

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Thursday October 26, 2023**

Board Chairman Allen Eld called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Supervisor. Ron Flatten; Treasurer Jack Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; 31 residents were in attendance.

It was stated that the purpose of this meeting was for the town electors to vote their approval of the town adopting urban town powers. A brief history of the township's journey toward the adoption of urban town powers together with a description of what urban town powers means to the township was given.

An Overview and a Chart of Urban and Non-Urban Town Powers handout was available for the residents' review. The board answered questions as the residents voiced concerns of possible implications and risks to the township due to the adoption of urban powers. One concern, in particular, is the town being subject to the Data Practices Act, which could be very costly to the township, that as a rural township, Shamrock is currently exempt. It was also expressed that the township can still become a five-member (supervisor) board as a rural township.

The board and residents further discussed any concerns and the pros and cons of adopting urban town powers to the best of the board's knowledge, likewise increasing to a five-member board.

A motion by Ron Flatten, seconded by Allen Eld to call for a vote by the town electors, by a show of hands, to adopt the urban powers provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 368.01 for the town; motion passed.

Vote Results as follows:

31 residents (according to sign-in sheet) and 4 board members
16 Yay 11 Nay

The board stated that they feel they have done their due diligence in researching this move; however, will further confer with the town attorney to find answers regarding the Data Practices Act and any other possible negatives to accepting urban town powers prior to notifying the property state and county offices.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Allen Eld
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 9, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MEETING