

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
May 9, 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 and Steve Stroschine

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 to approve the April 10, 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 April 12, 2023, Special 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 April 30, 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 Gray to accept and approve the claims for the month of May totaling \$46,299.38 ck# 10107-10125, EFT-F-05-2023, EFT-P-05-2023, and EFT-W-05-2023. 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 \$75,493.50. Monies budgeted for snow removal in 2023 is \$43,320.00. Monies spent to date on snow removal is \$73,252.50.

Steve submitted a request to the State of Minnesota for bills paid due to storm damage on the Township roadways in the amount of \$41,000.00. The State should reimburse around 75% of the bill.

Black Lake Road Discussion: An estimate to reclaim and asphalt areas of gravel on Black Lake Road and Cascade Road is \$131,000.00. There was discussion regarding safety issues that need to be addressed in the future.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to set the date and time of the annual road inspection of the 1st half of the Township roads to June 17th at 8am beginning with an egg bake breakfast. The meeting will start at 8:30am. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roundabout & Detour at Hwy 210 and County Road 31: Steve Stroschine, from the Crow Wing Highway Department met with the Board to discuss maintenance responsibilities of Deer Trail Road during the construction of the round-a-bout. The Crow Wing County Highway Department will be maintaining Deer Trail road by grading it throughout the construction of the round-a-bout. Deer Trail is averaging 83 vehicles per day using the roadway.

Disposal of the Old Ditch Cutter: The Township will be advertising the sale of the Cutter in the CI Courier.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: The Township has received an estimate for the cost of installing a gas line to the generator.

The local 4H club will be meeting monthly at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to take no action on the request from the Crow Wing County Land Services to change a tax forfeited land parcel (plat #59160508) from conservation to non-conservation. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Worker's Compensation Insurance: For the time being, the Town Board decided to leave the worker's compensation insurance with the Minnesota Association of Township's Insurance Trust.

The hourly employees of the Township meet the state criteria to satisfy the minimum wage and the Federal Law according to the Minnesota Township Association attorney.

Other Business to Come before the Board: The Minnesota Association of Township Trust lost \$850,000 to a fishing scam. To date the monies have not been returned to the account. Board members are very concerned regarding the mismanagement of the account. The Township Board has been told that policies have been implemented so that this will not happen again.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson seconded by David Gray to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

Supervisor: _____

Supervisor; _____

Clerk