

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday August 11, 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 Jack Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; maintenance Tim Turner; Stephanie Finch and Sam Seybold, Aitkin Soil & Water District and five property owners in person and one via zoom.

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

Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, approve the July 20 Special Meeting minutes - Bid Opening; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the July 22 Special Meeting minutes - Bid Awarding; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, July 31, 2022: General Revenue Fund, \$53,463.36; Road & Bridge Fund \$106,040.01; Sewer Fund \$13,144.92; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$90,851.67; Fire Fund, \$5,936.10; Building Repair Fund, \$427,301.45; Parks & Rec Fund, \$185,902.03; American Rescue Plan \$31,696.14; Escrow/Road Vacation \$794.38; Road Bond \$0 and the Lease/purchase \$142,308.42; bond principal \$0; Salt Shed loan \$-92,884.40 – a total in the checking accounts of \$1,057,438.48. The Blacktop Repair CDs' total \$ 159,369.09; Equipment CD's total 50,538.57 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$ 118,104.54. Money market interest received in July 2022 was \$213.28. Receipts for the month were \$73,497.17. July disbursements were \$44,751.63. Motion by Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the deputy treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve the August 2022 claims and payroll totaling \$47,844.20; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached.

Correspondence Lakes and Pines invitation to Bob's retirement open house for 40 years of service; LMLID annual meeting notice for August 27th 10 am at Sportsmen's Club; H&L Mesabi thank you for your purchase card; Lake Country Power July 2022 Newsline; Lakes and Pines FYI Board & Employee Newsletter July 2022 issue; MAT District 11 meeting notice for Wed, August 24, on zoom; Talon Michigan press release and follow up for Tamarack Nickel Project; Dale Lueck Legislative Update

Concerns from residents not on the agenda

Gary Anderson, 20427 493rd Lane, across from Ecklund Sawmill, stated he attended a meeting in the past. At that time he inquired as to how we could improve a drainage pond designed to hold water, allowing the water to settle prior to draining into the lake. The pond has filled with sediment and needs to be restored for optimal drainage in that area. Due to the pandemic, the project was put on hold. The project was then discussed with Sam Seybold, Aitkin Soil and Water. The board will add it to the projects list.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – It was reported that maintenance has been grading and graveling, mowing shoulders; tree removal cleanup; replace culvert on 165th Place (Barret Rd), an individual was planning on calling during the meeting, he would like the drainage gutter to the lake cleaned to assist in the flowage of the water to the lake. It is situated on public land and in order to clean it we will either need to clear trees out or the use is a mini-excavator or by hand. Have replaced the front tires on one dump truck and it will need the rest of the tires replaced this fall; tractor backhoe blew the front tire today. It will also need new tires this fall. A reminder that the pickup snowplow needs to be replaced before winter; will be adding some gravel to the turn around across from Floe Rd, the current land owner has given permission to make a turn around just into the edge of his property.

The Water drainage issues – intersection of 482nd Lane & 218th Place; and the end of 218th Place – were discussed with Stephanie Finch and Sam Seybold, Aitkin Soil & Water District. There are funds available in a couple years in Soil & Water for assistance on these projects as well as the 493rd Lane holding pond project. Sam informed the board that the funding is much more easily assessable when requests are accompanied with engineer approved plans/report, stating for Soil and Water to do the engineering could delay the projects and funding significantly. The board will check into finding an engineer to design the plans. Ron Smith mentioned another water issue on Snell Rd, off of Bridge Rd, that also needs a culvert and holding pond to control the water runoff to the lake. Tim Turner will talk with John Welle for assistance in engineer services on these projects to obtain a signed engineered plan as requested by Soil & Water.

The board reviewed the Aitkin County culvert policy for the installation of driveway culverts. The board agreed these requirements were pertinent to the township as well and will adopt them as written requirements for driveway culverts installed on township roads. The clerk will check with an attorney to obtain the proper process and paperwork to make these requirements official.

The town board briefly discussed the purchasing of a new lawn mower. It was stated that with the improvements to the recreation area, it may be to the township's benefit to purchase a more versatile piece of equipment that would help maintain the expanded park areas; i.e., sidewalks, pavilion patio, play courts etc., as well. It was agreed that further research will be done.

Bridge Road Project – it was discussed to mill the broken-up blacktop out and put class5 down for temporary road maintenance until the road can be engineered and re-blacktopped as an alternative due to the disrepair of the current surface. Stating this would be a viable option due to the fact that the cold mix is not working as the road is in unreparable condition

Shamrock Recreation Area Project

It was stated the township held a preconstruction meeting regarding the concrete & erection of the pavilion 10:00 am earlier today.

Tennis Courts – the dirt work is close to being done. We have had the compaction and density tests completed. The board is satisfied with the results.

Aitkin County Community Grant Program – The clerk answered a few questions the county had regard the project that was submitted for grant funds.

The board discussed the fees charged on Clean-Up Day. It was agreed to not make any changes. The board stated the possibility of using tickets to show proof of TVs/Monitors and tires to verify the items have been paid for.

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed the Interim Use Permit request by Timothy & Karen Jubie to operate a vacation home rental. The board had no objection to this requested and suggests all county rules and regulations be followed

Greg Bristol – 20180 472nd Lane, was present to discuss with the board an issue he has with the location of a township road. He wants to install a new septic system. It was stated that the township’s snowplow had stopped turning around on his property upon his request. Since then the maintenance driver has been backing back out. He desires to have the township road vacated. It was explained to Mr. Bristol that the currently used road that leads through his property to the property beyond his is a proscribed road, or easement. The platted road was never developed and is very unlikely to be vacated due to it leading to a body of water, lake access. It was also explained to him that the prescribed (or phantom as Mr. Bristol has referred) road – the currently traveled road is “prescribed” through “use and maintenance” explaining what that means. And that it is unlikely the township will vacate it due to the fact the it is the only access to the adjoining property. The board also stated that they will work with Mr. Bristol to get his septic system in on the property across the road.

The board stated they have been asked what will be done with the old playground equipment. It was suggested to put the old playground equipment in the paper once it has been removed. People can then put offers on purchasing the equipment.

Meeting adjourned 2:03 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Charles Quale
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING