

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
May 13, 2024

Board of Supervisors:

James Walth- Vice-Chairman
Josh Thompson - Supervisor
David Gray – Chairman

Carol Pundt- Clerk
Amy Donovan - Treasurer
Steve Reilly – Road Overseer

Present: David Gray, Amy Donovan, Steve Reilly, Josh Thompson, James Walth, Carol Pundt

Absent: None

Attendees: Fred Tessmer, Jamie Lee, Scott Brix, Shelly Brix, Tony Flerlage/DNR

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 James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the amended minutes of the April 8, 2024 regarding clarification of the payment of \$500 from B-Dirt Construction LLC to Deerwood Township regarding roadway damage to Vision Drive. 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 April 30, 2024. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to accept and approve the claims for the month of May totaling \$43,276.51 ck# 10344- 10358, EFT-F-05-2024, EFT-P-05-2024, and EFT-W-05-2024. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve presented the Board with the monthly Road and Bridge Report. To date \$53,441.00 has been spent out of a budget of \$365,536.00. 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. He will check with the Department of Homeland Security for an update. There have not been unusual circumstances regarding Township maintained roadways in the month of April.

Snow Plowing Across Township Roads Concern: Steve Reilly was authorized by the Board to send out letters to land owners of Deerwood Township who are leaving mounds of snow on Township roadways while plowing snow across the roads. This is a misdemeanor. Steve presented a sample letter for the Board to review. Steve was asked by the Board to clarify a statement in the letter. Steve will make the clarification for the Board to review at the June Board meeting.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth that all letters going out to residents of the township are approved by the Board or if in an emergency or it is not prudent for Board approval the chairman of the Board needs to review and approve the distribution of the letter. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rocca Road: Irondale and Deerwood Townships share in the cost of road maintenance for Rocca Road. The only source of an agreement between the Townships is an email dated January 4, 2017. It was decided by the Board that a Road Maintenance Agreement should be developed between the Townships. Carol Pundt will give Steve the standard Road Maintenance Agreement that is provided by the Minnesota Townships Association. Steve will bring a DRAFT agreement to the Board at the June Board meeting for discussion. Also, Irondale Township needs to be involved in the process.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to set the date of June 8, 2024, at 8:00am for the date of the Annual Road Inspection of the 1st half of the Township maintained roadways. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. James Walth will bring breakfast for those attending the meeting at 8:00am. The roads to be inspected are: Agate Lake Road, Agate Shores Road, Anne Lake Road, Black Lake Road, Cuyuna Greens Drive, Deer Trail Drive, Lake Shore Drive, Lindberg Road, Mallard Drive, Maple Shores Road, Miller Circle, Ministers Point Road, Oreland Mine Road, Scandia Road, Serpent Shores, Sunrise Drive, Sunset Drive, Thompson Point Road.

Norway Drive/Co Rd 133 Road Sign Replacement: The Township received a letter from Ann Dosch (Crow Wing Highway Department) regarding the need to replace a road sign because it failed reflectivity testing. This road is not maintained by the Township. Ann Dosch was notified that the sign was not the Township's responsibility.

Beaver Trapping Discussion: Anthony Flerlage (MN DNR), Scott Brix and Shelly Brix were in attendance regarding discussion surrounding setting traps in the township road right of ways. Steve Reilly was asked to amend his report (subtitled Discovery of Traps labeled Notes) to the Board regarding the trapping incident.

Orland Mine Culvert: Steve was asked by a person who has property along the Orland Mine roadway to meet with her regarding flooding to the access of her property. Steve met with the individual. The culvert was replaced by the Township 15 years ago. Steve felt the culvert was not the issue. The individual was invited to come to a Board meeting. In the future the Township may need to request the assistance of a DNR Hydrologist to inspect the culvert.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: The generator failed inspection. Mille Lacs Energy is working on a fix.

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

Jamie Lee visited with the Board regarding his intention to announce his campaign for District 5 County Commissioner.

Safety Manual: The Board was given information regarding the beginning of a DRAFT for safety manual procedures for the Township to be discussed at the June Board meeting.

Other Business

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

Supervisor: _____

Supervisor; _____

Clerk