

Deerwood Township
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2017

Board of Supervisors:

James Walth - Chair
Josh Thompson - Vice Chair
Mike Brandt - Supervisor

Carol Pundt- Clerk
Amy Donovan - Treasurer
Steve Reilly - Road Overseer

Present: James Walth, Josh Thompson, Steve Reilly, Carol Pundt, Amy Donovan
Absent: Mike Brandt

Board Chair James Walth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to approve the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to approve the December 12, 2016 Monthly Board minute. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit for the month ending December 31, 2016. All voted in favor of the motion. A motion as made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to have the Treasurer move the monies saved in certificates of deposit as they mature to the Township savings account. All voted in favor of the motion.

Roads:

Justin Schulz, from WSN, updated the Board on the progression of the road project planning for Nelson and Placid Drives. He also presented the Board with a revised project construction cost estimate for Nelson Drive. He told the Board there has been a significant increase in the construction cost estimate due to goals to minimize wetland impacts, the Township's policy regarding street and road takeover requirements, a safer road design that is at a higher elevation than the basic design approach and conservations with landowners which have led to additions and subtractions from the project costs (specifically not being granted a construction easement in a crucial area along Nelson Drive by the "island"). The increase in the project cost is being projected to be well over 30% of the original project cost estimate. The new project cost estimate was very disappointing news to the Board. The Board felt they should have been informed of this revised cost estimate well in advance of this meeting (i.e. at least July or even sooner. Because the original cost estimate was the amount used to request bonding in September.) Of course, the true cost of the project will be known when the bids are let and awarded in the next couple of months. There was some discussion regarding how to decrease the costs especially when it comes to the cost of the silt curtain. There is a possibility of narrowing the shoulder of the road going past the lake. Some design changes in the retaining wall and also the possibility of increasing the culvert size going into the creek as it passes Taylor Lake Road to lower the elevation of Arbor Lake. Justin was asked by the Board to review his revised project cost estimate to see what can be done to lower the cost of the project, and at the same time not to degrade anything, without delaying the project. In the meantime, the Board asked to stop all work on the Placid Drive project until the Board has better project costs on the Nelson Drive project.

Cuyuna Lakes Trail: Curt Westerman, from the DNR, presented the Board with a map and a joint powers mutual agreement between the DNR and Deerwood Township for right of way easement along the trail adjacent to Deer Trail Drive. The Board will review the Joint Powers Agreement and make a decision at the February Board meeting.

Deerwood Technologies Proposal: James Walth will review the proposal with Jim Mayne to see if there is a way to reduce the costs by eliminating some of the services. James will also check with another technologies vender for another quote.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Mike Brandt to approve the claims as submitted in the amount of \$54,731.12. All voted in favor of the motion.

Steve Reilly presented the Board with his monthly road report. Steve is still working on a maintenance agreement with Irondale Township for Rocca Road. He is still waiting to hear from the State regarding disaster road relief from the flooding this past summer. Steve was asked by Josh Thompson to prepare a 2018 road budget for the February Board meeting which will be used to prepare for the 2018 budget meeting in March.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to change the budget audit meeting date to March 6, 2017 at 6pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to adjourn the meeting at 8:505pm.

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

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Clerk: _____