

Deerwood Township
Regular Meeting
September 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 Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to approve the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to make a correction to the August minutes. The correction being changing the word dilatators to delinators under the heading Nelson Road-Road Striping. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the August 10, 2018 Monthly Board meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit for the month ending August 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 September totaling \$115,302.12. All voted in favor of the motion.

Roads:

Nelson Drive Road Project Update: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to have delineators installed on Nelson Drive to mark the road during ground drifting between the two lakes before the snow flies. All voted in favor of the motion.

The project to prevent water pooling on the Tessmer's property should be completed before winter.

Placid Drive: Justin Schulz, from WSN, e-mailed the Board to say he did not have any new updates for the Board regarding the road project. He will be providing a certificate of substantial completion to the contractor dated August 31, 2018. Accompanying the certificate will be a punch list of items which the contractor needs to address before final payment is made.

Placid Drive Update (signage, speed bumps, etc.): David Gray will discuss with the Township attorney the Township's use of advisory signs which were recommended by MNDot and the Crow Wing County engineers. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to ask WSN for their professional opinion regarding the safety concern issues in comparison with Nelson Road and Placid Drive. Which then can be used by the Board to determine road signage and water access by taking into account line of site, traffic count, etc. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth that no speed bumps will be considered for use as speed control on Placid Drive. All voted in favor of the motion. The reason for this motion is from the advice of Rob Hall Crow Wing County Highway Engineer. Permanent speed bumps are a problem with snow plowing and temporary ones can still cause issues for walkers, bikers and other users of the roadway.

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve reported to the Board he expects the road expenses for the year to be under budget. The Thompson Point road project has not been started. He plans to have the Township partner with Crow Wing County to do a chip seal project next year. The Cascade road project was completed last week. Josh Thompson will talk to Cass County highway department engineer to see how the chip seal project survey is going in their County.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: There was nothing to report.

Emergency Preparedness: Steve is working on a plan in conjunction with Crow Wing County.

October Monthly Board Meeting: Due to Columbus Day holiday on October 8th, the October Town Board meeting will be held on October 10th at the Town Hall beginning at 7:00pm.

District 8 MN Township's Association Meeting Update/James Walth: A new District Director was elected. Area State Legislators spoke briefly. The starting bid limit for contracting has been increased to \$175,000.

Data Request from American Transparency: Deerwood Township has received a second request for information. Carol Pundt has been directed by the Board to respond with an e-mail per the Township Attorney's response. Since Deerwood Township is outside the Twin City limits the Township is not subject to Minnesota Data Practices Act. The Township is not subject to the Minnesota Data Practices Act. The Town is not aware of any statute that requires the Town to provide the requested information. If you believe there is such authority, please provide that to the Town.

No action was taken by the Board regarding the letter presented to the Board from Crow Wing County to approve or disapprove the classification of tax forfeited properties in the Township.

Discuss Opinion from Township Letter regarding a grant process for the Placid Lake Association: James Walth withdrew his motion to not offer to serve as the grant administrator due to liability issues. A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to table the discussion for further information. All voted in favor of the motion. Josh Thompson will talk to the Chairperson of the Placid Lake Association.

Crow Wing County Township's Officers Meeting 10/22/2018 at the Deerwood Town Hall at 7pm: Board members have been asked to bring treats for the event.

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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