

Deerwood Township
Regular Meeting
March 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: James Walth, Josh Thompson, David Gray, Steve Reilly, Carol Pundt, Amy Donovan
Absent: None

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

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson 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 February 13, 2017 Monthly Board and March 6, 2017 Budget/Audit 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 February 28, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to leave the monies in the designated truck certificate of deposit and let it renew automatically. 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 Drive. The plan design for Nelson Drive was discussed and approved by the Board for going out to bid with the bid opening scheduled for April 12, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Widseth, Smith Nolting (WSN) office in Baxter, MN. WSN will review the bids for the lowest responsible bidder. The Board is planning on awarding the project in May or June.

Easements for Nelson Drive: Legal descriptions of the easements are being drafted. Jerry Bohnsack will be meeting with the land owners to sign the easements. There is only one landowner whom has not had a sit down discussion regarding the proposed easement for their property. Permanent easements will be filed with Crow Wing County. Temporary easements will be over after the project has been completed.

Placid Drive: Justin Schulz had disappointing news regarding the permitting progress on Placid Drive. Because the Purple Flower Bladder Wart is an endangered plant species and may be in the location of the project where fill will be needed for the road, the DNR is mandating a survey which can only be done in the summer months when the plant is in bloom. If the plant is found a Takings Permit will need to be approved for the project. This means if there are plants in the area they will need to be removed and replanted away from the project site. The road construction on Placid Drive cannot move forward until the survey is completed.

Discussion ensued around how the hold on the Placid Drive project affects the Nelson Drive project. It was decided by the Board to bid the Placid Drive project separate from the Nelson Drive road project. The Placid Drive project bid will be determined at a later date for completion in the summer of 2018.

Disaster Relief Update/Steve Reilly: Nothing to report.

Spring Road Inspection: It was decided by the Board that David Gray and James Walth will do a drive along with Steve Reilly sometime before June to inspect the Township roads. It will probably be 2 separate ride alongs to be scheduled between the Board members and Steve Reilly.

Steve Reilly asked the Board how they would like to address the proposed road projects he has in his 2017 Road budget. It was decided to address the projects and approve them on a "as we go" basis.

Deerwood Technologies Proposal: The Board decided not to act on the Deerwood Technologies Proposal.

Charter/Spectrum Proposal: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to switch from Century Link to Spectrum as the service provider for the Township internet and phone service. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the claims as submitted in the amount of \$23,406.56. All voted in favor of the motion.

Variance Request/DRT Request – Donald & Bonita Erickson: The DRT was completed in February.

Contract with Crow Wing County to Seal Coat the Deerwood Township Town Hall Parking Lot: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to enter into a contract with Crow Wing County to seal coat the Deerwood Township Town Hall parking lot costing the Township \$3,384.18 as listed Attachment A of the contract. All voted in favor of the motion.

Deerwood Fire Department-David Gray: David attended the February 15, 2017. He presented the Board with the report he received at the meeting. The Deerwood Fire contract for Deerwood Township will be \$53,397.97 for 2017 and 2018.

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to report.

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

Supervisor: _____

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Clerk: _____