

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
July 11, 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: David Gray, Josh Thompson, James Walth, 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 James Walth and seconded by David Gray to approve the amended agenda to include discussion regarding the intersection of Hwy 210 and Hwy 6 in Deerwood. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by David Gray approve the June 13, 2022, Regular Monthly Board meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion to accept the minutes.

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by David Gray approve the June 4, 2022, Special meeting regarding the 1st half of the annual road inspection minutes. All voted in favor of the motion to accept the minutes.

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by David Gray to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, for the month ending June 30, 2022. All voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by David Gray to accept and approve the claims for the month of July totaling \$51,057.23 ck# 9870- 9889, EFT-F-07-2022, EFT-P-07-2022, EFT-M-07-2022 and EFT-W-07-2022. 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 July 2022, with the Board. To date \$107,608.00 has been spent on Township maintained roads. The storm cleanup expenses totaled around \$36,427.00 of which the Township will receive back 75% from FEMA through Crow Wing County.

Cascade Court Discussion: The Board decided to wait until construction is completed before taking any action regarding the road surface and any paved connection to Black Lake Road.

Deer Trail Drive-Cuyuna Lakes Trail & IRRRB: Research is still being done on the width of the right-of-way on Deer Trail. The IRRRB has grants available for bike trails which may be administered through the Township.

Ordinance/Speed Limit Adjustments: Steve recommended to the Board to go with the advice from Widseth, Smith & Nolting. The discussion is for clarification regarding advisory vs. statutory enforcement of road signs. It seems that even with advisory signs a warning ticket can be given out if the driver is not using good care when driving in the area. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to have Steve install two 15mph advisory signs on Townline Lake Road in the area where the driving sight line is limited. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Steve was also asked to put together a list of all the advisory signs on Township maintained roads.

Someone from the Mustard Seed is concerned about the road dust coming from Deer Trail and filtering into the building. Steve will set up a container to occasionally put water on the roadway to keep the dust road down. Last year \$20,000 was spent on dust mitigation for Deer Trail.

Road Order Discussion: While researching the width of Deer Trail the Board was told by the Township lawyer that a road order was not found for the road. It looks like in January of 1985 the Township roads were recorded by Borden, Steinbauer and Rathke. Carol will do some more research regarding this issue by contacting the Township attorney for more information since the law firm is the same one that did the work for the Township in 1985.

Variance Request: None.

The standard IRS Mileage Rate has been increased to \$.625 per mile.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to set the date and time of the Canvass Board meeting as November 14, 2022, at 6:30pm. All voted in favor of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Deerwood Fire Contract for 1/1/2023: Carol was asked by the Board to send the contract on to the Township attorney for her opinion.

Town Hall Plant Update: Steve will follow up with Mille Lacs Energy regarding the generator installation time frame.

Treasurer Notary License Update/Amy: Amy will pick up her stamp this week.

Hwy 210 & Hwy 6 Intersection in Deerwood Discussion: James Walth told the Board he had a discussion with the Mayor of the City of Deerwood regarding the weekend traffic back up at the intersection. That intersection used to have a patrol officer helping with traffic congestion, but that has not been happening recently. The only option Deerwood Township has is for the Board to write a letter to the Minnesota Department of Transportation expressing safety concerns because of the hazard arising from the lack of management of traffic control. A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to move forward with a letter to MNDOT. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business to Come before the Board:

A motion was made by Josh Thompson seconded by James Walth to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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