

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING – CONTINUED  
Thursday April 16, 2020**

Board Chairman Allen Eld called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Charles Quale; Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; maintenance Tim Turner; Chad DeMenge, engineer WSB.

The clerk informed the board that she had spoken with Mike Dangers, Aitkin County Assessor, regarding the Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting held via video conference. Mike stated that they have completed a couple of video conference meeting with smaller townships and that they proceeded “okay”. The board decided to conduct the Board of Appeals and Equalization via video conference. The county will conduct the meeting using Webex. Information required for the meeting will be provided to the board electronically. The clerk will inform the county of the board’s discussion.

Chad DeMenge provided the township with a draft showing two sizes for the salt shed. The board discussed size, style and location and actual placement of the shed. They also talked about current and possible future needs of the shed. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale, to proceed with the larger size, 41x64, and style as recommended by WSB; motion passed unanimously.

The board was provided with Aitkin County Tax-Forfeited property list. A couple lots in the Sheshebe area were discussed for the purpose of a cluster septic system. It was stated that the properties nearby said lots were large enough to support their own septic systems and does not support a need for a possible cluster system in the future.

The board reviewed a letter from Steve Fenske, MAT attorney, regarding the township’s right to change a levy voted on by the residents at annual meeting. Steve Fenske stated that the town board can lower a levy voted on by the residents, but does not recommend it, sighting that it could be undermining the residents that were present at the Annual Meeting. It was mentioned that residents not in attendance at the annual meeting has stated concerns of the increase in the recreation fund. The board discussed that the purpose for the increase was to more complete a project in a timelier manner and that the intention was for the increase to last a couple of years. It was also stated that the levy will be discussed again at the next annual meeting. The board’s majority was to leave the levy as voted on by the residents at the annual meeting.

The phone and internet service at the town hall was discussed. The clerk informed the board that there is one month left on the Frontier contract for phone and internet. To change the internet now would give us one month of double payment which would be cheaper than the cancellation fee. Having SCI would improve the internet service and video meeting quality for the future, and she would like to change it as soon as would be possible. Motion

made by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith, to switch the internet service at the town hall to SCI right away, keeping the phone service with Frontier Communications; motion passed unanimously.

The clerk informed the board that the township received the Calcium Chloride (CaCl) application information from the County Highway Department. The cost to the residents would increase from \$90 to \$100. The CaCl information and applications will go to the participating residents next week.

The treasurer informed the board that he spoke with Sharon Lake of Grand Timber Bank, informing her that there is a possibility of the township paying of the bond before the 2023 minimum early payoff date. He was informed that extra early payoff by the township would not be penalized.

Adjourn 9:54 a.m.

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Candace Kral  
Clerk

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Allen Eld  
Board Chairman

**MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE MAY 7, 2020, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**