

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday August 8, 2019**

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Allen Eld and Ron Smith; Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; maintenance Tim Turner; Representative Dale Lueck and Linda Lueck; and seven residents (sign in sheet attached).

Motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the August 8, 2019 agenda; motion carried.

Motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the July 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, July 31, 2019: General Revenue Fund, \$154,085.04; Road & Bridge Fund \$151,263.91; Sewer Fund, 22,757.01; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$232,895.19; Fire Fund, \$79,441.677; Building Repair Fund, \$268,033.57; Parks & Rec Fund, \$91,930.89; Road Bond \$-1,190.70 and the Lease/purchase \$112,771.21, bond principal -\$500,000.00 for a total in the checking accounts of \$1,220,592.18. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$191,958.16 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$91,638.57. Money market interest received in July 2019 was \$419.86. Receipts for the month were \$4,390.70. July disbursements were \$113,414.95. Motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Ron Smith wanted to highlight the McGregor Fire Department Services amount of \$97,778.39 and the fact the township is paying the final payment to Anderson Bros. for the 188th Road project. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the August 2019 claims and payroll totaling \$166,525.18; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached

Correspondence: Lake Country Power July 2019 Newsliner; LMA email regarding Weirs dam information stating that the LMA and Lake Minnewawa Lake improvement district are working together regarding installing a weir dam on Lake Minnewawa to allow walleye to move back up into the lake; Lakes & Pines FYI Board & Employee Newsletter July 2019; and Lake Country Journal August/September 2019;

Concerns from residents not on the agenda:

Tim Rinowski would like to replace his garage with a larger structure and was questioning how the road right-of-away should be measured. The board discussed his lot and building plans with him. He stated that he is not sure if he would be able meet all the setbacks and further discussed the possibilities with the board.

Mr. Rinowski also stated water issues upon completion of the 188th Avenue project. The board again stated that they are not satisfied with the finished project. They will be paying attention to the issues and continue work to correct them.

Jim Gans – 54117 205th at the end of Long Point Place – stated concern that his lane is puddling and silting in and asked if the township would repair or assist them in any way. The board informed him that he lives on a public platted road which is not a township maintained road and the maintenance of the road is the responsibility of the property owners.

The board reiterated that the township had applied for a grant a several years ago through the DNR and was informed that we do not qualify due to the fact that the property is leased rather than owned by the township. It was also stated that we have learned that there is a way that we can lease property for a longer term in order to qualify for grants. Dale Lueck was present to offer assistance in the matter. He informed the board that because the property is State Trust Land it is managed by the DNR differently than regular DNR state property. He provided us with a brief history of the State Trust Land. The process for purchasing the land was discussed and stated that this process would impose a risk that the township would not acquire the property. Dale Lueck recommended that the township contact Aaron Vande-Linde regarding extending the lease. He stated for the township to work with the regional land manager for the development of the property as the township progresses with the recreational project. Dale also stated to keep him posted as to our progress and will assist us and help to facilitate the process as we continue the project. The clerk will proceed to contact the proper individual to extend the lease. As the township works towards their recreation goals, the township may need to lease additional State Trust Land.

The board was informed that the digital scoreboard has been ordered. The mounting/installation of the scoreboard was discussed, stating that we have access to mounting post(s) for it. Charles Quale stated that he had the clerk prepare a donation request letter to the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club for \$3,000 to assist in the cost of the scoreboard purchase and part electrical and installation. The donation was approved in the amount of \$3,000 by the by the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club. It was recommended that when the township has the electrical run for the sign, to have a circuit box installed for the use of other electrical uses that may be needed in the future due to the impending expansion project of the recreation area. Also to include outlets on the dugouts for use by the ball teams as necessary. Extension cords are currently being run from the maintenance building.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner reported that they have been grading and graveling, have used approx. 1200 yards; winter salt has been ordered and received, mixed up 200 yards salt/sand; been out with the mower to widen shoulders; a quote for the striping of all roads except 188th Avenue was supplied to the board; Tim had spoked with the county and was informed that in the future we can join the county in their striping bids to benefit from their quoted price; the cutting edge has been picked up; received culverts from Aitkin; will start installing culvert on Minnewawa area next week; waiting on crack sealing, expects it to be done in the next week or two; still researching the best way to clean the Trader's Post Culvert. He wanted the board to be aware that there has been a cedar fence installed on their property on Bridge Road; Tim stated concern for winter plowing and stated that he will be careful when plowing. Tim also stated that SCI has marked the ditch to run cable down Hillcrest Road, he stated concern for the fabric that was installed when the ditch work project was complete, he has contacted SCI to be informed by the installer prior to installation. The clerk will prepare a letter to SCI to help ensure the contact.

