

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

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 Josh Thompson to approve the amended agenda to include Nelson Drive under other business to come before the Board. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth approve the August 11, 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 approve the August 20, 2022, Road Inspection 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 August 30, 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 September totaling \$140,433.50 ck# 9915-9959, EFT-F-09-2022, EFT-P-09-2022, and EFT-W-09-2022. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Judy Hamilton contacted Carol Pundt regarding McAfee billing for previous years of Township internet security. She did not come to the Board meeting or submit a claim for payment. No action was taken by the Board.

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve reviewed the updated road budget expenses, as of the end August 2022, with the Board. To date \$143,865.00 has been spent on Township maintained roads. The Ford F350 needed a new timing chain and catalytic converter totaling a bill for the Township in the amount of \$10,535.00.

Road Advisory Signage/Steve Reilly: Steve told the Board he is still working on the list.

Update on New Dodge Ram Truck Purchase: A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to recognize the authorized purchase of the truck on May 30, 2022, in the amount of \$62,663.85. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Josh Thompson raised the question as to whether or not the sales tax should have been included in the purchase. The Township is a tax exempt authority. Steve Reilly will talk to Tanner Motors. The truck will be delivered to Burt's, in Fargo, for additional buildout to the box including lighting and a plow for an additional cost of approximately \$20,000. The purchase of the truck is from the Federal ARPA grant funding. For the safety of people using the roadways in Deerwood Township, this truck will be used to maintain Deerwood Township roads.

Deer Trail Drive-Cuyuna Lakes Trail & IRRRB: Carol is still working to confirm that the roadway is 66 feet wide.

Variance Request: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to recommend no action for the variance request for Loren C. Flysjo. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The request will be forwarded to the Crow Wing Planning Commission or the Board of Adjustment for review.

Town Hall Plant Update: Steve told the Board the generator will be installed by Mille Lacs Energy by the end of this year. The Town Hall parking lot pavement was resealed this last month.

Crow Wing County Short Term Rental Policy Changes: The Board will be watching the developing action by Crow Wing County on this issue in addition to the Township's attorney's opinion. David Gray referred a concerned citizen to speak to Doug Houge regarding a VRBO in their neighborhood.

Minnesota Townships Annual Meeting in St. Cloud: The Board authorized Carol Pundt to attend the training seminars on October 14th and James Walth will be attending the two-day conference which will include staying overnight in St. Cloud.

Township Legal Seminar: Carol Pundt attended a Township legal seminar on September 10th. Handouts of the meeting information was given to the Board Supervisors.

Other Business to Come before the Board: James Walth voiced his concerns regarding rip rap which was removed from along the road right of way on Nelson Drive for lake access to Arbor Lake. The action of removing or moving the rip rap is considered as vandalism of Township property. Steve Reilly will look into the situation and talk to the property owner.

A motion was made by James Walth seconded by Josh Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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