

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
April 8, 2019

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 7:04 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. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the March 11, 2019 Monthly Board meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the meeting minutes of the Special Board meeting held on March 18, 2019. All voted in favor of the motion. Both motions passed unanimously.

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, 2019. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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 \$46,324.12 All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. It was brought to the Board's attention that last month's payment to Holmwig Excavating, LLC had not been cashed by March 31st. In the past the checks to Holmwig Excavating are cashed within a couple of days of receipt. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to authorize stop payment of the check and issue a replacement of the check in the amount of \$17,401.50, if the check cannot be found. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Roads:

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to accept the Snow and Ice Removal bid from Holmwig Excavating, LLC who was the lowest responsible bidder. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve presented to the Board his final road budget recommendations. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to accept the road budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Steve will report to the Board as the projects are completed.

Road Safety Concerns: Steve presented to the Board the first step in addressing road safety concerns by drafting a Township Road Sign Inventory, Retro-Reflectivity Compliance Evaluation and Replacement Policy. He is asking the Board for review and input before he has it reviewed by the Township attorney. The policy discussion will be on the May Board agenda.

FEMA: Steve told the Board he has nothing new to report.

Letter From Doug Houge Regarding the Intersection of County Road 31 and Trunk Hwy 6: The Board reviewed the letter which stated at this time the intersection does not warrant a change due to only serving 6,500 vehicles per day which is far less than the anticipated crash rate. The Board discussed what impact the new Catholic church would have on that intersection. In anticipation of much higher traffic volume at the intersection, the Board is planning on resubmitting a new letter to Doug after the church building is completed.

It was also discussed by the Board that the bike trail adjacent to Deer Trail road is higher than Deer Trail which is allowing for water pooling on Deer Trail from the bike trail. Steve Reilly will talk to someone regarding lowering the bike trail bed before the trail is paved. He will report back to the Board at the May meeting.

Comprehensive Road Policy Plan: David Gray presented to the Board a Draft of the Comprehensive Road Policy Plan for review. There was one modification made to it. Carol Pundt will send it on to the Township attorney for review.

Deerwood Fire Contract: The Board discussed the e-mail received from Mike Bodel. Mike will be invited to the May monthly meeting to answer any questions the Board may have pertaining to the fire contract for the Township regarding the price the Township is being charged for services, and any impact to services now that Irondale Township is being serviced by the Deerwood Fire Department. James Walth told the Board, following his discussion with Mike, he was thoroughly convinced the Township is not being taken advantage or getting less service. Deerwood Township is in its first year of a five year contract with the Deerwood Fire Department.

MAT Spring Short Course: Board members shared the highlights of the training.

Donation Requests: The Board decided to take no action on the donation requests presented to the Board.

Office Phone Call Protocol: Since the Township office is open on a part-time basis, the message on the phone refers road issues to Steve Reilly with his cell phone number and general questions to Carol Pundt at her home phone number. Both Steve and Carol will answer your phone call immediately, if they are available, or within 24 to 48 hours.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing new to report to the Board

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

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Supervisor; _____ Clerk: _____