

Deerwood Township
Regular Meeting
September 11, 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 David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion.

James Walth informed those in attendance of the newly adopted Township Administrative Board policy which includes public participation at Board meetings.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the August 14, 2017, Monthly Board meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion. A motion was made by Josh Thompson to strike the reference to boat landing in paragraph 5 on the first page and the first paragraph on the second page of the minutes of the August 24, 2017 special board meeting. After Board discussion Josh withdrew his motion. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approved the August 24, 2017 Special Board meeting striking the reference to boat landing in paragraph 5. 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 August 31, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion. A second payment in the amount of \$232,718.65 was paid out to Tri-City Paving.

Roads:

Nelson Road Project Update: Justin Schulz, from Widseth, Nolting, Smith, told the Board the subcontractor will be in the area on Wednesday to start shaping the shoulders of the roads involved in the road reconstruction project. Tri-City Paving, Inc. will finish off replacing the road work by replacing the top soil, shouldering, repairing driveways, etc. Core samples of the road have been taken for proper compaction inspection according to the specifications of the contract with Tri-City Paving. Test results to date say everything has met contract specifications. Justin Schulz is still waiting for maximum density test results.

James Walth told the Board all his concerns regarding the Nelson Drive road reconstruction project have been eliminated regarding the road work. Substantial completion, according to the contract, was met before 9/1/2017. Therefore no penalties were incurred by Tri-City Paving, Inc.

Response to Shirt Lake Association's statement read by Fred Tessmer to the Township Board at the August 24, 2017, Special Board Meeting: James Walth read a statement in his own words. Summarizing that he had received phone calls from Shirt Lake area residents regarding the unofficial boat landing area onto Shirt Lake via Nelson Drive. He stated there is no official boat landing on Shirt Lake. The Township has not appointed anyone to patrol Nelson Drive. The landing area has been used by residents for the past 50 years. The DNR has used the landing area to take their boats on and off the lake when they are patrolling and in emergency situations. A motion was made by James Walth that Deerwood Township will not prohibit residents of Shirt Lake from using the road bed as an unofficial boat landing area. The motion died for a lack of a second.

A five minute recess was requested at 7:47pm. The meeting resumed at 7:54 pm.

More discussion ensued with Fred Tessmer, stating the Shirt Lake Association would repair any road bed erosion from boat trailers and vehicles using the unofficial landing area. Also, the Shirt Lake Association would be willing to help pay to have a landing in the area for local use.

Some of the resident's concerns voiced were property value decreasing, access for emergency vehicles, access needed by residents that do not have boat launching capabilities from their property, etc.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray for the Township to enforce Minnesota State Statute 160.2715 Right-of Way use on Nelson Drive concerning the unofficial boat landing area. Reasons for the enforcement included safety, destruction of property, and liability issues. The motion was withdrawn by Josh Thompson.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to suspend the plan to install "no lake access" signs on Nelson Drive and forward concerns to the Township attorney for her opinion. All voted in favor of the motion. The Township wants to work in willing participation with the area residents.

Placid Drive: Justin Schulz, from Widseth, Nolting, Smith, told the Board the sooner the Board makes a decision on whether to approve the current design of the road or make changes to the elevation of the road design the sooner they will be able to submit permit applications for the project. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to keep the road design project at the original specifications as planned. All voted in favor of the motion.

Lindberg Drive: A permanent weight restriction sign was placed on Lindberg Drive by the Township. This was in response to the Township requesting road weight restrictions on Lindberg Drive during the construction phase of Nelson Drive. Since the Nelson Drive road project is nearing completion the sign on Lindberg Drive is no longer needed. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to have Steve Reilly remove the weight restriction sign on Lindberg Drive. All voted in favor of the motion.

Steve Reilly reported to the Board that repairs on the cutter have been constant this summer. He asked for permission to test and inspect a cutter and tractor that is for sale. Steve will report back to the Board at the October Board meeting.

Fall Road Inspection: The Board felt that a fall road inspection is not necessary this year. All the Board members have had a chance to inspect portions of the roads in the Township this summer.

Fisher's Lane Road Vacation Petition: A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to accept the petition from Thomas and Marilyn Connery to vacate a portion of Fisher's Lane (Lots 1 through 5 and 23 through 27 Block 6 Hamlet Shores and Lots 6 through 17, Block 6, Hamlet Shores) with a Public Hearing date of 10/14/2017 at 10:00am. All voted in favor of the motion.

Road Chip Seal Process: This subject was discussed at the August 24, 2017 Special meeting.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the claims as submitted in the amount of \$255,436.06. All voted in favor of the motion.

Variance Request: None

2020 Census Preparation: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to appoint Amy with the task of working with the Federal Government and the County in preparation for the 2020 Census. Payment for her time will be \$15.00 per hour. All voted in favor of the motion.

Town Hall Plant Update: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the cost of approximately \$1,200 to replace the exterior lights at the Town hall with LED 40 watt bulbs. All voted in favor of the motion. Steve was asked to contact Minnesota Power and Light to see if there are any rebates.

Carol Pundt is still researching options for a new copier/fax for the Township office.

Noxious Weed Eradication Implementation Process: Steve reported to the Board that noxious weed eradication is controlled by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. The Township is willing to adopt whatever process Crow Wing County has in place. Steve will continue to research.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to appoint RaeJean Anderson as Deputy Treasurer for Deerwood Township. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Board decided there would not be a Special meeting scheduled for September because the Nelson Drive Road project is near completion.

Other Business None

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

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Clerk: _____