

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday June 10, 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 two residents.

Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the May 13 Regular Board Meeting minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, May 31, 2021: General Revenue Fund, \$62,786.29; Road & Bridge Fund \$114,119.03; Sewer Fund, 30,231.08; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$80,326.18; Fire Fund, \$-64,352.25; Building Repair Fund, \$347,241.12; Parks & Rec Fund, \$29,418.77; Road Bond \$309.35 and the Lease/purchase \$62,617.93; bond principal - \$144,000.00 – for a total in the checking accounts of \$660,218.52. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$ 157,519.85; Equipment CD's total 50,338.01 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$ 92,635.97. Money market interest received in May 2021 was \$129.87. Receipts for the month were \$446.49. May disbursements were \$45,337.01. 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 June 2021 claims and payroll totaling \$57,491.07; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached.

Correspondence: Minnesota Association of Townships Memberships Cards; Minnesota LTAP Technology Exchange June 2021; Lake country Power May 2021 Newline; ANGELS thank you letter for the current donation; McGregor Community Education, Lindsey Becker, thank you letter for current donations to Big Sandy Water Institute

Concerns from residents not on the agenda

Emy Johnson – property owner at 51241 189th Place. Located near a public access. Mrs. Johnson informed the board of issues that they have dealt with regarding individuals using said property since purchasing the property. The board reiterated that the property next to her cabin is a “public” access. If she continues to experience issues with people using the access, she should follow the Aitkin County Sherriff's recommendation to call the police and report it. The board also mentioned that there has been talk of a fishing pier being installed at that particular access in the future.

Bev Rath asked the board the process/procedure for getting a road paved. The board supplied her with a brief description both written and verbal of the procedure and the best way for her to get started. They also stated what the township's requirements are for the road to be blacktopped.

OLD BUSINESS:

Matt Indihar gave a brief overview of the start of the construction of the salt shed. The board stated their position on the issues the contractor is raising regarding the specific wording of the contract. Matt stated that at this point there is not justifications for their claims.

Road Report – Tim Turner stated they have been grading and graveling; hauled 1900 yards class5; have marked out for calcium chloride, expecting CaCl trucks on Monday, June 14th; have finish and seeded the rec area back field, excess black dirt spread around behind the big ball field; serviced mower tractor; started moving ditches; moved portable speed sign; Darlow screed 1000 yards sand; were able to acquire/purchase the remaining products (sand, reclaim, crushed rock and rock dust) from Anderson Bros., product must be moved out for state pit by Sept. 1.

Gary Dehler informed the township that the road culvert near his home may have a neighbor that may be blocking it up. The township will keep an eye on it.

It was mentioned that the township could benefit from a grapple bucket for the loader. Maintenance will check on pricing.

It was recommended that the township would benefit from the sale of the loader trailer as it is not being used. It is just sitting and decreasing in value.

Bridge Road Project – no new information

Shamrock Recreation Area Project

DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant - the clerk informed the board she been in connect with Mai Moua, DNR. Since the Legislature adjourned without a budget, it is unclear of the amount of money they will get. The DNR hopes to have an answer when the Legislature meets next week.

VETs Memorial – no new information

A resident stated that he may be bring benches to be used in the open space behind the tennis courts for use by the t-baller kids.

During the past couple weeks, it was brought to the township's attentions that there are certain rules and regulations that should be put into place for the Shamrock Recreation Area. The clerk provided the board with a draft of park rules that were compiled from various other cities and towns as found online. The board agreed on a set of rules, the clerk with follow up with the attorney with regards to any procedures that should be followed in adapting said rules. Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to adopt the set of Park Rules and Regulations once approved by the township attorney; and approved and sign any resolution (or ordinance) as drafted by attorney (if required) in order to post the Park Rules and Regulations; motion passed unanimously.

The clerk informed the board the township has signed Limited Use Agreement regarding the Kenneth Avenue Road Vacate. The agreement has been sent to the opposing attorney for the Petitioners signature as directed by the township attorney.

American Recovery Act Funds – the clerk is still following the process, rules and regulations for obtaining and using the funds as they emerge. She stated it may be possible to use the funds towards the park expansion.

NEW BUSINESS

Seven County Senior Federation has scheduled two events, July and September, to be held at the town hall.

The board reviewed the Intermit Use Permit by Christopher William Nagengast to operate a vacation home rental

The board reviewed the variance request by Jeffrey Bartz requesting a variance from the ordinary high water level.

The Frontier permission request was reviewed by the board. Motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve and sign Frontier permission request Gateway W.O. #2442969; Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion to obtain a short-term loan from Grand Timber Bank using the township CDs as collateral rather than cashing in the CDs. John Brula will follow up with the bank to get more information.

Adjourn 2:25 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Charles Quale
Board Vice-Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JULY 8, 2021, REGULAR BOARD MEETING