

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday January 8, 2026**

Board Chairman Ron Flatten called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Supervisor Tom Meyer; Supervisor Brock Hayes; Supervisor Ernie Darlow; Treasurer Jack Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; one attendee in-person and one person via Zoom.

Motion made by Brock Hayes, seconded by Tom Meyer, to approve December 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, December 30, 2025: General Revenue Fund, \$50,527.07; Road & Bridge Fund \$164,931.56; Sewer Fund \$30,568.46; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$996,493.27; Fire Fund, \$63,899.85; Building Repair Fund, \$604,922.17; Parks & Rec Fund, -\$93,654.62; Escrow/Road Vacation \$1,979.10; and the Lease/purchase \$83,569.89 Salt Shed loan -\$14,016.47; Bridge Road Bond -\$800,000.00 – a total in the checking accounts of \$1,903,236.75. The Blacktop Repair CD' total \$176,033.31; Equipment CD's total \$55,732.11 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$124,678.41. Money market interest received in December 2025 was \$693.51. Receipts for the month were \$21,958.22. December disbursements were \$97,101.04. Motion made by Brock Hayes, seconded by Ernie Darlow, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the incident with one of the plow trucks sliding off the road while plowing due to the icy conditions and the tow truck invoice for said incident. It was stated there may be some changes to the agreement with Minnewawa Estates. Motion made by Tom Meyers, seconded by Brock Hayes, to approve the January 2026 claims and payroll totaling \$55,344.58; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached.

Correspondence: Lake Country Power December 2026; US Able Life Notice of Privacy Statement; 2026 Township Day at Capitol – March 2, 2026, information; LMLID Annual Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner reported that sanding, plowing and scraping; trimming overhanging limbs; maintenance on equipment; talked about the ability to do the preventative maintenance to 209th Place without the permit per the DNR with the agreement/permission from the property owners. Discussion concluded that fabric should be laid and covered with the riprap. The clerk will get a letter to the property owners to obtain written permission. Tim informed the board that he purchases shoes from Little Falls Machine for the plow.

Motion made by Tom Meyers, seconded by Brock Hayes, to declare the Long Point Project to be satisfactorily completed and to sign a Certificate of Project Completion approving the final payment of the project; motion passed unanimously. The clerk will forward the document to John Welle of the Aitkin County Highway Department.

218th Place – 5th Wheel Trailer - Ron Flatten informed the Board that he had discussed the matter with the Clerk and suggested contacting Township Attorney Troy Gilchrist for guidance regarding the 5th wheel trailer located along 218th Place. The Board reviewed the attorney's written response, which advised that the trailer appears to be a structure located within the

township right-of-way and in violation of county setback requirements, including the required 30-foot setback from the edge of the right-of-way. The attorney recommended first referring the matter to the county zoning office for enforcement, with the option for the township to pursue further action if the county declines.

The Board discussed the trailer's long-term placement, uncertainty regarding the exact right-of-way location, and public safety concerns related to roadway use and winter maintenance. Additional discussion noted potential shoreline setback and time-limit violations and prior contact with county Planning and Zoning, which has not taken action to date. Enforcement options discussed included renewed coordination with the county and filing a formal complaint with the Sheriff's Office regarding obstruction of the roadway as well as other properties of concern with similar situations.

The Clerk reported that Casey Anderson will be at the town hall next week to complete the technology upgrade.

The Board reviewed CYC's December land exchange proposal and discussed additional research and alternative options. The Board discussed a potential land swap involving property along the west shore, including shoreline extending south and east to the main road, as an alternative to the cliff property proposed by CYC. The discussion included the possible impacts of this option, the vacating of a roadway, and the exclusion of the road dividing the archery range. The Board acknowledged that resolving this decades-old issue will require changes and adjustments and reaffirmed its commitment to establishing clear boundaries and protecting public property. Supervisor Tom Meyer and the Clerk will draft a response to CYC Executive Director Erika Haveman outlining the Township's position and proposed a counter-offer.

There was no new information or discussion regarding a Road Acceptance Policy and Nuisance Ordinance

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Tom Meyer, seconded by Brock Hayes, to appoint election judges for the annual Shamrock Township election as recommended by the clerk; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ernie Darlow, seconded by Brock Hayes, to approve and sign Resolution 2026-01 - Appointing Absentee Judges as recommended by clerk; motion passed unanimously

The clerk presented the board with the Veteran's Bell Horn Memorial dedication plaque. The plaque will be installed by the memorial in the spring.

The board agreed to purchase a plaque acknowledging the Sam Oden Foundation for the donation of the Basketball Court.

Big Sandy Lake / Army Corps of Engineers - The Board discussed concerns regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' use of elevation data and historical records to assert shoreline and floodplain ownership affecting Big Sandy Lake and connected waters. It was noted that recent meetings were held between the Corps and Aitkin County officials without township

representation, despite multiple townships being potentially impacted. The Board expressed concern over the lack of clarity regarding the Corps' intent, methods, and potential impacts on property use, public access, and township tax capacity. It was noted that Aitkin County has requested clarification from the federal government, and that future meetings may allow lake association representation. Representative Stauber was noted as being engaged and supportive of further action if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Ron Flatten
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY 12, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING