August 10, 2023

**Shafer Township**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

The Board of Shafer Township met at the Shafer Town Hall on Thursday, August 10, 2023. Board members present included Chairman Mark Stovern, Supervisor John Schmalz, Supervisor John Hoffman, Treasurer, Dominique Haller, and Clerk, Faith Lichtscheidl.

Residents present include Tommy Waldemar, Brad Johnson (maintenance) and Becky Strand.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Supervisor Schmalz, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Hoffman made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2023 regularly scheduled board meeting, Supervisor Schmalz 2nd motion, all in favor, motion carried with noted changes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Haller presented the July, 2023 Treasurer’s report. The disbursement register shows a balance of $52,607.42. The receipts register shows a balance of $158,239.38 and the cash control statement shows a balance of $379,494.44.

Outstanding checks show a total balance of $1,208.95.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s report by Supervisor Schmalz, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

The claims were reviewed, motion made by Supervisor Schmalz to approve the claims, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Liquor/Gambling License (Almelund Lions)**

Supervisor Schmalz reports that the Lions Club need to get a liquor license and a gambling license for the Lundgren benefit in October. Motion made to approve the one-day gambling license for the raffles by Chairman Stovern, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman, all in favor except Supervisor Schmalz who abstained from voting, carried.

Motion made to approve the liquor license by Chairman Stovern, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman, all in favor, except Supervisor Schmalz who abstained from voting, motion carried.

**Public Comment**

No comment

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Seal Coating Parking Lot / Driveway**

Chairman Stovern talked to Preferred Paving to let them know them know that all items have been cleared to seal coat the parking lot. Preferred will reach out and let Chairman Stovern know when they plan to start the project.

**Culvert and Gravel Hauling**

Supervisor Schmalz said that he has talked to the trucking company and they are talking about raising the rates. There was discussion on charging $150 per hour per truck verses per ton. Discussed possibly checking with other gravel haulers. Supervisor Schmalz will check again on the rate that was initially quoted by Ghost Trucking.

Motion made to approve hauling 1500 tons of combined gravel and lime rock with Ghost Trucking at $6.43 per ton by Supervisor Schmalz, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman, all in favor, motion carried.

**Dry Creek Gulch**

No communication between the builder and the township. We will look at the driveway permits and check dates, maybe talk to an attorney and then find someone to complete the driveways.

**Security Cameras for Hall**

Table until next meeting

**Upland Road**

A mix was put down on Upland Road and it is not working as expected. It is very dusty and will need to be taken back up and hauled back to the township hall. A motion was made by Supervisor Schmalz to have Mike Armstrong use his loader and 2 trucks. The payrate will be $150 per hour per unit, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

**Cold Storage Unit**

Supervisor Hoffman talked to Kurt Peterson and it sounds like we have a good plan in place. Supervisor Hoffman asked if he could start talking to a carpenter about adding on to the office.

Tom Waldemar suggested that we take a look at getting a bid for the ceiling and floor for updates as well.

**Maintenance Update**

Brad reports that he was trying to grade roads but still have not had enough rain.

Started on 2nd round with the mower, has gotten two passes in a couple of places.

Brad talked to Dan with the City of Shafer and made an offer on the mower. He will discuss the offer with the board and get back to the township within the next week to let us know if the offer will be accepted.

The thermostat is sticking on the truck. Discussed having the truck approved with a DOT check.

There are still a few spots that need to be cleaned up with the ditch mower.

Supervisor Schmalz talked to Park Construction about paving the road from the hall to 350th and it came in at $22,000. It would be 16 feet wide and about 500 feet. They won’t be blacktopping until Mid- September and Chairman Stovern asked if we could get another quote.

**Miscellaneous**

Supervisor Hoffman said that he talked to staff from Sunrise township about paying for the use of their reclaimer and they are not asking for any funds for this. Brad (maintenance) has been asked to get some quotes on a reclaimer possibly for the grader.

Clerk Lichtscheidl presented the River Country Coop propane pricing for 2023/2024. Chairman Stovern would like to review other pricing that comes out in September before making any decisions.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:44 pm by Supervisor Schmalz, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

Faith Lichtscheidl, Clerk

Mark Stovern, Chairman