

Deerwood Township
Regular Meeting
October 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 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 September 11, 2017, Monthly Board meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit for the month ending September 30, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Claims: A third claim/billing request of \$60,695.22 was submitted to the Board for payment. Josh Thompson questioned if this billing included any billing for the recent washouts on Nelson Drive. If so, he was not in favor of paying the claim at this time. James Walth told the Board he had talked to Justin Schulz, from Widseth, Smith and Nolting, in the afternoon. Justin assured him that Tri-City Paving would not be billing the Township for repairing the wash out areas. A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to hold the Tri-City Paving billing until Jim re-confirmed that the billing did not include and repairs for the wash areas and to pay the rest of the claims as submitted. All voted in favor of the motion. James Walth will notify the Board after his discussion with Justin. At which time Amy will issue the check to Tri-City Paving.

Road Mileage Certification: The road reviewed the mileage recertification information. There are questions regarding the length of Nelson Drive. Also Cascade Court is not on the list. Steve will talk to Ann Dosch, Crow Wing County Engineering. The road mileage recertification will go on the agenda for the November meeting.

Roads:

Nelson Road Project Update: Justin Schulz, from Widseth, Smith & Nolting, e-mailed the Board an update on the Nelson Road Reconstruction Project which was read to the Board by James Walth. The e-mail included a Punch Items list. This list includes jobs that still need to be completed on the project. There will be one more billing this year from Tri-City which will be presented to the Board at the November meeting. Then the project will go into a winter suspension before resuming in 2018. Justin Schulz also brought up an issue with a culvert between Shirt and Arbor Lake east of the island. He suggested that the culvert is lined instead of being replaced. Justin Smith told the Board this request was discussed at the August 14th Regular Board meeting where the Board approved the expenditure to line the culvert which is estimated to cost around \$15,000. The Board also agreed to the use crushed granite to stabilize a wash out area which is across the road from the proposed guttering.

Placid Drive: David Gray prepared a draft letter to the Placid Lake Association in support of their efforts to mitigate the rising lake water level. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to mail the letter of support to the Placid Lake Association. All voted in favor of the motion. Carol Pundt will prepare the letter for James Walth's signature.

Steve Reilly reported to the Board he is still waiting for the permit from the DNR for the repairs on White Pine. He has been told the permit is under review and will take another 45 to 100 days. Steve feels the road is not in imminent danger. He plans on having the work completed in the Spring of 2018. Steve had to do some routine maintenance on the culvert on Town Hall Road. He also questioned the road maintenance agreement between Deerwood Township and Bay Lake Township. Is Bay Lake Township a stakeholder in the road reconstruction project? Should Bay Lake Township share part of the cost of the project? Carol Pundt will make a copy of the maintenance agreement to give to Steve Reilly for review.

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

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to report.

Noxious Weed Eradication Implementation Process: A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to implement the Noxious Weed Eradication procedure that Steve Reilly presented to the Board. Steve will be the first delegate, David Gray will be the second delegate and Josh Thompson will be the third delegate. All voted in favor of the motion.

Cuyuna Lakes Trail/Miller Circle – Curt Westerman/DNR Trails: Curt presented the Board with the plat for Vukelich Acres. He is trying to find out who has the jurisdiction over the utility easements. He said in most instances that obligation falls to the lowest form of government which would be the Township. Members of the Board felt that Deerwood Township does not have jurisdiction over the utility easements. It was the feeling of the Board that the owner of the Miller Circle development holds the jurisdiction over the easements. Curt told the Board he would need to do more research.

Other Business to Come Before the Board: James Walth made an apology to Curt Oberlander for any way in which he had offended Curt at the September Board meeting. Curt Oberlander asked to address the Board at which point a summary of his statement is - That as a person who has his whole life had safety concerns for the public, as a law enforcement officer, his biggest concern is safety for people utilizing Nelson Drive when the road is being blocked off by boat trailers and vehicles either removing boats or putting boats into Shirt Lake. There was an instance recently where a vehicle with a boat trailer blocked off the road for 20 minutes. He presented the Board with a picture of the vehicle with the boat and trailer blocking the roadway. He feels that Nelson Drive is dangerous in the area that people are taking their boats in and out of the lake. All he wants to do is make sure the road is safe for everyone traveling on the road. He does not appreciate what is being said in the community behind his back. He does not patrol Nelson Drive 24/7.

Virginia Knudson, the Township attorney, will be invited to the November Board meeting to help with any questions from the public addressing the concerns of safety and liability issues on Nelson Drive.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Supervisor: _____

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Clerk: _____