

Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2015

Board of Supervisors:

Mike Brandt - Chair

Jerry Bohnsack - Vice Chair

Josh Thompson - Supervisor

Judy Hamilton - Clerk

Amy Donovan - Treasurer

Steve Reilly - Road Overseer

Board Chair Mike Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present.

Mark Melby, Crow Wing County Highway Engineer, spoke to the Board and residents about the County's decision to turn County Road 135 over to the Township. Melby said the County would continue to maintain the road for two years after finalizing the revocation, at which time it would be the Township's responsibility. Melby noted that once the revocation is final, residents on 135 will have to change their addresses as the Township renames the road.

Residents of Cascade Court addressed the Board regarding township maintenance of their road. At the previous meeting the Board discussed reviewing its policy on taking over roads within developments. Josh Corbett, who is a First Responder, spoke first, stressing the importance of keeping the road open to travel at all times. Dave Gray added that the people on the road have been paying their share of taxes and reaping no benefit from the Township as far as road maintenance. Mike Brandt said he did not see a problem with abolishing the current policy which calls for homes to be in place on two-thirds of the lots within a development before the Township would consider taking the road over. Jerry Bohnsack said the policy had a definite purpose and strongly urged the other Board members to consider amending the policy, rather than abolishing it entirely. Josh Thompson suggested the policy could be changed to pertain to new roads and that the Board should use its discretion when considering taking over any roads. Brandt made a motion to revise the policy so it pertains to new roads within developments as of July 14, 2015, and address a new policy at a later date. Thompson seconded the motion, Bohnsack voted no, and the motion carried.

Brandt then made a motion to take over maintenance of Cascade Court. Thompson seconded the motion, and it passed with Bohnsack voting no.

In response to the residents of Nelson Drive who inquired about the extent of repairs scheduled for the road, the Board agreed to hire an engineer to develop specifications for roadwork. Bohnsack made a motion to solicit proposals from two companies for the cost of

engineering for reconstruction of Nelson Drive and Placid Drive. Brandt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a motion by Bohnsack and second by Thompson.

The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Thompson and second by Brandt.

Claims were approved for \$19,561.26. Bohnsack made the motion to accept, and Thompson seconded the motion.

Steve Reilly and Chairman Brandt reported that they had attended a meeting regarding the bike trail, and learned that it will run along Deer Trail as originally planned.

Dave Gray suggested adding the Township's website to the minutes. It is: Deerwoodtownship.org

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamilton,

Clerk