

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING CONTINUED
Tuesday October 22, 2024**

Board Chairman Ron Flatten reconvened the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Supervisor Ernie Darlow; Supervisor Tom Meyer; Supervisor Brock Hayes; Supervisor Bruce Johnson; Treasurer Jack Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; maintenance Tim Turner; one property owner in person and one on Zoom.

Ron Flatten reiterated that the board had discussed the possible purchase of a new truck at the regular board meeting on October 10th, during which information was presented on purchasing a truck with a dump bed from a Minnesota contract company. That meeting was continued to today to allow time for additional information to be gathered.

Tom Meyer and Tim Turner provided information they obtain through added research on various dump bed qualities and pricing.

Ernie Darlow reported on his research into options for purchasing a standard 1-ton truck without a dump box, with the possibility of adding one later if the township decides to. He presented three comparable quotes for consideration.

The board reviewed township finances and discussed the potential impact of purchasing a new truck. They also weighed the pros and cons of buying a standard 1-ton truck with a regular bed versus a specialized work truck equipped with a dump box.

Motion made by Ernie Darlow, seconded by Brock Hayes, to purchase a 1-ton XL Ford truck; motion passed on a vote as follows: Brock Hayes – Yay; Ernie Darlow – Yay; Bruce Johnson – Yay; Tom Meyer – Yay; Ron Flatten – Nay. The board agreed to grant Ernie the authority to proceed with the purchasing decision for the new 1-ton truck.

Tim Turner mentioned that a plow currently listed on Minnbid would fit the old truck, and he recommended that the board consider placing a bid on it. Motion by Brock Hayes, seconded by Bruce Johnson, to move forward with bidding on the plow; motion passed unanimously.

The board was informed that the DNR Hydrologist, in response to the township's request to install riprap on 209th Place for road stabilization due to lake erosion, has agreed to meet on-site tomorrow (Thursday) at 1:00 pm. It was noted that Mr. Frie previously denied the written request without viewing the road in person. A couple board members are welcome to attend the meeting.

Tim reported that he met with Sam from Aitkin County Soil and Water to discuss the 218th project. It was noted that funds are available to split the project cost with the township on a 50/50 basis, provided the township can wait to proceed with the culvert work.

The board extended permission to the clerk to expend money for the continued redesign of the township's website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Candace Kral
Clerk

Tom Meyer
Board Vice-Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 14, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING