

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
March 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: Fred Tessmer, Rob Kugel

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 Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray approve the February 13, 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 Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, for the month ending February 28, 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 March totaling \$26,966.73 ck# 10068-10085, EFT-F-03-2023, EFT-P-03-2023, and EFT-W-03-2023. 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. Monies spent year to date on road maintenance is \$41,178.00 of which \$39,000 has been spent on snow and ice removal.

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: Rob Kugel, from Rabbit Lake Township, discussed with the Board his concerns regarding the Casey Lake road maintenance agreement. The discussion came down to who and how Casey Lake road is being maintained. It was agreed that Deerwood Township is responsible for all repair, grading and plowing of Casey Lake Road. Any major road expenditures other than routine graveling, grading and plowing will first be agreed upon by both Township Boards and the cost will be split equally. There is the possibility that on occasion, in the past, both Townships have been maintaining Casey Lake Road (i.e snow and ice removal and road dust control). There will be more communication going into the future. It was agreed the road maintenance agreement for Casey Lake does not need to be changed. Rabbit Lake Township has the original road maintenance agreements which the supervisors will be signing, making copies and sending the agreements back to Deerwood Township.

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

Variance Request: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to take no action on the variance request for Linda Lou and Benjamin J. Worel. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Hall Plant Update: Mille Lacs Energy still needs to start up the generator. Steve checked into getting an estimate for installation of an osmosis drinking water system for the Town Hall building. The estimate was \$1,800.00. The Township will continue to use bottled water which will be kept in the refrigerator.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve Consolidated Telephone's request to install fiber optics in an area along County Road 8. All voted in favor of the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Disaster Preparedness Seminar: Carol Pundt received an answer to her email from John Bowen regarding the question of whether or not the Township needs to declare a disaster when Crow Wing County has already declared a disaster for the entire County. The Township does not need to declare a disaster because the County has already done so.

Deerwood Township will be hosting the Spring Crow Wing County Association of Township meeting on April 27th at 7pm at the Town Hall building.

The Township will be looking into other insurance company options for Worker's Compensation Insurance. Presently the Township is insured through the Minnesota Association of Townships Trust.

The Supervisors reviewed the information that will be given out at the Annual meeting on March 14, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Other Business to Come before the Board:

A motion was made by Josh Thompson seconded by David Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm. All voted in favor of the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Attest:

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

Supervisor: _____

Supervisor; _____

Clerk