

**Shamrock Township  
Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

The annual meeting held in the Town of Shamrock, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota, was called to order by Clerk Candace Kral at 8:15 p.m.; ten residents and two guests were in attendance. The clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert Sannes was selected as moderator on a nomination by John Brula, seconded by Steve Olson. The meeting agenda was accepted on a motion by John Brula, seconded by Allen Eld, motion carried.

March 14, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes were read by the clerk. A motion made by John Brula, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the annual meeting minutes from the March 14, 2017 meeting; motion carried.

Treasurer John Brula read the treasurer's annual report. The treasurer's 2017 annual report was approved on a motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale; motion carried.

The following agencies sent requests for donations: Aitkin County Historical Society; ANGELS; Big Sandy Water Institute; Crisis Line & Referral Service; First Call 211; McGregor Area Library; Riverwood Foundation; Seven County Senior Federation and Support Within Reach. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to allow donations to qualified charities at the town board's discretion; motion carried.

Thirty-nine people voted in the annual election. The results were as follows: Supervisor: Allen Eld 38: Clerk: Candace Kral 34. There were no write-ins.

The annual road report summarizing the work done by the road maintenance employees during the year was provided to the residents and read by the clerk. The board answered questions regarding any plans for upcoming road projects. Charles Quale informed the residents that the township is doing a large road project on 188<sup>th</sup> Avenue this year. He explained that the project planning was originally started prior to the floods of 2012. The township priorities had shifted at that time and now the project is back in the township's agenda. It was explained that this reconstruction consists of resurfacing and lifts together with drainage/ditching where needed. The project will cost approximately \$856,940 and will be bid in conjunction with some county projects to save money. The township has approximately half of the funds available and will be financing the balance of the project. The residents inquired as to any future larger road projects that the township is contemplating and were informed that Bridge Road is possibly next on their docket.

The taxable market value and net tax capacity report from the Aitkin County Auditor was distributed for review. For the assessment year 2017/tax year payable 2018 the township's total taxable market valuation is \$427,181,727 and the net tax capacity is \$4,378,534.

The McGregor Fire Department annual reports were distributed for review. The payment for 2017/payable 2018 payment is \$85,671.33; the 2018/payable 2019 payment will be \$97,778.39.

The minutes from the Board of Audit/Budget meeting held Tuesday February 8<sup>th</sup> was distributed and read by the clerk.

The Board of Audit recommendations were reviewed. The residents were informed that the board did not increase the total levy amount in their recommendations; they just shifted money around between funds to accommodate the expected needs of the township. Ron Smith also stated that they did not have the fair share levy amounts from the fire department at the time of the Board of Audit/Budget Meeting. The increase for fire protection was greater than the board had expected leaving the fire fund's budget recommendation short. The board also informed the residents that the township is working on setting up a meeting with the fire department to negotiate the current fire service rates being charged to the township. Motion made by Richard Biernat, seconded by Priscilla Eld, to set the township levies as recommended by the board. The residents discussed and reviewed the current and past levies. The residents also entertained the option of increasing the fire fund by \$5,000 to help fill the gap in funding. An amended motion made by Richard Biernat, seconded by Tom Meyers, to increase the fire fund to \$95,000 increasing the total levy to \$685,000; 2019 levies set listed:

Revenue fund:	\$ 70,000	Road & Bridge fund:	\$285,000
Blacktop Repair	\$ 100,000	Building Repair fund:	\$ 60,000
Fire fund:	\$ 95,000	Sewer	\$ 5,000
Lease/Purchase	\$ 50,000		

The total levy for 2019 will be \$685,000

Motion passed unanimously.

The residents were informed that the township could not have an appreciation celebration for the township in the event an occasion should arise without authorization by the citizens at the annual meeting. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Richard Biernat, for the expenditure allowance of \$2,500 at the discretion of the board for appreciation/celebration of volunteers and/or special service efforts and recognition of retirees to Shamrock Township; motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Richard Biernat, to set the voting hours for the March 12, 2019, annual township election as 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the town hall; motion carried. Motion made by Richard Biernat, seconded by Allen Eld, to set the time for the March 12, 2019, annual meeting at 8:15 p.m. to be held at the town hall; motion carried.

The rates for publishing legal notices were distributed and reviewed. It was recommended to continue to use both *The Voyageur Press* and *Aitkin Independent Age* for legal notices. The posting locations for township notices were reviewed. The township will continue with current posting locations. Notices are posted at the town hall, Sather's store, Willey's Bait Shop, and Whispering Pines.

The Board of Equalization and Appeal meeting will be held on Monday, April 23, at 9 a.m. at the town hall.

The spring clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the town hall.

Tom Meyers asked the board about the possibility of the township constructing an ice skating/hockey rink stating that there are more and more kids coming to the area. The board stated that they would consider and look into the idea.

The residents were informed that the township is starting to research the possibility of purchasing the adjoining property that currently belongs to the school district and is controlled by the DNR.

The residents were informed that there are individuals interested in forming a little league ball team utilizing the township ball field.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m. on a motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Tom Meyers, motion carried.

March 15, 2018

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Candace Kral  
Shamrock Township Clerk

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Robert Sannes  
Moderator

**MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE MARCH 12, 2019, ANNUAL MEETING**