

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP  
CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING  
Tuesday, December 2, 2025**

Ron Flatten reconvened the Public Hearing – 498th Lane and 210<sup>th</sup> Place SSD at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisor Ernie Darlow; Supervisor Brock Hayes; Treasurer Jack Brula; Clerk Candace Kral and twelve residents in person; Supervisor Bruce Johnson, Troy Gilchrist, Town Law Center, and ten property owners via Zoom. Supervisor Tom Meyer was present as a property owner and recused himself from discussion.

Ron Flatten stated that the purpose of continuing the public hearing was to gather additional information regarding the potential cost of the project and to better understand the residents' positions on forming a Subordinate Service District (SSD) for improving and blacktopping 498th Lane and 210th Place. He reiterated that, at the conclusion of the previous meeting, the Board had encouraged all affected property owners to contact the supervisors or the township office with their input so the Board could gain a clearer sense of public opinion. At that time, the Board had noted that the feedback received during the meeting appeared evenly divided.

Flatten reported that, since the last meeting, the township received only a limited number of responses—approximately seven. Of those submitted, one expressed support for the project and the remainder were opposed. Based on the minimal feedback and the lack of a strong indication of support, the supervisors felt there was not sufficient interest from the affected property owners to move forward with forming the SSD or proceeding with the blacktopping project.

The supervisors discussed the overall feasibility of the proposed project and noted several considerations that further influenced their position. They explained that the township had attempted to obtain additional cost information, including a request to Hawkinson Construction, which was not returned. A previous estimate from Anderson Brothers, received in January 2024, placed the cost of paving 498th Lane alone at approximately \$270,000. The supervisors agreed that, given the available information, the township has other roads that currently rank as higher priorities. They expressed the need to review all township roads in greater depth, develop a clearer long-term improvement plan, and allocate future budget resources accordingly.

The supervisors further stated that, after reviewing the letters received, speaking with residents, and considering the limited support for forming the SSD, they did not feel comfortable moving forward with the project at this time. They also acknowledged the concerns raised regarding drainage and runoff issues in the area. While noting that the township cannot guarantee solutions to individual property issues, they expressed willingness to assess the situation, consult with Aitkin County Soil & Water, and explore potential resources to help mitigate some of the identified concerns.

A motion was made by Brock Hayes, seconded by, Ernie Darlow to instruct town attorney Troy Gilchrist to prepare a resolution denying the petition. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gilchrist will prepare the resolution for the board's acceptance and signature at the next regular board meeting.

Motion made by Bruce Johnson, seconded by Brock Hayes, to adjourn the Public Hearing – 498th Lane and 210<sup>th</sup> Place SSD; motion passed unanimously.

Public hearing adjourned at 6:27 pm.

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Candace Kral  
Clerk

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Ron Flatten  
Board Chairman

**MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 9, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**