

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
February 13, 2023

Board of Supervisors:

James Walth- Chair

Josh Thompson - Supervisor

David Gray - Vice-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: None

James Walth 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 David Gray to approve the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson approve the January 9, 2023, Regular Monthly 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 approve the January 9, 2023, Reorganization 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 approve the February 7, 2023, Budget/Audit 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 January 31, 2023. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David to accept and approve the claims for the month of February totaling \$39,764.82 ck# 10046-10067, EFT-F-02-2023, EFT-P-02-2023, and EFT-W-02-2023. 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.

Cedar Lake Drive and Partridge Road Shared Maintenance Contract With Farm Island Township: The Road Sharing Maintenance Agreement is still being reviewed by the Board.

Town Hall Road & Casey Lake Road/Rabbit Lake Township Road Shared Maintenance Contract: The road sharing agreement was mailed to the Rabbit Lake Township clerk for signatures. The contract is under review by the Rabbit Lake Township Board Supervisors.

Black Lake Road Discussion: Steve is still working on estimates.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the updated Snow and Ice Removal Resolution as presented in the Road Maintenance and Snow Plowing bid packet. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bid Opening for the sale of the 2006 Ford F350: Before the bids were opened a motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to set the minimum bid accepted at \$18,000. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Two bids were submitted which were under the \$18,000 amount. Carol Pundt was asked by the Board to contact the Township lawyer for legal advice on whether to do a new sealed bid sale of the vehicle or if it would be appropriate to talk to both bidders to see if one of them would be willing to pay \$18,000 for the purchase of the vehicle.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: Mille Lacs Energy still needs to start up the generator.

Carol Pundt passed out maps of the corridor for the Northland Reliability Project to the Board. At this time it looks like the project will not be passing through Deerwood Township.

Disaster Preparedness Seminar: James Walth told the Board clarification needs to be made on whether or not the Township needs to declare a disaster when Crow Wing County has already done so. Carol was asked to contact the County for clarification. She will also find out when the PDF of the February meeting will be shared with those attending the meeting. She will check with the County to see that all requirements from Deerwood Township have been met for reimbursement of claims from the storm in December.

The Board reviewed the agenda for the Annual meeting. The supervisors asked Carol to remove the Donation request section, since it is up to the Board to review the requests and make recommendations at the April Board meeting.

Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance & Bond Trust (MATIT) Letter: The Supervisors discussed a letter which was received from MATIT involving a payment from the insurance trust to a reinsurance company in the amount of \$834,197. The payment was an electronic funds transfer to an unknown account acting as the reinsurance broker for Alliant. Federal and local authorities are working to find the party that defrauded the Insurance Trust. Because of the strength of MATIT'S finances the operations of the Trust have not been jeopardized or affected the financial solvency of MATIT.

Other Business to Come before the Board:

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

Attest:

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

Supervisor: _____

Supervisor; _____

Clerk