

Deerwood Township  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Deerwood Town Hall  
7:00pm  
November 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: David Gray, James Walth, Amy Donovan, Steve Reilly, Josh Thompson, Carol Pundt

Absent: None

Attendees: Fred Tessmer

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 James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson approve the October 10, 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 James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, for the month ending October 31, 2022. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to accept and approve the claims for the month of November totaling \$114,968.62 ck# 9975-9994, EFT-F-11-2022, EFT-P-11-2022, and EFT-W-11-2022. The \$114,968.62 includes \$96,135.00 as an annual interest and bond payment to Northland Trust Services for road improvements to Nelson Drive and Placid Drive. 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 the end October 2022, with the Board. To date \$239,215.00 has been spent on Township maintained roads. The 2022 RAM truck is still waiting to be retrofitted. Steve recommended chip sealing Rice Lake Road and Lindberg in 2023.

Road Advisory Signage/Steve Reilly: Steve told the Board he has completed identifying signs in the Township. He is in the process of recording them on a spreadsheet.

Deer Trail Drive-Cuyuna Lakes Trail & IRRRB: The Crow Wing County Attorney verified the width of Deer Trail is 66 feet.

Cedar Lake Drive and Partridge Rd Road Shared Maintenance Contract With Farm Island Township : Deerwood Township was mailed a new shared road maintenance contract which does not state the same road sharing costs as the 1993 agreement between Deerwood Township and Farm Island Township. Carol was asked by the Board to find out why there is a need for a new contract. Also, there is an attachment that was not included with the contract from Farm Island Township. Carol will request a complete contract including the attachment.

Town Hall Road & Casey Lake Road/Rabbit Lake Township Road Shared Maintenance Contract: The Board discussed the nature of the agreement with Rabbit Lake Township going back to 2002.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: Steve told the Board the generator has been set. He is waiting to have it hooked up to a fuel source. Josh Thompson suggested the fuel source be a separate propane tank. Also, Steve will get another quote for the fuel hook up into or around the Town Hall building.

General Election and Canvass Board Certification/Carol Pundt: The total number persons voting on 11/8 was 839 out of 1063 registered voters. Josh Thompson received 596 votes. David Gray received 592 votes.

Crow Wing County Short Term Rental Policy Changes: David Gray will be attending a working meeting at Crow Wing County regarding the regulation of Short Term Rentals. The Board agreed on 6 concerns: (1)Running a commercial business in a residential zoned area (2)Septic concerns with environmental consequences (3)Regulation (4)competition with hotels in the area (5)Impact on housing costs especially for first time home buyers in the area (6)Recusal of County Commissioners who own short term rentals from voting on any issue involving short term rentals. A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to have David Gray attend the meeting representing the Deerwood Township Board. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MAT Annual Meeting & Fall Crow Wing Township Association Meeting/Carol Pundt & James Walth: Both Carol and Jim reported to the Board highlights of both meetings. Deerwood Township will be hosting the Spring Crow Wing Township Association meeting.

ARPA Distributions: Total funds available in the ARPA fund is \$88,596.00. The funds are dedicated to pay for a new truck to better maintain the Township roads, and a new generator to be used when the electricity goes out in the building. What funds have not been spent on the truck and generator will be used to pay for the 2022 chip seal bill.

Other Business to Come before the Board:

A motion was made by James Walth seconded by Josh Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Attest:**

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk