

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

Board Chairman Ron Flatten called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Supervisor Ernie Darlow; Supervisor Tom Meyer; Treasurer Jack Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; maintenance Tim Turner; and seven property owners in person.

Motion made by Tom Meyer, seconded by Ernie Darlow, to approve July 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, July 31, 2024: General Revenue Fund, -\$14,847.91; Road & Bridge Fund \$32,796.09; Sewer Fund \$23,308.00; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$214,764.15; Fire Fund, \$16,727.83; Building Repair Fund, \$530,683.26; Parks & Rec Fund, -\$253,999.77; Escrow/Road Vacation \$1,979.10; and the Lease/purchase \$166,289.92 Salt Shed loan -\$47,373.21 – a total in the checking accounts of \$717,700.67. The Blacktop Repair CD' total \$167,692.29; Equipment CD's total \$53,150.75 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$121,513.45. Money market interest received in July 2024 was \$274.03. Receipts for the month were \$10,316.35. July disbursements were \$152,016.49.

Motion made by Tom Meyer, seconded by Ernie Darlow, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Tom Meyer, seconded by Ernie Darlow, to approve the August 2024 claims and payroll totaling \$104,553.04; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached.

Correspondence: Lake Country Power Newslines July 2024; Pavement Resources; MAT District 11 Meeting Notice; MAT Member Survey Results; Lakes and Pines Newsletter; SCSF Echoes May/June; Voice of the Angels Newsletter; MN DNR Grant information on culver replacements; Big Sandy Lake Association letter encouraging and appreciating communications with the township.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner reported they have been grading; pulled the shoulder and reclaimed 490th along with building up the low area and adding gravel; clean up after storm damage; chipping trees trim overhanging limbs by request at 209th Place; met with John Welle about the water drainage issue on 218th Place; waiting on quotes from the repair vs the replacement of the speed limit sign; new road grader needs new batteries, they have been ordered; truck has an air valve that is related to the ABS break system that will be fixed; install tube in mower tractor; Brad Olson gave permission to have the water drain off the edge of the road, mowing shoulders and park ball fields.

Discussion followed about culvert replacement on 207th Ave and 172nd Place and the township doing the work compared to hiring out the work to a contractor with an excavator. The Board reviewed

the quotes. There was also the discussion of the Traders Post culvert and looking into the grant money available from the DNR.

Motion made by Ron Flatten, seconded by Tom Meyer, to give Ernie Darlow the authority to make decisions in the regards of selling the old road grader and trailer on MN Bid with a reserve; motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed Road Acceptance Policy which contains the road specs that the township requires to take over the maintenance of a road. Currently the policy states the road to be 22 feet and requires a turnaround if a dead end. Discussion followed about the specs of a road, the traffic counts of the road and the feasibility of the homeowners to bring the road surface up to specs to be maintained by the township. The board made the decision to keep the current Road Acceptance Policy and specs in place at this time.

The board discussed 205th Place which Jim Gantz is requesting the township to accepted as a town-maintained road. It was stated that the has viewed the road and it does not meet current specs, there is no turnaround and does not have a 22 foot top. The board stated the township will not take over the maintenance of 205th Place.

The board discussed the township maintenance of Allen Eld's road. The road has a 14 foot top that does have a turn around. It does not currently meet the 22 foot top of the Road Acceptance Policy. The board stated the township will not take over the maintenance of Allen Eld's road.

The AED Unit has been installed and there will be trainers doing hands-only CPR at the Shamrock Shindig.

The board discussed Sandy Lake Road that has a blocked public road. It is a public non maintained road that has been blocked by one of the adject property owners.

The board discussed the Donation Requests and made the decision to not donate money this year. The suggestion was made to put the subject of donations on the agenda for the Annual meeting to have the public vote on spending money on donations.

An update on the Shamrock Shindig planning was given by the Clerk. Raffle prizes have been donated, games made and vendors mapped out.

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed and approved the application for advertising by Dean Masonry.

Susan Blake (51506 206th Place) addressed the board about the variance replacing and enclosing a deck on the garage in ROW. The board reviewed and motion made by Ron Flatten, Seconded by Tom Meyer to approve; motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the letter from Al Grundner regarding the 188th Ave. Public access. The public access is maintained by the DNR, not the township.

The board reviewed the IUP home rental request by Michaela Vivant.

Motion made by Ron Flatten, seconded by Tom Meyer, to approve the Frontier Permission WO#4265465 – 20889 487th Lane; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ron Flatten, seconded by Tom Meyer, to approve the Frontier Permission WO#4263590 – 20485 493rd Lane; motion passed unanimously.

The Couri & Ruppe Law Office Town Training will be attended by board members.

The board reviewed the election dates and appeal dates after the election of new board members on August 13.

The board discussed the clean up day scheduled for September 7 from 9:00-2:00. Board members will be attending.

The board discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a truck with a dump box and plow. Tom Meyer provided the board with the process on getting quotes on the bid for purchasing a truck. Ernie Darlow will also look into costs and options for purchasing a truck. The board will continue to discuss.

The Clerk informed the board that the CYC property owners did receive the certified letter that was sent.

Meeting adjourned 7:23 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Ron Flatten
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING