

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Thursday March 22, 2018**

Board Chairman Allen Eld called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Charles Quale; Treasurer John Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; and one citizen.

Motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith, to approve the March 22, 2018 agenda; motion carried.

The minutes from the, March 8, 2018, Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Charles Quale, seconded by Ron Smith; motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Governmental Solutions; Mercury; Minnesota LTAP Technology Exchange March 2018; E-mail from William Hietalati, Minnesota Beaver Control, LLC; Aitkin County Association of Townships meeting information

Little League Team – Terry Hensel informed the board that a group has put together a little league ball team and working on a pee wee team for the Sandy Lake ball team. They have already acquired various donations and will not be charging the participating kids. Terry requested permission for the team(s) to use the Shamrock Ball Field. The Board approved the use of the ball field for the new teams. They also informed him that there is a bank account from the previous Sandy Lake ball team. We will work to obtain possession of the current account for their use. The board also informed him of more donation options available in the area. The maintenance of the field was also discussed. It was also stated by the board that an important rule is that the kids are not allowed on the township equipment. Players and attendees are to stay clear of the township equipment. The clerk will contact Jeremy Paquette to obtain the checking account info and monies.

**Reorganization:**

Charles Quale made a motion, seconded by Allen Eld, to designate Ron Smith be the Chairman for the coming year. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Smith made a motion, seconded by Allen Eld, to designate Charles Quale as Vice-Chairman for the coming year. Motion passed unanimously.

Setting of the meeting schedule for the 2018/2019 year is tabled until the April 12, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion made by Charles Quale to pass Resolution 2018-4, Designating Grand Timber Bank as the Legal Depository & Signature Authorization, seconded by Allen Eld. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Allen Eld to pass Resolution 2018-5 on the safe deposit box authorization, seconded by Charles Quale. Resolution was approved on the following vote: Charles Quale, aye; Ron Smith, aye; Allen Eld, aye.

The salaries of the board were discussed and the amount of hours that are put in by the clerk and treasurer. It was stated that there were some increases a couple of years ago. Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to pass Resolution 2018-6, Establishing a Policy for the Compensation and Reimbursement of Towns Officers with the salary increases as follows: Clerk - \$1,200; Treasurer - \$500;

Supervisors - \$200 and leave the compensations for meetings/trainings for the board the same as last year. Resolution was approved on the following vote: Charles Quale, aye; Ron Smith, aye; Allen Eld, aye.

Motion was made by Charles Quale to pass Resolution 2018-7, Allowing a Supervisor to Work as an Employee, seconded by Allen Eld. Resolution was approved on the following vote: Charles Quale, aye; Ron Smith, aye; Allen Eld, aye.

Motion was made by Charles Quale to pass Resolution 2018-8 Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer for Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld. Resolution was approved on the following vote: Charles Quale, aye; Allen Eld, aye.

Motion was made by Ron Smith to pass Resolution 2018-9 Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer for Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld. Resolution was approved on the following vote: Ron Smith, aye; Allen Eld, aye.

Motion was made by Charles Quale to pass Resolution 2018-10 Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer for Allen Eld, seconded by Ron Smith. Resolution was approved on the following vote: Charles Quale, aye; Ron Smith, aye

Motion was made by Charles Quale to designate Aitkin Independent Age as the township's official newspaper, and to also publish all ads and notices in the Voyageur Press as a secondary paper, seconded by Allen Eld. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Allen Eld to continue to use the existing posting places (Town Hall, Wiley's, Sather's and Whispering Pines), seconded by Charles Quale. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Charles Quale to allow the town officers and the deputy clerk to attend training sessions and other meetings as needed, seconded by Allen Eld. Motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bob Beaver – SEH

508<sup>th</sup> Lane – water drainage – No new information

208<sup>th</sup> Place – Vorlicky Road Vacation/DNR easement – No new information

188<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project – No new information

Road Bond – No new information

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to purchase the extended warranty for the 2018 MACK truck, Engine Plan 2 for 60 months, 250,000 miles which is the same (or equivalent) warranty plan that the township purchased for the 2014 MACK; motion passed unanimously.

The clerk informed the board that the recent event by Seven County Senior Federation was the most attended yet with 13 attendees from different townships and counties as well as Shamrock Township. People stated interest in the next event, said event is scheduled for June 5, 2018; subject to be determined.

Fire Department Meeting – the clerk and treasurer has been trying to obtain a meeting date between the township and the fire department. Bruce Miller, City of McGregor Mayor, was informed that it will be a posted, public meeting and other townships will be invited and that the township recommends a committee of township representatives be formed that would be involved with the fire department meetings. Jack Brula has figured the fire service fees using various formulas. The township feels that the formula created

by the U of M is the most fair to all townships. The board further discussed the township's options regarding the fire service fees.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Setting of the annual road view date is tabled until April 12 Regular Board Meeting

Motion made by Allen Eld, seconded by Charles Quale, to continue the Minnesota Benefits Association – Board Life Insurance; motion carried.

The board reviewed the request by a Matt Walczak regarding the existing variance granted to the previous property owner that was supplied together with a letter/email. Mr. Walczak stated that he wished to alter the current variance by connecting his garage to the house and turning the garage to be perpendicular to the township, making the garage door being 16 feet from the road. After some discussion, the board stated that they do not have a problem with Mr. Walczak attaching the garage to the house; however, they will stand by the existing granted variance in that the garage runs parallel to the traveled road surface. They will not agree to the garage door facing the road.

The board discussed the donations that were given last year and the requested donations for this year. It was also state that Lisa Kahn, Seven County Senior Federation, has been good for the township to work with and that this organization has kept to their service agreement signed in acceptance of last year's donation. Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded Allen Eld, to donate a total of \$7,000 as follows: ANGELS – \$2,000; Big Sandy Water Institute - \$2,500; Riverwood Foundation - \$1,500; Seven County Senior Federation - \$750 to continue the service events at the town hall and Aitkin County Care - \$250 if they complete their commitment of last year's service contract agreement and continue to provided events for the township residents and with the understanding that without the requested service at the town hall, there would be no donation. If Aitkin County Care does not wish to work with the township any further, the township reserves the right to put the money towards Seven County Senior Federation. Motion passed unanimously. The clerk will talk to Seven County Senior Federation to discuss possible ways of expanding their services in the township.

Motion made by Charles Quale, seconded by Allen Eld, to adjourn; motion carried

Adjourn 2:20 p.m.

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Candace Kral  
Clerk

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Ron Smith  
Board Chairman

**MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE APRIL 12, 2018, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**