The board was provided a quote for striping from Traffic Marking Services, Inc. The quote included striping for all blacktop roads in the township except 188th Ave. as that road was done last year as part of the project. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to accept quote for striping by Traffic Marking Services, Inc. in the amount of \$4,424.00; motion passed unanimously.

508th Lane water run-off – Cindy Bramwell infomed the board that she was unaware that there were issues involving her home and property. She provided the board with pictures and documents that show water flow and what they have done for water control in the past. She provided a brief

history of their building/permitting timeline. In her history she highlight a drain that is already present on a neighbor's property, assuming that it is there because of past water issues. She informed the board that they have done everything that has been requested of them by the county and does not believe that their house is the cause of the damage being done by water run-off. She also declared that they are performing the most recent changes requested by the county and believes that this should be the last request of them. The board informed her that they know that as property owners, they have been following the regulations and recommendations by the county. The board informed her that the drain mentioned in her history is not a township drain. The Hanson's installed it many years ago to control water that came from their property and roof line. It was not installed for road water issues. It was also stated that her circumstances is not uncommon in the area, that the township is working with Planning and Zoning to help keep them aware of possible issues when giving requirements during the permitting process.

Ron Smith informed Cindy Bromwell that we had the information regarding the special assessment of blacktopping of their road (508th Lane) as requested by their neighbors. The individuals had not picked up the information. She accepted the information and will consider continuing the startup of the process.

Trader's Post Culvert Cleaning – The clerk informed the board that she has been in contact Rian Reed, area hydrologist of Northwest Region out of Grand Rapids. He informed her that after confirming with his superiors, they are going to allow us to perform the work under our previous permit. We will need to provide them with a letter to request permission to perform the necessary maintenance off of the original permit, providing pictures and giving the purpose, process and time of when the project will be completed. He will then provide us with a letter of permission.

Engineering Services Proposal Agreement – tabled

Digital Township Sign –Jack provided the board with information and cost of a “v” shaped sign. The board discussed the benefits of each type of sign. The clerk will start the process for obtaining the required permit.

Turner Township – the clerk informed the board that Turner Township chose not to be involved this year's fall clean-up day set for September 14,2019, maybe next year.

Trees on Wotring Road – tabled

NEW BUSINESS

MDH – Drinking Water Analytical Results Report – the report was provided for the board's review

District 11 Meeting Notice – the information of the event was provided for their consideration

Michael Ruzek – Variance request for High Water Setback to construct a deck – the board acknowledged that it is a deck between two buildings and would not affect the township road or any neighboring properties - The Board has no objections to the requested variance and recommends that all county rules and regulations be followed.

Brad Busbey/State of Minnesota Interim Use Permit to mine and crush and operate a temporary asphalt plant - The Board has no objections to the requested Interim Use Permit and recommends that all county rules and regulations be followed.

Anthony Rinta - Revocation Hearing of Permit – to operate a storage facility in an area zoned Open with 6 conditions – The board reviewed the revocation hearing information and had stated that one of the supervisors had visited the site - viewing the tree removals and ditch cleaning and shaping. They discussed the proposed plans (berms, tree and bush planting) with Anthony Rinta stating that the work being done will assist in the water flow protecting the road and neighboring properties. The township will provide a letter to the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning giving their support of the continued project.

The October regular board meeting has been rescheduled from October 10th to October 8th, 7:00 pm.

A special meeting has been scheduled for August 27th, 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of Maintenance Contract discussion/negotiation.

Adjourn 3:30 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Charles Quale
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2019, REGULAR BOARD MEETING