

Deerwood Township  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Deerwood Town Hall  
7:00pm  
September 13, 2021

Board of Supervisors:

James Walth- Chair

Josh Thompson - Supervisor

David Gray - Vice-Chair

Carol Pundt- Clerk

Amy Donovan - Treasurer

Steve Reilly - Road Overseer

Present: James Walth, David Gray, Josh Thompson, Amy Donovan, Steve Reilly, Carol Pundt

Absent: None

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

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the agenda. 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 August 9, 2021 Board meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the August 23, 2021 Special Board meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion to accept the minutes. 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 August 31, 2021. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to accept and approve the claims for the month of September totaling \$67,766.43 ck# 9683- 9699, EFT-F-09-2021, EFT-P-09-2021. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve updated the Board with the Road and Bridge report. To date the total dollars spent has been \$167,887.00. The tractor is being repaired.

Cedar Lake Shores Drive Water Run Off Discussion: 70 Ft of culvert has been installed.

County Road 133/email from Steve Stroschein: James Walth has not received a response back from Rob Hall regarding the request.

Peterson Creek Road: A culvert still needs to be installed.

Road Vacation Request: Roger Christenson was not present for the Board meeting.

Placid Drive/Peterson Lake-Dump Truck Traffic Discussion Update: Steve Reilly told the Board Knife River is not using the road. He has asked residents living along Placid Drive to contact him with the name of the company using the roadway.

CSAH 31 Roundabout Discussion: Steve Stroschein gave the Board members a map of the proposed round-a-bout which is because of the Super1 development project. The County is working with businesses on the south side of the road. The round-a-bout will accommodate semitruck traffic. Everything is still in the planning phase. Steve Stroschein addressed the Board's concerns.

The Board received a letter from the Crow Wing Highway Department regarding future highway projects in the County.

Town Line Lake Road Concerns: Residents living along Town Line Lake Road addressed the Board with concerns regarding safety from vehicles driving too fast, curves along the road which create blind spots for oncoming traffic and pedestrian safety, and erosion along the road right-of-way next to Town Line Lake's shoreline. Brianna Skye Ridings highlighted these concerns in a letter to the Board. Ideas to address these concerns will be discussed at the October Board meeting.

Variance Request: None

VRBO Discussion/James Walth: Jim has been contacted by residents of Deerwood Township regarding concerns with traffic, overtaxing septic systems, parking on the lawns of neighbors, 4 bedroom homes being occupied by too many people and having a commercial business in an area zoned residential. The Board will have this topic on the agenda for discussion at the October Board meeting.

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to report.

Road Overseer's Computer: The Board reviewed the proposal from Deerwood Technologies. It was decided the Board is going to look into other options for a laptop for the treasurer. James Walth will be bringing back information to share with the Board at the next Board meeting.

Treasurer Notary License Update/Amy: Amy has her license and is in the process of getting her stamp.

Minnesota Townships Annual Meeting: Jim told the Board Senate Bill #1049 is in regard to Townships having the ability to deny a County from turning a County road over to that Township for maintenance. Also, there may be additional monies coming to Township for road maintenance in the future.

There was lengthy discussion by the Board as to whether or not to have an additional Board meeting to address concerns regarding Town Line Lake Road and VBROs. The Board decided to keep the two topics on the October Board meeting.

Other Business to Come before the Board: The Board heard the concerns from Greg Auchte and Curt Oberlander regarding removal of No Parking signs along Nelson Drive.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm. All voted in favor of the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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