

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
March 14, 2022

Board of Supervisors:

James Walth- Vice-Chair

Josh Thompson - Supervisor

David Gray - 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

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 amended agenda to include Fuel Storage under (8e). 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 February 14, 2022, Regular Monthly 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 James Walth to approve the February 24, 2022, Audit/Budget 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 James Walth to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, for the month ending February 28, 2022. 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 accept and approve the claims for the month of March totaling \$32,649.76 ck# 9796- 9813, EFT-F-03-2022, EFT-P-03-2022. All voted in favor of the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve reviewed the updated road budget expenses, as of February 2022, with the Board. Steve talked to the City of Deerwood regarding a governmental purchasing program for tax exempt entities. He will update the Board on what he finds out at the April Board meeting. Steve told the Board that purchasing bulk gas for the Township vehicles is more complicated than he had expected. He advised the Board not to pursue this option.

Signage at Agate Lake and Foothills Drive: Crow Wing County Assistant Engineer, Rob Hall, agrees there are no site issues. No signs are needed.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: Steve Reilly told the Board the Town Hall is on the list for a generator to be purchased from Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative.

Annual Meeting: The Levy for 2023 in the amount of \$495,000 was approved with a unanimous vote.

Broadband: An email from Joe Buttweiler, from CTC, regarding broadband fiber installation around Hamlet Lake in 2022-2023 was shared with the Board.

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve a resolution reestablishing precincts and polling places for Deerwood Township in accordance with the 2020 census. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Members from the City of Crosby Council attended the meeting with the intent to update the Board regarding the possibility of annexing a portion of Deerwood Township located east of the city's boundaries. The City of Crosby Council members present explained their motivation was to acquire land for possible housing development. They also indicated a couple of business along Highway 6 had expressed interest in city water and sewer service. Carol Pundt will send out letters to the affected landowners letting them know of the Special Board meeting on April 4th.

Mike Bodle and Tom Nixon, from the Deerwood Fire Department, reviewed their 2021 annual report with the Board. The Deerwood Fire Department responded to 10 fire calls in Deerwood Township in 2021. In May of 2021 they took delivery of a new fire engine. It can haul up to 1,000 gallons of water. The Board told them the Deerwood Fire Department service to the Township is a good value for the money spent by the Township. The contract with the Deerwood Fire Department will be up for renewal next year. The Township will be seeing a new service contract to review in a couple of months.

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to set the date of April 4th at 7pm for a special meeting regarding the City of Crosby's intent to possibly annex a block of Deerwood Township that is east of the City of Crosby. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. This meeting is for citizen input. Letters will be going out to affected property owners inviting them to the meeting.

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

Other Business to Come before the Board:

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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