

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
October 16, 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 7:00 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. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the September 9, 2019, minutes as amended deleting the last sentence under Other Business To Come Before The Board. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion 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 September 30, 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 September totaling \$29,224.61 ck# 9217- 9199, EFT10012019, EFT10022019, EFT10042019). All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve presented to the Board an updated budget report for 2019. \$203,348.00 has been spent on road projects. The delineators will be installed on Nelson Drive before the snow falls. He is still waiting for the permit process to be completed before rip rap can be installed along Nelson Fork road and extended beyond the original paving project on Nelson Drive. James Walth told the Board he has not heard anything from the engineer who is working on the permitting process. Automobile count on Deer Trail is 461 vehicles per day. Steve presented the Board with the township road mileage certification report from Ann Dosch, who is from the Crow Wing Highway Department. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to accept the report as prepared by Ann Dosch and presented by Steve Reilly. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Steve is working on road chip seal project recommendations for 2020. He will bring his recommendations to the Board at the November Board meeting. Discussion ensued around chip sealing gravel roads in the Township. Steve prepared a billing and letter to Fletcher Trucking Inc. which was signed by Jim Walth and will be mailed out this week.

Nelson Drive Lake Access Parking and Ordinance: Pros and cons of ordinances versus resolutions were discussed by the Board. Part of the discussion was the question, "Does the outcome justify the expense and what outcome does the Township expect?" A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to ask the Township attorney for a cost estimate for her services to move forward to enact an ordinance and to authorize David Gray to have the Township attorney work with the Township in enacting an ordinance if the cost is \$3,000 or less. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Miller Circle Township Road Takeover Petition: Carol Pundt returned the petition with the request for additional signatures. She has not heard back from the petitioners.

David Gray told the Board, according the Township attorney, the Township has to abide with State Statute 164.07 on all road petition requests. This State Statute requires 8 signatures from legal voters who own real estate or who occupy real estate under the homestead or preemption laws or under contract with the state within 3 miles of the road described on the petition.

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to report.

Other Business to Come before the Board: James Walth was asked by a local resident when the dead end sign will be replaced on Miller Circle. Steve will contact the engineer in charge of the bike trail project.

There was a concern from an area resident regarding the washout on Black Bear Road. The grading will be done before the ground freezes. There has been a problem with acquiring Class 5 to make the repair.

The November Monthly Board meeting will be held on November 13th because the regular scheduled meeting date of November 11th falls on Veteran's Day which is a national holiday.

James Walth adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

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Supervisor; _____ Clerk: _____