

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 7, 2019
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 Marvin Turner.

Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the March 7, 2019 meeting agenda; motion carried.

Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the February 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes; motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the February 21, 2019 Board of Audit/Budget meeting minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, February 28, 2019: General Revenue Fund, \$178,558.12; Road & Bridge Fund \$123,779.72; Sewer Fund, 19,929.32; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$176,598.29; Fire Fund, \$32,971.90; Building Repair Fund, \$234,363.78; Parks & Rec Fund, \$86,907.32; Road Bond \$0.00 and the Lease/purchase \$84,252.19, bond principal -\$500,000.00 for a total in the checking accounts of \$1,057,792.91. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$190,924.73 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$91,367.69. Money market interest received in February 2019 was \$303.49. Receipts for the month were \$7,816.40. February disbursements were \$128,552.16. 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 March 2019 claims and payroll totaling \$55,097.69; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached

Correspondence: Lake County Power February 2019 Newsline; Anderson Brothers Township & City Forum on Tuesday April 23 in Nisswa; Central Applicators, Inc. memo on Roadside Right-of-way Vegetation Management; Lakes & Pines newsletter; Riverwood Clinic invitation to the Expansion & Renovation Project viewing of completed area

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Marvin Turner reported that they have been plowing, sanding and winging; repaired the sanders; provided quote for new tires for the road grader; furnaces in the town hall building have been installed; furnace in the maintenance building has been serviced;

The board was informed that Lisa Kruse contacted Charles Quale questioning if there is anything else that can be done with for the pickleball courts. The court was repaired but instead of being flat was left with a curvature that causes issues for playing the sport.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Agenda – the board reviewed and discussed the draft copy of the agenda prepared for the annual meeting to be held on March 12th. Posting locations were also discussed. It was stated that the board will recommend to the residents to post at the towns hall, Sathers' and on the website and discontinue the other locations. The clerk suggested that the board request an increase in the motion for the town celebration allowance due to the PlayBall! MN Youth Clinic that is to take place in June.

The township received signed copies of the Fire Department Contract for Services and Sub Station Agreement to be signed by the township board. The board noted that the contract for services is written for a five year term and expires this month. The sub-station agreement expires in May 2019 and is for a 1 year term. The clerk informed the board that she still has not received any budget or fair share levy reports from the fire department. The township also did not receive a budget report last year. After further discussion the board agreed to sign the fire services agreement. It was noted that over the years the wording changed in the agreement removing “agrees to pay for initial training and physicals for the first 5 firefighters...” The township will hold off on the sub-station agreement and will again request the budget and fair share information. Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to sign the Fire Services Agreement for the 5 year term; motion carried.

The Aitkin County Highway Department provided the township with the Bridge Safety Inspection Report for the boards review. The report stated some washout area that is recommended to be replaced/repared. Maintenance will perform the repair this year.

Aitkin County Land Department – Classification of Forfeited Lands – May 14th was provided to the board for their review.

Notice was given to the township by Lake States Tree Service Inc., regarding routine vegetation management they will be performing upon request by Lake Country Power, in the Big Sandy Lake/McGregor areas.

The board agreed to attend the MAT Short Course on April 4 at Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids.

The board reviewed and discussed the variance request by Arthur Christensen noting that is a rebuild and the project should not impact the township roads or other properties. It was also stated that the chairman is familiar with the location.

The board reviewed and discussed the variance request by John & Rose Harrison noting that is a variance from the ordinary high water setback and that the project should not impact the township roads or other properties.

Patrick McMahon Conditional Use Permit Request - The Township Board has no objections to the requested permit and recommends that the county rules and regulations be followed on the requests.

The board discussed the possibility of spring flooding. The township is working to be sure that we have sandbags and sand available to the home owners. The township will contact the county and state regarding working in conjunction with each other for the benefit of the home owners.

Adjourned 2:48 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Ron Smith
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE MARCH 28, 2019, REGULAR BOARD MEETING