

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday June 11, 2026**

Board Chairman Tom Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Supervisor Brock Hayes; Supervisor Ernie Darlow; Supervisor Bruce Johnson; Supervisor Ron Flatten via Zoom; Treasurer Jack Brula; Clerk Candace Kral; John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer; five attendees in-person and four people via Zoom.

Motion made by Brock Hayes, seconded by Bruce Johnson, to approve May 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes; motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported the following fund balances for the period ending, May 30 General Revenue Fund, \$-38,807.65; Road & Bridge Fund \$56,603.82; Sewer Fund \$30,705.93; Road Repair (blacktop) Fund, \$479,892.57; Fire Fund, \$-50,739.14; Building Repair Fund, \$606,723.39; Parks & Rec Fund \$-94,622.08; Escrow/Road Vacation \$1,979.10; and the Lease/purchase \$83,694.99 Salt Shed loan -\$4,023.61; Bridge Road Bond -\$761,511.63 – a total in the checking accounts of \$1,075,430.93. The Blacktop Repair CD' total \$178,240.60; Equipment CD's total \$56,388.89 and the Sewer Fund CDs' total \$126,476.50. Money market interest received in May 2026 was \$345.38. Receipts for the month were \$1,268.46. May disbursements were \$46,297.29. Motion made by Ron Flatten, seconded by Bruce Johnson, to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ron Flatten, seconded by Bruce Johnson, to approve the 2026 June claims and payroll totaling \$126,180.17; motion passed unanimously. Claims list attached.

Correspondence: Lake Country Power May 2026 Newslane, MN Dept of Administration Surplus Service MNBID Rate Change, EV Infrastructure Community Program Applications, Email T&I Highway Bill Mark-up, Email Dabid Sims Candidate for District 11 Director MAT, Aitkin County Broadband Expansion Update, Email Ferrell Gas Employee Special Pricing, Email Pavement Resources, ACAT April 16 Meeting Minutes, Big Sandy Lake Association Spring 2026, MN LTAP Exchange June 2026,

Concerns from residents not on the agenda:

Resident contacted a supervisor regarding a neighbor that has an unkept yard and concerns about the infestation of animals. Ron will reach out to get more information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Report – Tim Turner reported that they have been grading, sweeping blacktops and mowing shoulders; Black top patching; Used up the Class five; Tree and brush trimming; performed equipment maintenance; Calcium Chloride was put down; Brian Roth, Rocon, is continuing the gravel crush and will not be doing the sand as it is not part of the original bid and it is not necessary. The culvert by Lily Pond (209th Place) will need to be replaced and the road closed during the work but there is another way around. The board discussed an area on 202nd Place and the need to repair. The Board gave Tim permission contact and to get some pricing. The board approved the ordering of Safety shirts. Tim shared information on a new lawn mower

including pricing and brands with different models that would fit the needs of the township. He will be looking into options to test a mower before making a decision. The old mower will be kept and used as needed.

The board discussed the drainage grate installed in the ditch of high on 218th Place by a resident being too high. This location is part of the recent 218th PL and 505TH LN water drainage project and stressed the resident cannot make any changes or alterations to the newly installed drainage system. The project was done with the County and County funding. The township will maintain but it has to be done according to the County's plan. Tim informed the resident that any changes need to be approved by the Board.

John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer, updated the Board on the planned reconstruction of County Road 14. The project will include widening the shoulders, regrading the ditches, and addressing approaches identified as safety concerns in preparation for the road reclamation.

Mr. Welle explained that the approach at 189th Avenue does not meet current county access guidelines for a county road. As a result, the County is proposing to close the intersection of 189th Avenue, a township road, due to safety concerns. The Board asked clarifying questions regarding the existing roadbed, the process for closing the intersection, and the construction of a turnaround. Mr. Welle stated that the County is communicating with affected property owners throughout the planning process.

Motion made by Bruce Johnson, seconded by Ron Flatten, to authorize Aitkin County to close the intersection of 189th Ave and County Road 14 due to the intersections unsafe approach to Count Road 14 and construct a turn around on 189th Ave; motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Brock Hayes, seconded by Bruce Johnson, to approve Resolution 2026-13, Accepting a Platted Road for Maintenance by the Town (Kenozha Road); motion passed.

It was noted that the Hearing Date Regarding the Vacation of a Portion of Big View Road, was set for June 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. It will start at location and continue at the Townhall. The decision will be made at the July 9th Board meeting.

The Board discussed the application received for the Maintenance position. The applicant participated in the meeting via Zoom, during which the Board asked several preliminary questions regarding the position and the applicant's qualifications and availability. Following the discussion, the Board agreed to schedule an in-person interview for Thursday, June 18.

The Board discussed the current Employee Agreement and agreed that it would be beneficial to review and update the document, as it has been in place for several decades. The Board noted that an update would provide an opportunity to ensure the agreement reflects current employment practices and the Township's operational needs. The Clerk was directed to email a copy of the current Employee Agreement to the Board for review and further discussion at a future meeting.

The Board will review the Drug Testing Policy and discuss at the July board meeting.

Member of the Board will meet with Julie Bruns on the CYC property at 6:00pm on Friday, June 19th to view the property and discuss.

There is no new information from TWM Architecture on the Town Hall addition.

Motion made by Brock Hayes, seconded by Tom Meyer, to remove Donations from the agenda; motion passed.

The additional camera for the Townhall is being worked on.

The Board discussed the process of having a Nuisance Ordinance. The Clerk will contact the attorney as to the steps of writing a Nuisance Ordinance that will have financial obligation and legal steps.

The Board was provided with a quote from DSC Communications to replace the existing outdoor warning siren across from the Townhall. The discussion will continue at the July meeting as Dan Guida, Aitkin County Sheriff will be invited to attend and provide additional information to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the Park path to the Pickle Ball courts. The decision was made to leave the path in its current condition.

The Board was provided a copy of the 2025 Township Demographics.

The Board Reviewed the Variance Request for Neil & Carol Ostby for a Property line setback for a septic install.

The Board complimented the kids' group for building the benches and hauling woodchips on the playground.

The Board discussed a request from residents to provide a community recycling bin at the Town Hall for public use. The request was made in response to the limited availability of recycling services in the area. The Board expressed support for exploring the idea and directed the Clerk to obtain information on costs, availability, and related logistics for consideration at the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Tom Meyer
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JULY 9, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING