

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday February 12, 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; Supervisor Bruce Johnson; Treasurer Jack Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; five attendees in-person and Erika Haveman, CYC Camp Executive Director along with four other people via Zoom.

Motion made by Bruce Johnson, seconded by Brock Hayes, to approve January 8, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, January 31, 2026: General Revenue Fund, \$41,999.67; Road & Bridge Fund \$132,044.02; Sewer Fund \$30,671.91; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$998,686.11; Fire Fund, \$65,948.46; Building Repair Fund, \$606,051.03; Parks & Rec Fund, -\$90,952.15; Escrow/Road Vacation \$1,979.10; and the Lease/purchase \$83,602.25 Salt Shed loan -\$12,025.00; Bridge Road Bond -\$761,511.63 – a total in the checking accounts of \$1,870,030.40. 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 January 2026 was \$612.79. Receipts for the month were \$21,525.44. January disbursements were \$55,344.58. 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 February 2026 claims and payroll totaling \$54,152.96; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached.

Correspondence: Lake Country Power January 2026 Newsliner; Lake Country Power Invitation to District Meeting on February 24, 2026; Minnesota Association of Townships January 2026 Newsletter; Minnesota Association of Townships Schedule for 2026 Spring Short Courses

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner reported that sanding, plowing and scraping; cutting grooves to release water; trimming overhanging limbs; cutting down trees on road right of way; cleaned rock that will be used for rip rap work; maintenance on equipment in preparation for the Dot inspection and inspection is complete. Tim requested the township look into the purchase of a crack sealer. In the past, one has been rented from the county, but he would like to begin pricing a used crack sealer for the township to have.

The board was provided with Bridge Safety Inspections report for review. It was noted that one bridge needs a few nuts/bolts to be replaced and tightened. Tim will take care of the recommended maintenance.

Ron Flatten informed the Board that he had contacted the County Planning and Zoning Office regarding enforcement concerns related to a 5th wheel trailer located along 218th Place and a "tiny house" situated too close to the township road right-of-way. He was advised that the County will follow up directly with the property owners regarding these zoning violations. The County requested 60 days to address the matter, after which the Township may follow up if necessary.

The Clerk reported that Casey Anderson has completed the technology upgrade. Casey was present at the meeting to assist the clerk with setting up the microphones, TV monitor and speakers for recording the meeting

YC Executive Director Erika Haveman and CYC Board Member Julie attended the meeting via Zoom. Julie reviewed the Township's proposal and explained why it was not feasible for the CYC. She then presented and described in detail a counterproposal involving a land swap with the Township, stating that the proposal would be submitted in writing for the Board's further review and discussion. The Board reiterated their commitment to resolving this decades-old issue in a way that is satisfactory to all parties involved.

The clerk presented the board with the Basketball Court dedication plaque. The plaque will be installed by the basketball court in the spring.

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

Tom Meyer and Bruce Johnson reported that they recently attended a meeting with Townships within Aitkin County that are affected, the County, State, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives to better understand the situation regarding shoreline and floodplain ownership on Big Sandy Lake. They stated that little new information was provided. Brett Samples, County Commissioner, suggested that qualified professionals, such as the Corps' engineers and surveyors, attend the next meeting to help address outstanding questions. The Board discussed ongoing concerns regarding the Corps' use of elevation data and historical records to assert ownership, noting the lack of clarity around the Corps' intent, methods, and potential impacts on property use, public access, and Township tax capacity. It was further noted that Aitkin County has requested clarification from the federal government, and future meetings may include lake association representation. An additional meeting is expected to involve more of the Corps' staff involved in the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Suzanne Andreasen was present to promote and support the township to invest in the installation and training of more AED units within the township.

The Board approved the Clerk's request to form a committee for the Shamrock Shindig planning to assist the clerk and deputy clerk in the planning and execution of the event.

The Clerk informed the Board that the Township's portable pickleball nets are showing heavy wear from several years of use. Even though the local pickleball organization usually brings some of their own portable net, it was suggested to purchase new replacement nets for those that do not have their own. Motion made by Ron Flatten, seconded by Tom Meyer, for the clerk to purchase two new replacement portable pickleball nets; motion passed on the following votes: Tom Meyer – yes; Ron Flatten – yes; Bruce Johnson – yes; Brock Hayes – yes; Ernie Darlow – no.

The Board was informed that Workman Township requested assistance with the calcium chloride (CaCl) application on 512th Lane (Wotring Rd), a townline road currently maintained by Workman Township under a joint maintenance agreement. Due to difficulties collecting residents' shares, Workman asked Shamrock Township to assume responsibility. The Board agreed to handle the CaCl application for Shamrock's portion of the road. The Clerk will notify residents of the change and outline the Township's process.

Spring Clean-up Day has been scheduled for April 25th

The Board was informed that the Board of Appeal and Equalization has been scheduled by Aitkin County for April 27th at 9:00 am.

Ron Flatten suggested exploring options to remodel the Town Hall to provide more space in the meeting room. He noted that he spoke with a contractor who referred the Township to a contractor experienced with government buildings and knowledgeable in government building codes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Ron Flatten
Board Chairman

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