

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
August 12, 2020

Board of Supervisors:

James Walth- Vice Chair

Josh Thompson - Supervisor

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. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to approve the July 13, 2020 minutes and the August 3, 2020 Public Meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit for the month ending July 31, 2020. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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 \$84,345.04 ck# 9409- 9429, ET-F-08-2020, ET-P-08-2020. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve presented the updated 2020 road report. Gravel roads in the Township are graded twice a month. Steve and the Board members are impressed with the work Holmvgig Excavating has done with the gravel roads in the Township. Steve requested approval for the Board to purchase a 500 gallon 3 point sprayer. The Township is presently paying \$2,600 to have calcium chloride applications hired out by an independent source for coverage on Deer Trail. Steve feels the purchase of the sprayer would pay for itself after a couple of applications. He will check into the cost of a sprayer for discussion at the September Board meeting.

Annual Road Inspection: A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the annual road inspection report as presented by Steve Reilly. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance For Regulating Parking Along Township Roads: The Board decided to place the decision on hold for setting a date for a Special Meeting due to the Governor's Stay-At-Home policy until the Township can have more than 7 residents attending a Board meeting (6 ft. distancing policy).

Nelson Drive and Nelson Fork Road Rip Rap: All the paperwork has been approved to move forward with the project.

Truck Hauling-Lindberg, Placid, Peterson Lake Road: Steve visited with the owners of the area truck hauling businesses this last month.

Tractor Appraisal/Steve: Steve presented the Board with a detailed tractor appraisal report. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to purchase the 1995 tractor from Brad Holmvgig for \$22,000 less the lease credit of \$2,625.00 which makes the adjusted sale price of \$19,375.00. Purchase based upon the opinion of the Township lawyer. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chip Seal Update: There was a complaint by a resident living along Lakeshore Road regarding neighboring roadways being chip sealed and not Lakeshore Road. The road was inspected by David Gray. It was determined the road is in better shape than most roads in the Township. Chip sealing is done to a roadway for preservation purposes. The road will be added to the list to be chip sealed in the future.

A resident living along Lakewood Drive, which was chip sealed, contacted a Board member complaining of the poor quality of the work. James Walth inspected the road. He could not see where any part of the roadway was missed. Steve Reilly will also inspect the road.

Dock Request/Nyland: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to deny the request from Scott Nyland for placement of a dock across Placid Drive on Placid Lake. The property adjacent to the lake is owned by the Township and in the Township road right-of-way. Considerations regarding the request were potential liability for the Township, parking congestion along the roadway, additional road traffic enforcement, improper use of the dock by the public and setting precedent for future request by residents.

Election Update: 228 people voted in person at the Town Hall. There were 13 new voter registrations completed. There were 29 spoiled ballots where individuals had the chance to redo their vote. There were around 100 absentee votes. Around 8 people from other Townships with mail-in voting tried to vote at Deerwood Township. Unfortunately, Deerwood Township residents only are allowed to vote in person at the Deerwood Township Town Hall building. Fred Tessmer thanked the Board for the opportunity to vote in person for the election.

Placid Drive Rip Rap Alteration: The Board determined the landowners living at the property have property rights to the lake access because they own the contiguous adjacent property. After the Board reviewed the pictures and discussed Steve Reilly's report, no action was taken at this time.

Variance Request: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to make no recommendation regarding the variance request for Philip J. and Anne M. Sigen. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Hall Plant Update: Steve Reilly had a roof inspection done on the Town Hall building. There was no damage due to hail or wind. The four exterior doors of the Town Hall building and posts will be painted soon. Steve has cleaned up the shrubbery around the building. The weather stripping has been replaced on the garage doors.

CARES Act Allotment: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth for the Township to request the Townships allotment for monies that will be needed to update the Town Hall building due to COVID-19. Steve will get an estimate for an air filtration system for the Town Hall building to be discussed at the September Board meeting.

Other Business to Come before the Board:

Steve will check into magnetic signs for personal vehicles when being used for Township business. Another question raised was how insurance is extended to personal vehicles being used for Township business.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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