

**Shamrock Township
Board of Appeal & Equalization
Friday, April 25, 2008**

Board Chairperson Nancy Karjalahti called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Township board members present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Charles Quale and Clerk Candace Bartel. Three representatives from the Aitkin County Assessor's Office were present. Assistant County Assessor Karen Ladd explained the relation of property sales to property values and stated that the assessor's office is aware of the recent changes in market value. Shamrock Township had 34 residential/seasonal property sales last year. Taxable market values went up based on October 2006 through September 2007 sales. The number of property sales in the county was down last year but the sales at market value did not go down. The assessor's office staff and board supervisors answered general questions from property owners.

Eighteen property owners presented their concerns to the board. Each concern was reviewed by a board supervisor and a representative from the assessor's office. Letter requests were also reviewed. One property site visit was done. The supervisors and the representatives from the assessor's office reviewed each concern and decisions were made on any changes to be made.

The report from the assessor's office will be attached to these minutes when it is received.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Nancy Karjalahti
Shamrock Township Board Chairperson

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE
MAY 8, 2008 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.**