

Deerwood Township
Regular Meeting
August 10, 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, James Walth, Carol Pundt, Amy Donovan, Steve Reilly,

Absent: None

David Gray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the July 9, 2018 Monthly Board meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit for the month ending July 31, 2018. All voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the claims for the month of August totaling \$589,148.09. All voted in favor of the motion. A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to pay the final billing owed to Tri-City Paving for the road reconstruction project for Nelson Drive in the amount of \$148,351.60. All voted in favor of the motion. A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to pay Anderson Brothers Construction the first partial payment in the amount of \$384,379.79 for the road reconstruction project for Placid Drive. An additional amount of \$20,230.36 will be paid to Anderson Brothers Construction Company in the summer of 2019 when the final inspection of Placid Drive is completed. All voted in favor of the motion.

Roads:

Nelson Drive Road Project Update: Justin Schulz, from WSN, was not able to attend the meeting so, he updated the Board with an e-mail. There are still some issues that need to be addressed regarding rain run-off and erosion. Steve prepared a report to the Board with what are seen as problems and solutions to the problems. A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to proceed with executing the plans Steve presented to the Board. All voted in favor of the motion.

Nelson Road-Road Striping: It was decided by the Board to install delineators instead of road striping along the road side next to the water. The reasoning is that roadways less than 18 feet wide don't get striping as it forces folks to drive on the shoulder when they do not need to. Only roads wider than 20 feet with traffic volumes of more than 6,000 vehicles per day need center striping according to Crow Wing County.

Placid Drive: Justin Schulz, from WSN, e-mailed the Board a summary of the progress of the Placid Drive road reconstruction project. He reported to the Board the work on Placid Drive has progressed well. The shouldering will take place in the near future. There are options for shoulder material which he explained in his e-mail to the Board.

Land owners living along Placid Drive attended the meeting to voice their concerns. Some of the concerns had to do with road signage (i.e. speed limit, no parking, no lake access, etc.) David Gray will speak with the Township attorney regarding these issues as they pertain to signage and the Township's legal liability keeping in line with State Statutes and wording for a resolution regarding these issues. A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to contact the Township attorney regarding drafting a resolution to place signage along the road. David Gray and Josh

Thompson votes yes. James Walth voted no. Jim's concerns were regarding whether or not there has been a history of speeding and parking along the roadside. More time needs to go by before a decision of a resolution needed to be made.

Steve Reilly will check with Crow Wing County regarding the regulations pertaining to speed bumps. He will also check with the County for their advice regarding speed bumps.

Another concern of those attending the meeting was the rising water level of Placid Lake. They wanted to know if the Township would be agreeable to being the taxing authority for the grant the Association is working on for ideas in addressing the problem. The Township may be agreeable to be the taxing authority as long as there is no cost to the Township. This subject will be discussed with the Township Attorney.

Serpent Lake Association/Brad Hanes: Since State Statutes do not specifically allow Townships to donate to Lake Associations, the Board cannot use public funds in this situation.

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly:

Chip Sealing Plan Update/Steve Reilly & Josh Thompson: The Board was given a chip sealing summary report which was prepared by Steve Reilly. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to chip seal 300 feet of Thompson Point as a test site for future chip sealing projects. Cost to chip seal one mile is \$20,000.

Black Lake Road/Steve Reilly: Fletcher Trucking made a partial payment of \$180.00 for damages to the road. Steve Reilly told the Board there are additional repairs that still need to be completed at which time Fletcher Trucking will be billed by the Township.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: Steve reported to the Board he had an estimate from Jacobson Landscaping in the amount of \$1,200.00 to pull and replace shrubs around the Town Hall building. He was still waiting for an estimate from Landsburg Landscaping. A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson not to hire anyone at this time, but, to have Steve pull out the shrubs as they die out. All voted in favor of the motion.

Emergency Preparedness: Steve is working on a plan. It was suggested by Carol Pundt to look up the MN Township's website for a possible class being offered in the future regarding this issue.

City-County Township Road Maintenance Meeting Update/James Walth: He told the Board the County is encouraging the Townships to partner with Crow Wing County for road projects and supplies for a reduced cost.

Data Request from American Transparency: Since Deerwood Township is outside the Twin City limits the Township is not subject to Minnesota Data Practices Act. The Board decided not to respond to the request.

Reconvening of Annual Meeting August 20, 2018/Carol: The Board reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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