

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday 8, February 2024**

Board Chairman Allen Eld called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Ron Flatten; Brian Napstad; Treasurer Jack Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; maintenance Tim Turner; and 15 property owners.

Motion made by Ron Flatten, seconded by Brian Napstad, to approve January 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes; motion passed.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, January 31 2024: General Revenue Fund, -\$3,421.30; Road & Bridge Fund \$26,087.00; Sewer Fund \$20,507.18; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$189,040.11; Fire Fund, \$60,964.99; Building Repair Fund, \$502,037.15; Parks & Rec Fund, -\$304,821.73; Escrow/Road Vacation \$1,979.10; and the Lease/purchase \$166,098.58 Salt Shed loan -\$58,928.14 – a total in the checking accounts of \$606,297.08. The Blacktop Repair CD' total \$164,388.09; Equipment CD's total \$52,103.47 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$120,284.60. Money market interest received in January 2024 was \$212.16. Receipts for the month were \$44,978.01. January disbursements were \$76,508.92.

Motion by Ron Flatten, seconded by Brian Napstad, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ron Flatten, seconded by Brian Napstad, to approve the February 2024 claims and payroll totaling \$68,499.032; motion passed. Claims list attached.

Correspondence: : Lakes & Pines board & Employee Newsletter January 2024; Lake Country Power January 2024 Newslines; McGregor Mercury Winter 2024; SCSF Echoes Nov/Dec 2023; PERM Proper Economic Resource Mgmt. letter dated 2024 providing information regarding a ruling by Eighth Circuit Judge Susan Nelson and the filing of an Amicus Brief in appeal of the ruling; Email – Danny G owner of More Human, stating is a state-approved background screening firm under MN Group Purchasing contract; MAT Email – Township Day registration & info

Concerns from residents not on the agenda:

Resident requested that the ballot for the Township election on March 12 be put on the website for the residence to view prior to the election. The clerk will post a sample ballot on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner reported that equipment maintenance was performed on both the trucks; has rebuilt truck plow and patching the pickup plow, replace the battery

and had new tires onto the pickup; have been patching potholes to the best of their ability; trimming and clearing off road right of ways and overhanging branches; did a "one call" for the dead end sign on 476th Lane; a quote for a battery power broom/sweeper was provided to the board and was stated that it would be useful to blow out sand from the small blacktop gutters where're the tractor sweeper cannot clean, also would benefit the maintenance and care of the sidewalks and courts in the park area; the brush piles at the leaf sites have been burned

The board discussed the next steps for the Bridge Road Project. A special meeting to discuss the project will be held on Thursday, February 22 at 1:00 pm. This will be posted. An estimate from Anderson Bros. Construction was received for Tom Meyer's Road Improvement Project. The board confirmed that an engineer would be needed for the project. Discussion followed regarding preparing a road for pavement, road easements, assessments of property owners and the township guidelines for taking over maintenance of roads once they were paved.

The Board agreed to have the attorney write up a policy/contract for Town Hall Rental which will include fees and guidelines for the use of the Town hall. The Clerk will follow up with the attorney to write the contract.

The Board discussed funding the AED Units by donations and location of the units so they are accessible during snow and other weather variables. Suggestion was made to try one unit. The clerk will obtain information about concrete pad measurement.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed a property location listed on the Aitkin County Tax-Forfeited Land in Shamrock Township and the possible benefits of the township purchasing the land. Allen Eld stated he will go view the property and let the board know if ownership of this parcel of land would benefit the township.

Motion by Brian Napstad, seconded by Allen Eld, to approve and sign Resolution 2024-02 – Resolution Approving a Township Supervisor Serving as a Member of the Volunteer Fire Department that Provides Fire Service to Shamrock Township; motion passed on the vote as follows: Brian Napstad – Yay; Allen Eld – Yay; Ron Flatten – abstained.

Spring Clean-up Day has been set for April 27th.

The board Discussed scheduling a gravel crush. The clerk will check with Aitkin County regarding the obtaining of the permit.

The board addressed the ball park advertising and contemplated potential ways to disseminate the message to business owners. The application is on the Township website. A suggestion was made to bring the subject to McGregor Area Chamber of Commerce to advertise.

Motion by Brian Napstad, seconded Ron Flatten, to adjourn the meeting; Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Allen Eld
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE MARCH 7, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING