

Deerwood Township  
Regular Meeting  
April 9, 2018

Board of Supervisors:

James Walth-Supervisor

Josh Thompson - Vice Chair

David Gray - Chair

Carol Pundt- Clerk

Amy Donovan - Treasurer

Steve Reilly - Road Overseer

Present: Josh Thompson, David Gray, Carol Pundt, Steve Reilly

Absent: Amy Donovan, James Walth

David Gray called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 March 12 2018 Monthly Board 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 March 31, 2018. All voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the claims for the month of April totaling \$18,729.26. All voted in favor of the motion.

Roads:

Nelson Drive Road Project Update: Justin Schulz and Dave Reese, from WSN, updated the Board. Tri-City Paving will be doing the final paving this Spring. There will be a project walk through with the completion date of July 1, 2018.

Placid Drive:

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson for the Township to pay the additional engineering costs to WSN of up to \$2,000 for the processing of the takings permit which is required by the DNR. All voted in favor of the motion. There was no way for WSN to know there would be additional costs to the project because of the rarely seen endangered plant which is the Purple Flowered Bladderwort.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray change the bid letting time on May 9, 2018 to 2:00pm at the Widseth, Smith, Nolting office. All voted in favor of the motion.

Easement Discussion: A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to proceed with the Township attorney's recommendation to seek permanent easements where Placid Drive has deviated from the platt. All voted in favor of the motion. Justin Smith will be meeting with the Township attorney this week to finalize the easements.

Purple Flowered Bladderwort Takings Permit: There have been some frustrations related to the permit submission process with the DNR. WSN is taking a proactive approach. The Township Board understands that WSN cannot push the DNR permitting process any faster than the normal process. WSN had thought the DNR had all the information needed for the permit, but, that was not the case. Justin Schulz and Dave Reese (WSN) feel there should not be any more delays in the permitting process with the DNR. The Township Board is under the understanding that the Takings permit is on the top of the priority list for the DNR. The Standard General Public Waters permit also still needs to be approved. It is expected that the Takings permit and the General Public Waters permit will be approved at the same time. WSN will update the Township Board on a weekly basis.

Forest Road Use: The request was reviewed by the Board. No action was taken.

Snow Plow and Grading Policy Update and Road Maintenance Contract/Steve Reilly & David Gray: Steve Reilly presented the Board with an updated Snow Plow and Grading Policy. A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to let bids for the 2018 Road Maintenance Contract to be opened at a Special Board meeting on May 4, 2018 at 7pm at the Deerwood Township Hall. All voted in favor of the motion. The Snow Plow policy will be reviewed by the Board at the April monthly Board meeting.

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Nothing to report.

Menard's Issue: Steve talked with the manager of Menard's. The manager was very apologetic regarding the situation. The issue has been resolved. The Township will still be seeking a business account with Fleet Farm.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to report.

Bond Paying Agent Services Agreement – Northland Trust Services, Inc.: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to employ the services of Northland Trust Services, Inc. as a paying agent for the road reconstruction bond by recommendation of the Township attorney. All voted in favor of the motion.

Annual Meeting Payment Discussion: A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to pay the meeting fee of \$75.00 to Amy Donovan, Treasurer, and Steve Reilly, Road Supervisor, for their attendance and presentations at the annual meeting. Carol Pundt, clerk, received payment of the meeting fee for her obligation as clerk to be present to open the meeting and take minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

Donations: The requests were reviewed by the Board. No action was taken regarding the donation requests from: Hallett Memorial Library, Crisis Line, Crow Wing County Fair and the Crow Wing Historical Society.

Other Business to Come Before the Board: It was brought to the attention of the Board the narrowing of the corner at Nelson Fork Road due to snow pile up. Steve Reilly will look into the situation.

The question was asked as to why the donation requests were on the agenda when the Board cannot use public funds to make donations. It was explained that all correspondence to the Township is reviewed by the Board. There is no general authority to donate town funds to a non-profit entity. There are some specific statutorily-authorize donations the Township can make which is up to the Board to authorize.

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

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