

Deerwood Township  
Regular Meeting  
February 13, 2017

Board of Supervisors:

James Walth - Chair  
Josh Thompson - Vice Chair  
David Gray - Supervisor

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

Present: Josh Thompson, David Gray, Steve Reilly, Carol Pundt, Amy Donovan  
Absent: James Walth

Board Vice-Chair Josh Thompson 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 David Gray to approve the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the January 9, 2017 Monthly Board, January 9, 2017 Reorganization and January 23, 2017 Special Meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit for the month ending January 31, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion. This month a couple of the CDs at Unity Bank are maturing. Amy will move the funds into the Township's savings account at Deerwood Bank.

Roads:

Justin Schulz, from WSN, updated the Board on the progression of the road project planning for Nelson Drive. The plan design for Nelson Drive was discussed and approved by the Board for going out to bid. Contractors will not be able to start any work until the permits are approved. It was decided that until there is a bid accepted by the Board it will be difficult to "pin down" the cost of the project and to move forward with the bonding process. It was also decided by the Board to move forward with the Placid Drive road construction project with the purpose to bid both road construction projects together. There will be some "catch up" with the permitting process submission which is at least 3 weeks behind the Nelson Drive project. Road design for Placid Drive was discussed regarding leaving the slope of the hill as is and trying to keep the cost of the Placid Drive project to a minimum. Discussion with landowners regarding easements along Placid Drive will take a few weeks because a design will need to be approved by the Board. The most crucial part of Placid Drive is the wetland area.

Justin told the Board the \$75,000 approved for WSN engineering plan design has been exceeded. The engineering design costs have not been included in his preliminary cost analysis of the project.

Jerry Bohnsack is in the process of contacting landowners along Nelson Drive regarding permanent and construction easements. Jerry will meet with the Township attorney to see what type of sketches need to be included with the easements contracts. The attorney will need to meet with WSN. Jerry and Justin Schulz will be in contact regarding the easement process. There are 4 families out of 12 who received registered letters who have not responded back to the Township. Carol Pundt will look into how to contact these families.

Jerry Bohnsack updated the Board regarding bonding options. He suggested to the Board that in light of the revised preliminary dollar amounts for the construction project he felt the Township should have a public hearing to update the road project reconstruction plan with the new numbers and new numbers for the proposed bonding. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to have a public hearing on March 13, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Deerwood Township Town Hall building for the purpose of adopting the five year street reconstruction plan as amended and to issue, not to exceed approximately \$1,300,000 general obligation bonds. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to pay Jerry Bohnsack \$40 per hour for his consultation fees for his services on the Nelson and Placid Drive road project. All voted in favor of the motion.

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. A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to pass a resolution to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the DNR. All voted in favor of the motion.

Deerwood Technologies Proposal: Tabled for discussion at the March Monthly Board meeting.

Charter/Spectrum Proposal: Tabled for discussion at the March Monthly Board meeting.

Board of Equalization Discussion/Carol: Crow Wing County will handle any questions by residents pertaining to tax statement issues for 2017.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Mike Brandt to approve the claims as submitted in the amount of \$44,473.69. All voted in favor of the motion.

Steve Reilly told the Board he has not received a formal maintenance agreement, but, is considering an e-mail to Gail Hanson, Clerk of Irondale Township dated January 4, 2017, as the agreement between the Townships for the maintenance of Rocca Road until there is a more formal agreement. He is still waiting to hear from the State regarding disaster road relief from the flooding this past summer. In partnership with Crow Wing County, the town hall parking lot will be chip sealed in April. He is in the process of putting together a budget for 2018 for Josh. He told the Board the road budget for 2016 was under 30% until the storm damage which pushed the claims over budget. David Gray asked about a road plan for the Township. The Township does have a 5 year plan which needs to be revisited.

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

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