

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday May 13, 2021**

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 Tim Turner and Dan Guida, Aitkin County Sherriff.

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the April 8 Public Hearing – Richard Schindler Road Vacate; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the April 8 Regular Board Meeting agenda; motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the April 26, 2021 Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes; motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the April 26, 2021 Maintenance Employee Interview summary; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, April 30, 2021: General Revenue Fund, \$82,179.71; Road & Bridge Fund \$134,084.58; Sewer Fund, 30,225.96; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$80,312.57; Fire Fund, \$-64,264.75; Building Repair Fund, \$347,182.28; Parks & Rec Fund, \$29,418.77; Road Bond \$309.30 and the Lease/purchase \$62,607.32; bond principal - \$144,000.00 – for a total in the checking accounts of \$704,979.17. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$ 157,519.85; Equipment CD's total 50,338.01 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$ 92,568.26. Money market interest received in March 2021 was \$150.36. Receipts for the month were \$3,533.52. April disbursements were \$139,945.94. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the May 2021 claims and payroll totaling \$45,337.01; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached.

Correspondence: Broadband survey – do you want me to send it out to people/property owners that we have an email address for; Thank you card from VFW for CARES Act donation; Lakes & Pines Board & Employee Newsletter, Issue: April 2021; Rep. Dale Lueck Legislative Updates; Lake Country Power April 2021 Newline Special Edition 2020 Annual Report; 7 County Senior Federation Echoes March/April Issue; email from Samuel Seybold regarding spraying the gravel pit

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, for Tim to contact Samuel Seybold regarding spraying the gravel pit; motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner stated they have been grading, started graveling; worked on cleanup day dumpsters, hauled two loads of tires for disposal and 1 load steel was picked up; they have been working on the new ballfield and performed maintenance on the leaf sites

Tim Turner informed the board he has completed a culvert order to bring the township's culvert stock back up for the board's review. He stated the culvert pricing has considerably increased this year.

Spring Clean-up Day - The town hall site had 227 sign-ins and \$2,332.00 was collected in fees. Supervisors Charles Quale, Ron Smith and Allen Eld and road maintenance men Tim Turner, Marvin Turner and Tom Besch were assisted by volunteers Kevin & Diane Seefeld, Jack Johnson, Eric & Hunter Nistler, Kathie Serfling and Jeff Backowski. 5 dumpsters were delivered. 6th dumpster required and filled the following week. It was a cold and overcast.

It was stated there was a pre-construction meeting for the salt shed – everything was set to begin the following week.

Shamrock Recreation Area Project – no new information

Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to accept Roadway and Utility Easement provided to the township by Round Lake Presbyterian Church, providing a permanent public roadway to Shamrock Township. The township accepts said permanent public roadway including responsibility for maintenance of said public roadway; Motion passed unanimously.

The board was informed that the court date for the Kenneth Avenue Road Vacate has been cancelled due to the impending acceptance of an agreement between the parties.

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to accept and sign Resolution 2021-18: Resolution Authorizing Limited Use Agreement; motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve and sign Limited Use Agreement in regards to Kenneth Avenue as drafted by Kennedy & Graven, Chartered (Imw); Motion passed unanimously. The clerk will forward the documents per attorney instructions.

Dan Guida talked about the current and potential issues of the lakes and docks being placed on public property, stating that the county has talked about the township being the responsible government body to control of the issues. Dan suggested the township could do an ordinance similar to the one that the county previously had and has since retracted. The board stated the township does not have the enforcement power for such an ordinance. It was reiterated that it would be better for the county to be the governing body.

The board discussed the issues they already deal with concerning docks and public accesses. A public access where there is a property owner trying to block others from using it by placing signs and obstacles in the way was discussed. The board asked about the county willingness to surveying the public parcel in question. Dan will talk to the county regarding the survey. Once the property is surveyed the township will post as public property/access. It was discussed that once the access was surveyed, a letter to the adjoining property owners and for publish in the newspaper to remind people of the public accesses and rules and regulations regarding said properties.

The board reviewed the Fire Department Budget Report for 2021.

The board was informed the Aitkin County Attorney's office has completed the process for the township's Fine Allocation.

NEW BUSINESS

The town board was provided with the MDH Water Test results for the town hall.

The board reviewed the right-of-way variance request for Matthew Higgins. It was stated the board had previously approved this request and provided a letter confirming the board's approval to the county.

The board concluded that it would be a good idea to purchase “congestion ahead” signs to use during events such as clean-up day

Adjourn 2:25 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Ron Smith
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JUNE 10, 2021, REGULAR BOARD MEETING