

Roads: Maintenance report: 370 yards of gravel were spread, ditch mowing was completed, the blacktop stripping was done, regular grading and edging was done. After discussion on the culvert near Trader's Post it was decided to consult with Lonnie Thomas, Aitkin Co. Soil and Water, on what can be done.

Motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Ron Smith to put the John Deere tractor ~~out for bids~~ *up for sale*; motion carried. Tim suggested to contact the DNR on purchasing the state gravel piles in the pit.

Nortrax (John Deere dealer) in Grand Rapids is hosting a government day on August 14. Tim and Marvin Turner were given approval to attend.

Beach Road access (Eklund Sawmill Road): Some parts have been staked. The township has a road culvert available to use on the project.

Nancy Karjalahti will contact John Welle to inspect the blacktop on 188th Avenue (Sheshebe Point) near Greenwood.

Kirk Properties Variance Request: After discussion on the request for a variance to build a 33 foot wide private road, Ron Smith moved to notify the county board of adjustment the following concerns: 1) several residents/property owners have voiced opposition to the development of a private road,

2) The Board questions the drawing provided in the packet that indicates the vacation of an existing public road, and 3) the Board will not vacate an existing public road to be replaced by a private road, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried.

Maxwell Road Vacation: A request to withdraw the petition to vacate a section of road off 209th Place in Minnewawa Estates was received from Jerry & Bonnie Maxwell. The public hearing scheduled for July 31st will be cancelled. The Maxwell's explained their reasons for withdrawing the petition and apologized for the inconvenience.

Hasskamp Well: The board chairman was contacted by Mr. Hasskamp with some minor changes in the agreement. It will be a six inch well and will produce approximately 150 feet per minute. Motion by Nancy Karjalahti, seconded by Ron Smith, to allow the changes; motion carried.

Library Funding Request: The Friends of the Library had requested funding to help pay for the blacktopping of the parking lot and several other projects. It was noted that townships cannot generally donate to 501c3 organizations without a contract.

Township Credit Card: Ron Smith moved by resolution to approve the credit card policy, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti; motion carried unanimously. The clerk was directed to apply for a credit card through the Grand Timber Bank in McGregor.

NEW BUSINESS:

The road vacation instructions received from the township attorney were reviewed. Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Nancy Karjalahti, to use the instructions when future road vacations are requested; motion carried.

The fall clean-up day was scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the townhall location only.

The treasurer reported the bridge CD will mature on August 15. He was directed to cash it and put the money in the road and bridge fund.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Charles Quale
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

These minutes were approved as amended at the August 9, 2007 regular board meeting.