

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday May 12, 2022**

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Allen Eld and Ron Smith; Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; maintenance Tim Turner; and two residents.

Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the April 14 Regular Board Meeting minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The April 25 Board of Appeals and Equalizations minutes approval were tabled until the next regular board meeting as the clerk has not received part of the information required from Aitkin County Assessor's office

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, April 30, 2022: General Revenue Fund, \$39,352.86; Road & Bridge Fund \$3,332.31; Sewer Fund \$10,335.56; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$34,585.41; Fire Fund, \$41,424.03; Building Repair Fund, \$398,950.77; Parks & Rec Fund, \$137,108.86; American Rescue Plan \$59,702.95; Escrow/Road Vacation \$794.38; Road Bond \$0 and the Lease/purchase \$114,101.85; bond principal \$0; Salt Shed load \$-98,448.46 – a total in the checking accounts of \$839,691.98. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$ 159,113.15; Equipment CD's total 50,501.63 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$ 117,958.97. Money market interest received in March 2022 was \$170.44. Receipts for the month were \$213.33. April disbursements were \$52,518.21. Motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the May 2022 claims and payroll totaling \$108,159.89; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached.

Correspondence: Lake Country Power April 2022 Newsline and Annual Meeting Report; Dale Lueck legislative update; MAT April 2022 Newsletter; lakes and Pines Board & Employee Newsletter April 2022; ACAT By-Laws

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner reported that they have been snowplowing and sanding the black tops; sweeping; blading; pothole repairs; equipment repairs - fix trailer deck, replace O-rings on sweeper hydraulic, need to replace hydraulic cylinders on sweeper, new truck tire; fix planks at public accesses; Cutting edges are becoming hard to get; Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve of the purchase of cutting edges in the amount of approximately \$3,360 in advance for next winter; motion passed unanimously. Tim spoke with Tom Green regarding his driveway culvert stating that Tim will assist him in the setting of the pipe to ensure the culvert is put in correctly. Due to the age of the grader, Tim has started checking out pricing of new graders and stating that the timing from order to delivery is as much as 3 years.

The board reviewed the email from Brent Hutchens regarding the impending Bridge Road Project.

The clerk received the Calcium Chloride information from the county and has sent the info to the residents for their desired participation. The board reviewed the CaCl request by Terry Malley for the township to apply the treatment to 520th Lane at the township's expense to control the dust

by the heavier commercial traffic that is experienced there. The board restated that the township does not treat the roads for dust control, their use of Calcium Chloride on the roads is for road stabilization purposes only. Anyone who wants to have dust control and is on a township-maintained road can participate in the township's cost share program.

Shamrock Recreation Area Project

The clerk stated she has spoken with Murphy Granite regarding a pedestal memorial to the Bell Horn School. The board was provided with a sketch and approximate cost of the pedestal. The clerk will research to obtain the dates of operation for the school.

The clerk stated she has been reaching out to sports courts construction companies. The companies she has contacted with performs the courts surface only or the only supplies materials

The township needs to set meeting dates for the pavilion/bathroom and concrete for the bid opening and awarding of bid. The board set the dates of June 29 10:00 am and July 7th 10:00 am for tentative meeting dates. The clerk will post the dates once we are sure that the bid advertisements will be going out accordingly. The board discussed the price differences of the difference surfaces available for courts. The board discussed the starting of the courts. It was stated that the courts dirt work should be put out for bids. By doing this the public can see that the project is being started. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to have WSB re-stake the courts and help put together a bid package for the dirt work for the foundation of the tennis/pickleball courts, rock, sewer tile, fabric, finished to grade and compaction readied for surface (asphalt/concrete); motion passed unanimously. The township will leave all retaining walls or tiering for the maintenance to do.

Tim has spoken with Farrell Gas regarding moving the propane tanks. The have sent out a temporary tank, once it is filled, Tim can start to dig up the tanks that are in the ground for their relocation. Powerline Relocate is set up to be taken care of by the power company.

Shamrock Spring Clean-up Day was held on April 30 at the town hall. There were 135 sign-ins and \$1,512.00 was collected in fees. Supervisors Charles Quale, Ron Smith and Allen Eld and road maintenance men Tim Turner, Marvin Turner, Luke Hausser and Tom Besch were assisted by volunteers Kevin & Diane Seefeld, Bruce Johnson, Dominic Mindrum and Jeff Backowski. Six dumpsters were delivered and only five were used. It was a cold and raining.

The board discussed the township's yard waste sites and reviewed the article the clerk has written with the help of John Grones. The article will run in next week's Voyageur Press.

NEW BUSINESS

Denny Haskamp contacted Charles Quale regarding road restriction and a residence that is in need of a well. The owners are living full time at their place of residence and currently has no water. Denny Haskamp requested permission in this special circumstance to travel the township roads despite the weight restrictions to enable them to dig the well. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, that to the fact that this is a necessity issue, special circumstances, the board will allow the truck in during the road restrictions, informing Denny Haskamp that he will be responsible for any road damage incurred; motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to give the current board chairman the authority to assess each situation in the future to make the decision on a case-by-case request to override road restrictions, with the understanding that the truck given permission will be responsible for any damaged caused to the road; situations will consider facts such as a full-time resident, the necessity of the issue and is it an emergency situation; motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, that to the fact that this is a necessity issue, special

circumstances, the board will allow the truck in during the road restrictions; motion passed unanimously.

Chuck was contacted by Lake Country Power regarding a pole replacement on Bride Road stating that a portion of the road will be closed in order to perform the repair/replacement for up to a day.

The board reviewed the Conditional Use Permit by Jeremy Paquette to operate a storage garage facility under a common interest community. The board has no issues with this request.

Meeting adjourned 2:23 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Charles Quale
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JUNE 9, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING