

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday June 9, 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 individuals.

Tamarack Water Alliance Advocate.

Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the April 25 Board of Appeals and Equalizations minutes; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the May 12 Regular Board Meeting minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, May 31, 2022: General Revenue Fund, \$24,824.32; Road & Bridge Fund \$-19,417.60; Sewer Fund \$10,337.64; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$34,595.38; Fire Fund, \$41,340.37; Building Repair Fund, \$399,031.11; Parks & Rec Fund, \$136,351.98; American Rescue Plan \$-8,736.05; Escrow/Road Vacation \$794.38; Road Bond \$0 and the Lease/purchase \$114,124.83; bond principal \$0; Salt Shed load \$-96,600.41 – a total in the checking accounts of \$733,246.36. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$ 159,113.15; Equipment CD's total 50,501.63 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$ 118,026.89. Money market interest received in May 2022 was \$168.94. Receipts for the month were \$1,545.33. May disbursements were \$108,159.89. Motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the June 2022 claims and payroll totaling \$160,321.45; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached.

Correspondence Minnesota LTAP Technology Exchange June 2022 issue; Lake Country Power May 2022 Newsline and StricklyBusiness; thank you letter for donation from ANGELS; Talon Tamarack Nickle Project May 2022 Update and Dale Lueck Legislative Update

Concerns from residents not on the agenda

Lynn Anderson, Tamarack Water Lines – a of people or an organization concerned with the protecting clean water. She stated concerns the group has regarding the Tamarack Talon sulfate mine project, explaining the reasoning and their stated risks that gives the group concerns regarding the pending Tamarack mines.

Brent Hutchens requested an update for repairs on Bridge Road, stating that it is in terrible conditions and full of potholes. The board relayed to him that we recently performed an annual road view and agree the road is in need of repair. The board also stated that the township maintenance is doing what they can for care of the road and that the road in on the agenda from road base correction and resurfacing. The board plans to start the engineering on the project in the next year. Informing him that do to the extent of the project, this process will take a minimum a year to complete engineering and easement work. The project was on the schedule a several years ago, a couple residents who were against the project came to the meetings and the public hearing halting the project as there was no one present in favor of the project. The township now needs to pay off existing projects bond before they can look at acquiring another large project bond such as the Bridge Road project. Mr. Hutchen restated that Bridge Road is in “really bad shape” lots of potholes and feel that it is not

unreasonable to request the road be repaired. The board again stated they agree that the road is not in good condition; however, it is unfeasible to just do an overlay to what is currently there, as the road would fall apart again in a few years. More work to develop the proper condition of the road is required. The board again stated that it is the next project on the township's agenda pending any emergency issues.

It was also requested of the board to spray the township for mosquitos as they are so bad that it effects the enjoyment of owning a cabin in the area. The board stated they have on the agenda to discuss a request for the park area, but has never considered any sort of mosquito control within the township.

Mr. Hutchens also commented on water level of Big Sandy Lake, asking if the board could talk to whatever department controls the water level of the lake, asking them to lower the lake level. Due to the high water level, he is unable of fully enjoy his cabin and the lake. The board informed him that the township has no control or influence regarding the lake level.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report - Tim Turner stated they have been grading and graveling. The Calcium Chloride has been applied other than a couple of roads. The only road(s) still untreated at this point are waiting for the company to bring in the smaller truck as the large tanker does not fit in those areas. Tim informed the board he was given a state bid for a new Loader; however, the representative would not be able to attend the meeting. It was also stated that maintenance is dealing with a lot of beaver and muskrat issues. The propane tanks have been removed from the ground, relocated, cleaned up and repainted, the process of having them reconnected/piped to the building should be completed next week. Tim was informed that there is a culvert near Mike Zebro's that may need to be lowered, Tim will check it out. The purpose of the culvert is for the drainage of a swamp area to prevent flooding in the area. The board reviewed the email from Jeremy Paquette regarding obtaining clay to be removed from his building project on Bridge Road. The board stated that if we could have a truck there to haul some of it to the township pit, that would be a possibility, however, we do not wish to pay to have it hauled to the pit. The lake access by Timbershores is washing away. The township will need to do some repairs to prevent further damage that may affect the road. Tim will look at purchasing floating silt fence for this purpose. The lawn mower is starting to have issues, the township should consider purchasing a new lawn mower.

The board was provided with the county culvert requirements for their reviewed. This subject was tabled to the next regular board meeting, giving them time to fully review the information.

Some of the ball team parents have asked the township about the possibility of mosquito control. The board stated they have no issues with some parents spraying the park area, but could not say at this time if the township will have the area treated. The clerk will check into some pricing and report to the board at the next regular board meeting.

Shamrock Recreation Area Project – Bob Splika gave the board a summary of the communications between himself and the clerk regarding the progress for the upcoming park bids. The board stated they preferred to do the bid opening on the July 14th at 10:00 am. The clerk will then scan them to Bob for professional review. The board discussed the option of having the concrete completed this year and the building can be erected in the spring with a completion date in June of 2023. The board stated that the concrete does need to be completed to the point the VETs memorial needs to set this year and the playground container need to complete so the playground can be installed this year. The bid awarding will be held on Friday July 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

The clerk informed the board that a representative from Murphy's Granite stopped by earlier this week to view the site and set up for when the VETs Memorial is to be set. He also stated that early fall will be good for the installation as they are busy.

The courts dirt work quote ad is in the paper running for 2 weeks consecutively. The board reviewed the contract provided to the township by the township attorney. The board agreed to change the substantial completion to October 7th with final completion date to October 21st. Quotes are due on Thursday June 16th at 1:00 pm. At that time the board will review the quotes and award the job based on the quotes received. The board discussed the survey staking of the courts with Bob to ensure that they will be able to perform this task for us.

The clerk related to the board that she and the deputy clerk has been doing research for information regarding the Bell Horn School. There is difficulty in getting the dates the building was used as a school.

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed the Conditional Use Permit request by Tony Rinta/Paul Sather to construct a storage facility under a common interest community. The board has no issues with this request and recommends all county rules and regulations be followed.

The board reviewed the Interim Use Permit request by Jeremy Paquette to operate a home rental. The board has no issues with this request and recommends all county rules and regulations be followed.

The board reviewed the variance request by Jason & Stacey Wood for a variance from the 75 foot OHW level setback to a setback of 50.1 feet and from a 30 foot road right of way setback to a 20.1 foot to construct a 40'x27' residence. The board has previously approved and provided written confirmation this road right of way change and has no other issues with this request and recommends all county rules and regulations be followed.

The board reviewed the after the fact variance request by Derrick Sedin reclass a residence as a guest cottage.

The board was provided the ACAT Meeting Agenda and Minutes. The board was also informed the ACAT meeting has been moved to July 12 at 5:00 pm

2021 Population and Household Estimates are as follows: population – 1,243; household – 616.

Jack (John) Brula presented the board with a verbal resignation of his position as Township Treasurer effective immediately. Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to accept Jack Brula's resignation to be effective immediately; motion pass unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 2:23 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Charles Quale
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JULY 14, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING