

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday September 13, 2018
Meeting Minutes**

Board Chairman Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Allen Eld and Charles Quale; Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; maintenance Tim Turner; Jason Newman, SEH; Keith Benz, Aitkin County Sherriff Candidate, and three property owners.

Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the September 13, 2018 meeting agenda; motion carried.

Motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the August 9, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending August 31, 2018: General Revenue Fund, \$174,407.42; Road & Bridge Fund \$173,897.29; Sewer Fund, 17,742.50; Road Repair (blacktop), \$312,967.17; Fire Fund, -\$3,115.28; Building Repair Fund, \$220,974.53; Parks & Rec Fund, \$83,996.90; Road Bond \$292,582.63 and the Lease/purchase \$49,097.12 for a total in the checking accounts of \$1,322,550.28. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$190,129.74 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$91,270.85. Money market interest received in August 2018 was \$248.96. Receipts for the month were \$1,547.70. August disbursements were \$312,227.82. Motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the September 2018 claims and payroll totaling \$426,199.88; motion passed unanimously. Claims list is attached.

Ron Smith and Charles Quale presented Candace Bartel with a plaque in appreciation of her fourteen years of service to Shamrock Township.

Correspondence: Aitkin County Association of Townships July 19, 2018 meeting minutes and October 18 2018 agenda and treasurer's report; Minnesota LTAP Technology Exchange September 2018 Vol. 26 No. 3; Lake Country Power August 2018 Newslines; September 2018 Echoes;

Concerns from Citizens not on the Agenda:

Mary Streeter informed the board that SCI has stated that they will take care of the post in her yard.

Keith Benz – Is running for Sherriff of Aitkin County. He provided the board and attendees with information of his history both personal and professional. He stated why he wanted to become sheriff of Aitkin county and his goals and intentions for the county as sheriff.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner reported that they have been grading, some graveling and mowing the shoulders; performed some blacktop patching, cold mix, mainly on Bridge Road; replaced the starter and difflock on the grader; have done tree clean up from storm damage; have been keeping track of the work being done on 188th Avenue; the roads have been crack sealed; tennis courts cracks have been repaired and sealed; had clay to be used in the next gravel crush from the 188th Avenue project hauled to the gravel pit; CK Service hauled 35 loads of clay to the gravel pit. All maintenance employees assisted at clean-up

day. Jon Hawkinson and Al's Carpenter will look at the gravel pit building to give quotes on the door replacements; we will be ordering salt next month.

There were seven beaver removed from Mud Lake and the beaver dam removed. It appears that beaver have returned to the location. The board discussed bringing in a beaver trapper again. It was also discussed to wait until freeze up to trap beaver and destroy dams. They also revisited the idea of a contract for colony fee provided by MN Beaver Control – William Hietalati. The clerk will get more information on the specifics of his colony fee.

188th Avenue Project

Adam Novak, 47765 188th Avenue, stated concern regarding the height and pitch of the road. He is concerned that the new angle and height of the road will cause too much water to run to his property. He stated his concern that the pitch of the road will cause the water to run away from the ditch on the other side of the road. The board discussed the area with Jason Newman, SEH engineer, to find a way to solve any potential issues. The board will continue the meeting to allow time to view the road and the engineer time to research possible resolutions to make a decision.

The 188th Avenue road project is near complete. Asphalt has been laid, aprons and approaches completed. They are still working on the ditching and landscaping work to ensure that the ditching and slopes hold; and also to complete a concrete driveway replacement.

Meeting continued to September 19, 10:00 a.m.

It was mentioned that the board would like to look at Bridge Road as the next major project. The clerk will put Bridge Road on the agenda for the spring.

The board noted that the newly painted lines on 188th Avenue were done as dotted lines instead of solid lines. The board decided that they will leave it for now, it will need to be repainted in a couple of years and the township will take care of it then

Pickle Ball Courts – cracks are repaired and sealed. Lisa Kruse is working on having someone paint the court lines.

Gravel Crush – the board would like to start on the conditional use permit application. They would like to have it in place before they run the ad for gravel crush in the township gravel pit. Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, for the township to fill out and submit the application for the gravel crush permit; motion carried. The permit will be filled out stating that the crush is to be completed by July.

Al stated that he and Tim have talked about a driveway issue by Wards property. He suggested that the board look at it for further discussion at the next meeting.

Clean-up Day – There were 162 sign-ins. Road maintenance men Tim Turner, Marvin Turner and Tom Besch, Supervisors Ron Smith, Chuck Quale and Allen Eld were assisted by Kathi Serfling, Jeff Backowski, Bruce Johnson and William Reed. We had five dumpsters, filling four, returning one empty. It was a nice day. Appliances and scrap metal will be picked up by Crow Wing Recycling. Total fees collected were \$1,009.00 and donations of \$30.00 for a total of \$1,039.00.

The clerk informed the board that she sent an email to Bruce Miller, City of McGregor, that the township has the check for fire service fees approved and signed and that once an invoice from the City of McGregor is received, the check will be mailed. The City of McGregor has not provided an invoice for the fire service fees. The check is still in the possession of the township.

NEW BUSINESS

The board agreed to have the port-a-potties by the tennis courts removed at the end of the month.

Jeffrey Anderson Variance Request – the board reviewed the variance request by Jeffrey Anderson. They noted that it is an ordinary high water variance and a road right-of-way variance affecting a county road and recommended that all county rules and regulations be followed.

The board reviewed Cory Eken’s Conditional Use Permit to rebuild the establishment to again function as a brewpub/bar that burned down this past spring.

Curtis Sparks is working to set up a Well & Septic Seminar in late spring/early summer next year.

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to change the October 11 regular board meeting to October 5, at 10:00 a.m.; motion passed unanimously.

Allen Eld requested the clerk contact Ferrall Gas to fill the propane tanks.

At 2:41 p.m. this portion of the meeting ended until the continued date of September 19, 10:00 a.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Ron Smith
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 5, 2018, REGULAR BOARD MEETING