

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday August 12, 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 Matthew Indihar, WSB; Joni Brekke and Jess Johnson, Talon Metals; Jeremy Paquette and six residents.

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

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, July 31, 2021: General Revenue Fund, \$86,695.73; Road & Bridge Fund \$215,518.86; Sewer Fund \$8,153.12; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$138,810.42; Fire Fund, \$-3,285.65; Building Repair Fund, \$376,538.78; Parks & Rec Fund, \$153,487.25; Escrow/Road Vacation \$2,545.43; Road Bond \$309.48 and the Lease/purchase \$91,987.15; bond principal -\$144,000.00 – for a total in the checking accounts of \$1,074,052.49. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$ 157,980.74; Equipment CD's total 50,387.66 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$ 117,676.37. Money market interest received in July 2021 was \$201.49. Receipts for the month were \$191,335.29. July disbursements were \$194,598.15. Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to approve the August 2021 claims and payroll totaling \$88,012.07; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached.

Salt Shed - Matt Indihar – the board was supplied with pay voucher 2 to be approved and signed by the board. Matt Indihar explained the pay voucher and how the total was derived recommending the township pay the voucher. The township approved and signed the pay voucher on Matt Indihar's recommendation.

Jessica Johnson – Talon Metals – Tamarack Project Update provided a presentation of the progress on the Tamarack Mining project. They informed the attendee of the current and future testing drilling locations. The continued process and next steps for the project were also discussed.

Correspondence: Boyer Trucks customer appreciation event invite; Lake Country Power July 2021 Newline; donation thank you card from Big Sandy Water Institute; Lakes & Pines FYI Newsletter; Dale Lueck Legislature update; MAT District 11 meeting notice; Couri & Ruppe Law Office Township Legal Seminar Notice

Concerns from residents not on the agenda

Laurie White, Steve & Mary Moe and Curt & Kathy Serfling were present to discuss with the board the culverts at Bellhorn Bay and the south end of Waban Bay. They are requesting them to be cleaned out, replaced, a bridge rather than a culvert installed or new culverts added to assist in the flow of the water. The board explained the issues with dredging or cleaning out one of current culverts that surfaced with the township discussed it with the Corp of Engineers. It was suggested to contact the DNR to request their recommendations.

Mike & Lois Christensen were present to encourage the Board to begin the engineering of Bridge Road (Long Point Place) as a start on the previously discussed impending/upcoming project.

Jeremy Paquette – Variance Request - The Shamrock Town Board reviewed the information provided by Jeremy Paquette regarding the proposed re-construction plans for the home/cabin located on 206th Place – Double “S” Acres - Lot 63. The board stated that the township has a policy of not allowing any new or re-construction closer to the platted road than 20 ft with any doors or window not running parallel to the road due to safety to both the township maintenance and the property owner’s structure and or personal property. Mr. Paquette stated the plans are to remove the existing building and rebuild on the same footprint adding a second story. The board informed him they have no objections to the addition of the second story. They do, however, object to rebuilding on the same footprint, placing the new structure at its current distance of less than 6 feet from the platted road, 17 feet from the traveled service. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to deny the reconstruction of the building in the current location allowing only a 5.9ft road right of way set back stating this goes against Shamrock Township’s standard recommendations and expectations. The board recommends allowing the building to be turned in order to place it father away from the road keeping the distance to the lakeshore no closure than the current distance; Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Roads: It was reported that maintenance has been grading and graveling, shoulder mowing; added millings to steep hills and shoulders; have gotten materials out of state pit except sand for winter maintenance sand, he will talk with the DNR regarding leaving it there for a little longer; reset culvert on 489th Street; Picked up ordered culverts from Aitkin County; reseeded back ball field and have been watering it; obtained a quote for crack sealing; Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, for Tim to hire Bergen’s to crack seal/repair 201st Ave., 202nd Ave, 487th Ave. and 188th Ave. for a total cost of \$16,900.00; motion passed unanimously. Tim is will continue to trying to obtain pricing for a grapple bucket for the loader.

Public Access at Long Point is in need of repair. Tim Turner said he has viewed the access and the township does have the materials needed. The board directed maintenance to repair said access; road salt will be ordered soon; Tim will obtain a quote for a fence and gate for the salt shed

Tim stated 216th Place has some washing that should be viewed prior to road acceptance; Road view set for 216th Place for the purpose of the acceptance of the road on September 9th at 12:30. The board will then discuss the road and the acceptance resolution at the Regular Board Meeting immediately following.

The loan for the salt shed using the sewer CDs as collateral was obtained on July 18th and will have a monthly payment due on the 15th of each month.

Shamrock Recreation Area Project

The clerk informed the board that she had been in contact with Mia Moui regarding the Outdoor Recreation Grant from the DNR, and she is moving forward with the required paperwork

The township received a \$1 or \$1 grant from GameTime playground equipment. The board was provided with a quote. I was stated the township need to playsets one for ages 2-5 and one for ages 5-12. The playsets were included in the grant. The individual items such as the swing set and spring ride were not. There was also a “Materials Charge” of \$11,517.95 due to COVID materials increase and extra fees. The total amount due after grant is credited is \$60,151.83. A motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the playground equipment as selected; Motion passed unanimously.

The board was informed the clerk has not heard from Murphy's Granite will need to contact them regarding the VETs Memorial.

Shamrock Recreations Area Rules and Regulations – We have received the invoice; however, we have not been contacted of the sign being completed. Tim Turner will follow up with Glens Sign Dezine prior to mailing the check

We have received the signed agreement but not the quick claim deeds regarding the Kenneth Avenue Road Vacate. Robert Aslop is reaching out to the opposing attorney. I am waiting to hear back from Robert Aslop.

American Recovery Act Funds the township has received the first half of the funds into the bank account. The clerk and Treasurer has put the funds into the Recreation Fund

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed the request by Adam Olson for an Interim Use Permit to operate a Vacation Home Rental. The board stated no issues or concerns regarding this permit request.

2:25 p.m. Meeting continued to Monday July 12, 3:30 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Ron Smith
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING