

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 9, 2025**

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; Supervisor Brock Hayes; Supervisor Bruce Johnson (present via Zoom – location posted); Treasurer Jack Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; maintenance Tim Turner; WSB Paul Sandy via Zoom; 7 property owners in person and 1 on Zoom.

Motion made by Brock Hayes, seconded by Bruce Johnson, to approve December 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, December 31, 2024: General Revenue Fund, -\$26,747.23; Road & Bridge Fund \$52,603.56; Sewer Fund \$25,430.23; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$205,924.76; Fire Fund, \$60,615.71; Building Repair Fund, \$552,481.68; Parks & Rec Fund, -\$218,401.39; Escrow/Road Vacation \$1,979.10; and the Lease/purchase \$166,573.30 Salt Shed loan -\$37,663.97 – a total in the checking accounts of \$820,466.39. The Blacktop Repair CD' total \$171,062.90; Equipment CD's total \$54,219.08 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$124,483.93. Money market interest received in December 2024 was \$290.34. Receipts for the month were \$6,279.32. December disbursements were \$57,359.08.

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

Motion made by Brock Hayes, seconded by Bruce Johnson, to approve the January 2025 claims and payroll totaling \$53,798.81; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached.

Correspondence: Holiday card from Angels; Voice of the Angels newsletter; Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID) annual report; Thank you note from pickleball players for the windscreens support; December 2024 Lake Country Power Newslines; Elan City price increase notice.

Concerns from residents not on the agenda:

A resident brought forth the subject of the negative balance in one budget fund while the other funds appear to have a surplus in the accounts. The suggestion was made to transfer funds from one account to another to even out the negative balance. The board discussed and the statutes do not allow funds to be transferred. It was stated that the residents may be able to direct the board to transfer such funds. The clerk will follow-up on the specifics of transferring monies between fund accounts. The budget is set at the annual meeting and the fund levies are approved by the residents of the township.

A supervisor brought to the board's attention a concern about parking of vehicles on a public cul-de-sac. The address will be obtained and the clerk will send a letter to the property owner.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paul Sandy from WSB provided an update on the Bridge Road project. He presented the Board with three scheduling options for starting and completing the project during the 2025 season. The Board thoroughly discussed the pros and cons of each option. After further deliberation, a motion was made by Brock Hayes, seconded by Tom Meyer, to proceed with the bidding process and select Option #1, which sets a contract start date of June 16, 2025, and a completion date of August 27, 2025. The motion passed unanimously. This schedule allows for a total of 52 potential working days, with 37 working days between the two holidays. Bids will be opened on February 10 at 2:00 p.m.

Road Report – Tim Turner reported they have been doing some brush and limb cutting, plowing, scraping and sanding roads which has caused one set of serrated blades to be used due to thickness of ice on the roads; a set of serrated grader blades will be ordered; pulling planks and work on public access on Minnewawa due to ice push up; work on cutting and clearing 8 feet back on 216th place; 2018 Mac truck is at Nuss truck in Duluth for a recall. With the board’s permission, Tim will look into purchasing an electric chainsaw.

Todd Netting, 49408 201st Avenue water flow concern was discussed during a road view with Tim Turner and board members. A solution was discussed to cut a small ditch to the west of the driveway to help with the water on the road. The work will be performed by the township in the Spring. Bruce Johnson commended the township’s maintenance department for arriving at a solution that will solve the way the water flows on the road.

The board discussed any updates on the CYC and Area Public Properties.

The board discussed the public peer and Ron Flatten will communicate with Andrew from the DNR about the grant possibility.

It was stated that there is a public hearing for Gary Hennen – 508th Lane SSD scheduled for January 16 at 4:00 p.m. The township’s attorney will be present to answer questions and guide the Board through the process.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Audit Meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 4:00pm.

The board discussed the Sub-Station Agreement from the Fire Station. Ron Flatten will follow up and get clarification for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm

Candace Kral
Clerk

Ron Flatten
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY 13, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

