

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, April 10, 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; Treasurer Jack Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; maintenance Tim Turner and Luke Hauser; and 4 property owners in person.

Motion made by Bruce Johnson, seconded by Brock Hayes, to approve March 27, 2025 Re-organization/Regular Board Meeting Minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, March 31, 2025: General Revenue Fund, -\$51,598.72; Road & Bridge Fund \$43,781.61; Sewer Fund \$25,547.44; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$196,186.16; Fire Fund, \$62,623.46; Building Repair Fund, \$553,738.17; Parks & Rec Fund, -\$216,698.69; Escrow/Road Vacation \$1,979.10; and the Lease/purchase \$166,663.96.58 Salt Shed loan -\$31,796.53 – a total in the checking accounts of \$708,001.64. The Blacktop Repair CD' total \$172,773.53; Equipment CD's total \$54,761.27 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$123,115.28. Money market interest received in March 2025 was \$248.95. Receipts for the month were \$13,331.13. March disbursements were \$87,800.93.

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

Motion made by Ernie Darlow, seconded by Tom Meyer, to approve the March 2025 claims and payroll totaling \$152,550.27; motion passed unanimously. Board is withholding check # 17794 in the amount of \$108,362.18 to City of McGregor for 2024 Fire Protection until first tax payment comes to the township. Claims list attached.

**Correspondence:** Invitation to Braver Angels Workshops; Lake Country Power Annual Meeting and election information and mail-in ballot; March 2025 Lake Country Power Newsline

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The board discussed the process of bonding for the Bridge Road Project (Long Point Place). Motion made by Tom Meyer, seconded by Bruce Johnson, to approve facilitating the bond process with Grand Timber Bank of McGregor; motion passed unanimously.

Road Report – Tim Turner reported they have been doing some brush and limb cutting, tree trimming, stump grinding, snow plowing, grading and sanding roads; Equipment Maintenance- broken lights on road grader due to low branches from heavy snow; addressed concern with snowplowing on 187<sup>th</sup> Ave – resident invited to meeting; Rake edge of yard on 508<sup>th</sup> LN; the board was asked about putting Calcium Chloride flakes on the road by a private resident and they do not have any objection; Resident had questions on the maintenance of Garden Lane which is a platted road; the resident was informed that Garden Lane is an unmaintained township road; Tim will arrange with a board member for a pontoon to use for bridge repair; windscreens will be installed next week and board members will assist with installation. The placement of calcium chloride for purposes of road stability which is funded by the

township on select township roads was discussed by the board. It was noted that many roads maintain adequate stability without being treated annually. After further discussion among the board and employees the board determined which roads require treatment with calcium chloride for stabilization, agreeing that application will be done where necessary. The Board concluded that for this year the township will not be applying at the township's cost any Calcium Chloride for road stabilization purposes on Floe Road, Bridge Road, 493<sup>rd</sup> Lane or in Sheshebe Point area.

The board reviewed the site plan for the proposed construction project, provided by Jeannie Board. The board has no objections to the requested setback reduction to 10 feet, as presented, provided that the camper site and associated drainage drop line are removed from Kenneth Avenue and fully relocated within the property boundaries. Ernie Darlow abstained due to conflict of interest in the project.

There are no updates on the public handicapped fishing pier. Rick from Fisheries has talked to Andrew Brown about the project and they are in support of working with the Township to create a public fishing pier.

Motion made by Bruce Johnson, seconded by Tom Meyer, to approve Shamrock Township's Special Assessment Policy and Procedures for Public Improvement Projects; motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the possibility of looking into a "road improvement plan" for the future of the township roads.

The pickleball players requested permission to hold pickleball clinics and fundraisers to continue purchasing improvement items for the pickleball courts. The board has no objections to the pickleball clinics.

Bleachers for the baseball field will be purchased and donated by Floe International. There will be seating for 60 on new aluminum bleachers. The old bleachers will be moved to the back park so there is sitting available.

The Clerk provided the Board with estimates for the Shindig rentals from Aitkin Rental.

Ron Flatten will contact Greg Sheldon about the road drainage project and plans that were created along with Aitkin County Soil and Water. Ron Flatten will report back on the need for a Road view by the Board, which will be posted by the Clerk when the date has been determined.

Ron Flatten informed the board about the Township t-shirts that will be available from McGregor printing and he will bring sample.

The board discussed potential locations for the ice rink, the feasibility of installing it, and the responsibilities associated with its maintenance. Tom Meyer will look into the cost of building an ice rink that could be used as a dog park in the warmer months.

#### **NEW Business:**

The board discussed having Tablets to go paperless with the meeting packets. There will still need to be a hardcopy made for residents and the binder to be kept per state statute. The meeting room needs to have an additional screen to display meeting materials. The Clerk will get cost estimates on the technology items.

The board discussed the possibility of having an EV Charging Station at the townhall as a service to the residents. Ron Flatten will contact Lake Country Power to get more information and bring to a future meeting.

The board discussed having a supervisor attend the Planning and Zoning meetings at Aitkin County. They were in favor of attending the meetings to gain the knowledge and have input on the items pertaining to Shamrock Township.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Candace Kral  
Clerk

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Ron Flatten  
Board Chairman

**MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE MAY 8, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**