

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday March 14, 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 nine property owners.

Motion made by Ron Flatten, seconded by Brian Napstad, to approve February 22, 2024 Revised Special Meeting minutes; motion passed.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, February 29, 2024: General Revenue Fund, -\$11,885.44; Road & Bridge Fund \$15,168.84; Sewer Fund \$20,511.02; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$164,408.03; Fire Fund, \$960,262.84; Building Repair Fund, \$502,131.19; Parks & Rec Fund, -\$305,678.17; Escrow/Road Vacation \$1,979.10; and the Lease/purchase \$166,129.70 Salt Shed loan -\$57,009.73 – a total in the checking accounts of \$584,689.43. The Blacktop Repair CD' total \$166,031.97; Equipment CD's total \$52,624.50 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$120,622.21. Money market interest received in February 2024 was \$175.85. Receipts for the month were \$1,201.16. February disbursements were \$68,499.032.

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 March 2024 claims and payroll totaling \$65,890.97; motion passed. Claims list attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bridge Road Project – the board was informed that Paul Sandy will be present with the information requested at the Special Meeting for the board's review at the April Regular Board Meeting. It was suggested to invite John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer, to the meeting. The clerk will contact John Welle with the request.

It was reported that the Annual Meeting transpired smoothly, with all proceedings being uneventful.

The new elected officials together with the board were provided the information for attendance to the MAT Short Course beginning the following week

NEW BUSINESS

Special Election – The clerk informed the board that the township's copy of the Minnesota State Statutes book, last published in 2016, has undergone changes affecting statute 367.33 subdivision 1 regarding special elections. Notably, the previous requirement of a 30-60 day

deadline for Urban Towns to conduct a special election to elect 2 additional supervisors after the approval of Option A by the town's annual vote has been altered. Special elections must now adhere to the standard town election timelines, eliminating the possibility of holding the election in May due to the inability to meet the 74-day notice requirement to the county auditor. Consequently, the special election is scheduled for August 13th, coinciding with the Primary Election date. The board deliberated on whether to postpone the election until the annual town election in March. However, as a town with urban status, the option to defer to the annual election might not be viable, necessitating the need for a special election. The clerk will follow up.

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

Meeting adjourned 6:46 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Allen Eld
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE MARCH 28, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING