

Deerwood Township  
Regular Meeting  
June 12, 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, Carol Pundt, Amy Donovan, Steve Reilly  
Absent: None

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 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 May 8, 2017, Monthly Board meeting and May 18, 2017 Special Board meeting minutes with one correction on the May 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. The Township supervisors serve a 4 year term NOT 3 years. 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 May 31, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion. The Bond, in the amount of \$1,300,000, for the Nelson Road and Placid Drive road construction was finalized and received on June 8, 2017. Amy's computer has "crashed" again. It is being repaired. Amy and Carol will be attending a Township Accounting class in June.

Roads:

Nelson Road Project Update: There will be a pre-construction meeting on June 21, 2017 at the Widseth Nolting Smith offices in Baxter at 10:00 am. At which time the start date for the project will be discussed.

Century Link is requesting a separate easement in order to move a tower which is in the way of the Nelson Road construction project.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the Braun Intertec proposal to test soil, and pavement asphalt content, aggregate gradation and the thickness and density of the pavement during the Nelson Road project. WSN will deliver the samples to Braun Intertec for testing. All voted in favor of the motion. The testing will assure the Township that the construction project is being done per the specifications of the contract.

Easements for Nelson Drive: All easements for the Nelson Road project have been obtained or are in order.

Curt Ohlander voiced his concerns regarding boats being launched off Nelson Rd. There is not a boat landing on Nelson Road. The area discussed is posted as a no launching area. The design of the road has been recommend by the engineering firm WSN which the Township has approved for construction. If the road is being blocked to through traffic it should be reported to the Crow Wing County Sherriff's Department by the party observing the situation.

Placid Drive: A letter to the Board was received from Justin Schulz, from Widseth Smith Nolting (WSN). The letter updated the Board regarding the progress to date on the Placid Drive road project. An excerpt from the letter states the project is at a stand-still as the botanical survey cannot be completed until the Purple-flowered Bladderwart plant is mature enough to clearly identify, which isn't until mid-July or early August. The anticipated schedule is now to complete all permitting requirements, bid the project this fall to begin construction in the spring of 2018.

Road Report/Steve Reilly: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve up to \$33,660 in costs for gravel road dust control in the Township. All voted in favor of the motion.

There is a culvert obstruction on the waterway coming off Arbor Lake. A trapper will be hired to take care of the problem.

Cascade Court: The Township received a two bids to reclaim the road. One bid from Anderson Brothers and a second one from Holmwig Excavating. After discussion with local residents, living along the road, it was decided by the Board to not reclaim the road at this time. The pot holes will be filled in with class 5. Steve Reilly will check with the County to see if there are records regarding the responsibility and payment for maintenance of the road between the Township and the developer. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to repair the road instead of reclaiming it. All voted in favor of the motion. David Gray abstained from voting.

Disaster Relief from Storm Damage in 2016: Monies in the amount of \$76,340.63 were received by the Township from the State of Minnesota. This is a partial payment with additional monies expected in the future.

4-ton Weight Limit Lindberg Road & Placid Drive: The Township has the authority to post the 4 ton weight limit signs during the Nelson Road construction project. The roads will not be used by Tri-City as a haul route during the Nelson Road construction project.

Street Light Request – CR101 & CR 110: The Board did not see a need for the street lighting at this time. No action was taken.

North Hamlet Lake Rd: It was brought to the attention of the Board that the back half of the circle road is being altered. The Board will mail out a notification to the party altering the road to cease the activity.

Correspondence from CWC Regarding Rail Road Crossing Safety Program: The Board decided this program pertained to the City of Deerwood.

Charter/Spectrum Contract: The cable for the high speed internet has been trenched up to the building. The high speed internet is ready to be installed.

Deerwood Fire Contract/Mike Bodle: The Township was presented the new 5 year contract to begin January 1, 2018. The Township will ask the Township attorney to review the document.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the claims as submitted in the amount of \$47,530.05. All voted in favor of the motion.

Variance Request: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray recommend approval of the variance request for Wyane Courneya. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to have a special meeting on June 26, 2017, to give an update on the Nelson Road construction project, review information to establish an administrative policy for the Township Board, to discuss the need for a Township Weed Supervisor and to review information presented to the Board regarding an Emergency Management Board policy. All voted in favor of the motion.

MATIT Insurance Review: Minnesota Townships Association will be sending out someone to determine the replacement cost of the Town Hall building. Steve Reilly will update the list of items insured on the Inland Marine policy schedule.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to hire Borden, Steinbauer, Knudson and Krueger as the legal counsel for the Township. All voted in favor of the motion.

Town Hall Plant Update: The parking lot has been chip sealed.

A motion was made by James Walth to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_