

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday November 12, 2020**

Board Chairman Allen Eld called the video meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Charles Quale; Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; maintenance Tim Turner; Chris Somners, WBS, via Zoom; and three residents, in person.

Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the November 12, 2020 agenda; motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the October 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, October 31, 2020: General Revenue Fund, \$133,515.99; Road & Bridge Fund \$111,367.15; Sewer Fund, 27,829.65; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$133,193.17; Fire Fund, -\$17,374.29; Building Repair Fund, \$323,379.05; Parks & Rec Fund, \$48,914.73; Road Bond \$308.93 and the Lease/purchase \$43,134.06; bond principal -\$244,000.00 – for a total in the checking accounts of \$806,773.79. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$ 156,627.33; Equipment CD's total 50,238.31 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$ 93,386.20. Money market interest received in October 2020 was \$166.24. Receipts for the month were \$9,388.90. October disbursements were \$50,314.25. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the November 2020 claims and payroll totaling \$71,994.10; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached.

Correspondence: Lakes & Pines FYI Board & Employee Newsletter October 2020; Lake Country Power October 2020 Newsliner; Lake Country Power Strictly Business October 2020; 2020 MAT Educational Conference and Annual Meeting; email – MN Legislature passes bonding bill today – here's how it affects townships; email October 2020 Newsletter

Concerns from residents not on the agenda:

Jim Bradley, Round Lake Presbyterian Church, was present to request the town board consider assuming responsibility of maintenance of their road, which is currently private, that goes into the church. This road also services the cemetery and a neighbor. Without the road, the cemetery and neighbor would be landlocked. The church and current neighbor has a written agreement for use of the road; however, the neighbor's property is up for sale and the agreement is not written to transfer upon sale to a non-family member. The neighbor has been performing the maintenance of the road. The church is willing to donate, or dedicate, the road to the township for purpose of maintenance and continued access to the landlocked property. The board indicated they do not foresee any issues with the request up to the point

of the cemetery. It was stated that the church will need to acquire a legal description. Other steps that are needed for the road to be deeded to the public, accepted and maintained by the township were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner reported that they have been grading and graveling, used approximately 150 yards salt/sand; 150 yards pit-run; 250 yards class5; picked up 5 tons cold mix; patched some blacktops; fixed intersections at 192nd Place and 208th Place: performed shoulder maintenance; CAT came out and serviced the loader, stated that there were high particles, was told not to worry it is common at the current hours, suggested to retest in another 100 hours, Tim will be monitoring the loader carefully; have plowed all the roads; would like the township to purchase a cold mix trailer for ease of patching and for better results; we will need more sand, he has talked to Darlows regarding the purchase of sand for \$8/yard, Ernie Darlow also offered to move his screener into our pit and screen some of our sand for \$5/yard; the board was questioned on their desire to keep working on the recreation area for the new tennis/pickleball courts at this time or wait until spring; the board stated to leave it due to the impending ground freeze and excessive mud in the spring; Tim stated that we have an abundance of wood chips, he suggested to put them around the property boarder for a type of walking trail; paid time off due to possible COVID exposure/infection for safety purpose was discussed, the board stated that they would prefer the individual stay home until test results

480th/481st Lane Turnaround Allen Eld had been to the location multiple times and has not been able to connect with the contractor or property owner. Tim Turner stated he had plowed the road by plowing in, backing out.

Chris Somners provided the township with the salt shed documents. The board did not have time to review the documents properly. He attended via zoom, stated that he would like the board to review the documents by the December meeting so the questions can be addressed and the project be put out for bid in January. The board questioned parts of the ad for the bid and was informed that some of information was part of a previous bid and had not been updated properly to our project yet. The board had difficulty finding parts that were being discussed due to the shear size of the document. The requirements for the building site were also questioned. Chris will make some corrections and get a new copy to the township

Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to accept and sign Resolution No 2020-18 – Resolution Issuing an Order Vacating Lakeview Road; motion passed as follows: Allen Eld – Aye; Ron Smith – Aye; Charles Quale abstained. The clerk will proceed as necessary to complete the process.

Shamrock Recreation Area Project – No new information
DNR Grant – No new information

Video Streaming System – All equipment has been received. John Berg spent some time here setting up the system and showing the clerk how to operate it. Claim to Tierney is processed as part of the November claims.

The new computers needed for the attendance of video meeting/conferences being attended were purchased through Amazon. They have been received and the payment is included in the Visa claim.

Grants were given to Something Cool, Inc., Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club and the local VFW to help assist in the lack of funds due to COVID. The organizations have been unable to earn/acquire the

funds as in previous years. These grants were given using dollars provided to the township through the CARES Act.

NEW BUSINESS

General Election The board was informed the recorded registered voters at the beginning of the election were 875; there were 313 absentee voters and 526 in-person voters (of which 34 were new registered voters) for a total of 839 voters for the 2020 General Election.

The board reviewed the variance request by Robert & Harriet Stahl Trustees from the required 75 ft OHW level setback on a recreational development lake to a setback distance of 45ft to install a holding tank

The board discussed the email received from Tom Bakken – 216th Place remarking on the road speed since the road has been extended becoming a through road. The board stated that that section of the road is not a township road at this point.

Meeting Adjourned 2:23 pm

Candace Kral
Clerk

Allen Eld
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 10, 2020, REGULAR BOARD MEETING