

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
March 11, 2024

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 7:05 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 Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024, Monthly Board and February 26, 2024, Audit/Budget meeting. All voted in favor of the motion. 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 February 29, 2024. 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 March totaling \$12719.43 ck# 10296-10313, EFT-F-03-2024, EFT-P-03-2024, and EFT-W-03-2024. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve presented some suggestions to the Board regarding the Road and Bridge budget for 2024. A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to set the road and bridge budget at \$365,539 for 2024. Steve told the Board he has not heard back from Homeland Security regarding the tree debris removal from Township roads (storm damage 12/22) in the amount of \$24,593.00. He is expecting it will take a while.

B-Dirt Damage to Vision Drive Roadway and Right-of-way issues: A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by David Gray to bill B-Dirt \$500.00 for damages to the Vision Drive Roadway. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The total cost to fix the roadway was \$5,000. The Township asked B-Dirt to split the cost, but B-Dirt refused and offered to pay \$500.00 which the Board accepted.

Joint Powers Agreement between Deerwood Township and the City of Deerwood Regarding Deerwood Lane and Forest Lane Discussion: Carol Pundt presented to the Board the final Joint Powers Agreement which has been signed by the City of Deerwood at the February Board meeting. After the fact the Township attorney came back with some minor changes to the document. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to send the document back to the City of Deerwood as currently written. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Road Maintenance Agreement Between Bay Lake Township and Deerwood Township (Placid Drive and Taylor Rd): A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the agreement. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Email from Cooperative Network Services/Steve: Cooperative Network Services has been hired to install high speed cable in the Township. Steve had a conversation with them regarding direction boring under asphalt road and direct plowing on the gravel roads in the Township.

Chip Seal Contract with Crow Wing County: The Board decided to hold off on signing the contract because the cost to chip seal the roads requested came out to be over \$40,000 the budget amount. Steve will present a new contract to the Board for signatures at the April Board meeting.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing new to report.

Personnel Handbook: The handbook is still being reviewed by the Board members.

Employee Job Descriptions: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to approve the Job Descriptions as presented to the Board. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Email from Michelle Fischbach/North Star Act: No action taken by the Board.

CWC Disaster Seminar: Steve told the Board the seminar was useful. He was given software to upload to his smart phone.

Presidential Nomination Primary: Carol Pundt reported to the Board 182 people voted. The success of the Primary was because of all the dedicated and helpful election judges that worked that day.

Other Business To Come Before the Board: Fred Tessmer brought to the attention of the Board, since the Crow Wing County Highway Department will be working on County Road 12 in 2024 why not ask the highway department to add a turn lane and a bypass lane on the East bound lane of the Beach Lake Road intersection. Carol Pundt and Josh Thompson will be coordinating letter with that request to Rob Hall at the Crow Wing County Highway Department.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

Supervisor: _____

Supervisor; _____

Clerk