

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
RE-ORG/REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday March 27, 2025**

Board Chairman Ron Flatten called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Ernie Darlow, Tom Meyer, Brock Hayes and Bruce Johnson (present via Zoom); Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; maintenance Tim Turner; Chad Demenge, WSB; and three residents.

Motion by Tom Meyer, seconded by Brock Hayes, to approve the March 6, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes agenda; motion carried.

Motion by Bruce Johnson, seconded by Brock Hayes, to approve the March 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes agenda; motion carried.

Correspondence: McGregor Area First Responders, Inc Certificate of Incorporation, 508th Lane gravel coverage, ACAT meeting notice, Carr's Tree Service, MN LTAP Exchange newsletter March 2025.

Reorganization:

The clerk performed the Swearing in of the newly elected officers, Ernie Darlow, Brock Hayes, Bruce Johnson and Treasurer John Brula.

Bruce Johnson made a motion, seconded by Brock Hayes, to designate Ron Flatten be the Chairman for the coming year; motion passed unanimously.

Brock Hayes made a motion, seconded by Bruce Johnson, to designate Tom Meyer as Vice-Chairman for the coming year; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Bruce Johnson, to pass Resolution 2025-06, Designating Grand Timber Bank as the Legal Depository & Signature Authorization, seconded by Brock Hayes; motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Tom Meyer to pass Resolution 2025-07 on the safe deposit box authorization, seconded by Brock Hayes; motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Brock Hayes, seconded by Ernie Darlow, to pass Resolution 2025-08 Establishing a Policy for the Compensation and Reimbursement of Town Officers; motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Ron Flatten, seconded by Tom Meyer, to increase the hourly rate of the Deputy clerk to \$22.00; motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Brock Hayes, seconded by Ernie Darlow, to pass Resolution 2025-09, Allowing board members to Work as an Employee at an hourly rate of \$17.00; motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Brock Hayes to pass Resolution 2025-10 Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer for Ron Flatten at an hourly rate of \$17.00, seconded by Ernie Darlow; Resolution was approved on the following vote: Bruce Johnson, aye; Brock Hayes, aye; Tom Meyer, aye; Ernie Darlow, aye – Ron Flatten abstained.

Motion was made by Ron Flatten to pass Resolution 2025-11 Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer for Ernie Darlow at an hourly rate of \$17.00, seconded by Brock; Resolution was approved on the following vote: Bruce Johnson, aye; Brock Hayes, aye; Tom Meyer, aye; Ron Flatten, aye – Ernie Darlow abstained.

Motion was made by Ron Flatten to pass Resolution 2025-12 Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer for Thomas Meyer at an hourly rate of \$17.00, seconded by Brock Hayes; Resolution was approved on the following vote: Bruce Johnson, aye; Brock Hayes, aye; Ron Flatten, aye; Ernie Darlow, aye – Thomas Meyer abstained.

Motion was made by Ron Flatten to pass Resolution 2025-13 Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer for Bruce Johnson at an hourly rate of \$17.00, seconded by Tom Meyer; Resolution was approved on the following vote: Ron Flatten, aye; Brock Hayes, aye; Tom Meyer, aye; Ernie Darlow, aye – Bruce Johnson abstained.

Motion was made by Ron Flatten to pass Resolution 2025-14 Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer for Brock Hayes at an hourly rate of \$17.00, seconded by Brock Hayes; Resolution was approved on the following vote: Bruce Johnson, aye; Ron Flatten, aye; Tom Meyer, aye; Ernie Darlow, aye – Brock Hayes abstained.

Motion was made by Brock Hayes to pass Resolution 2025-15 Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer for Ernie Darlow's product from gravel pit, seconded by Tom Meyer. Resolution was approved on the following vote: Bruce Johnson, aye; Brock Hayes, aye; Tom Meyer, aye; Ron Flatten, aye – Ernie Darlow abstained.

Motion was made by Brock Hayes to designate Voyageur Press as the township's official newspaper, seconded by Tom Meyer. Motion passed unanimously. The clerk will also publish all ads and notices in the Aitkin Independent Age as a secondary paper for the convenience of the township residents.

Motion was made by Brock Hayes to designate the Shamrock Town Hall as official posting, seconded by Tom Meyer. Motion passed unanimously. All notices and postings will also be posted at Sather's and on the township website – TownofShamrock@Shamrocktwp.org for the convenience of the township residents.

Motion was made by Bruce Johnson to allow the town officers and the deputy clerk to attend training sessions and other meetings as needed, seconded by Brock Hayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Bruce Johnson, seconded by Tom Meyer to set the meeting schedule for the 2025/2026 year scheduled at the Shamrock Town Hall at 6:00 pm unless otherwise stated as follows: April 10; May 8; June 12; July 10; August 14; September 11; October 9; November 13; December 9; January 8, 2026; February 12; February 28- Board of Audit/Regular board meeting; March 10, 8:15 pm (Annual Meeting); March 12; March 26; April 9; Motion passed unanimously. All regular board meetings will be held in person at the Shamrock Towns Hall and be available to attend via Zoom as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bridge Road Project (Long Point Place) – Chad Demenge updated the board and informed them that Paul Sandy has taken a position with another company and will no longer be working with WSB. Chad will be taking over the project and the contact for any questions. Chad stated the change will not affect the Bridge Road project.

Summaries from the road views conducted on March 17 were provided to the board for review. These included a visit to 192nd Place for a potential future public access, as well as visits to 51188 Long Point Place and 49794 202nd Place in relation to a variance request. The board reviewed the summaries and held a discussion.

The board was provided with a draft of the Road Improvement Assessment Policy, prepared by the township attorney, for review. The policy was discussed briefly, and the board agreed to continue the discussion at the April Regular Board Meeting to allow more time for a thorough review.

A motion was made by Brock Hayes, seconded by Tom Meyer, to rent a 20x30 foot tent for the Shamrock Shindig; Motion carried.

The board discussed the need for bleachers at the ball field. An email will be sent to Wayne Floe to request a donation in time for the upcoming baseball season.

Mindy from McGregor Printing requested a digital version of the Shamrock logo to be used on future orders.

The board reviewed the bonding process. John Brula provided an update regarding an alternative bonding option through Grand Timber Bank. The board discussed the new information and expressed a preference for working with local sources.

The board also discussed the potential of combining a dog park and a hockey rink, allowing the space to be utilized year-round by Shamrock residents.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Ron Flatten
Board Chairman