

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
November 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

James Walth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson 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 to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023, Monthly Board meeting. 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 Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, for the month ending October 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 Gray to accept and approve the claims for the month of November totaling \$109,882.30 ck# 10219-10238, EFT-F-11-2023, EFT-P-11-2023, EFT-MN-11-2023 and EFT-W-11-2023. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve gave the Board an updated budget report. He also reported to the Board \$169,288.00 has been spent on maintenance of Township roads so far this year out of a budget of \$282,055.00.

B-Dirt Damage to Vision Drive Roadway and Right-of-way issues: Steve Reilly reported to the Board the roadway repairs to Vision Drive have been completed. When Steve receives the bill for the repairs he will have a conversation with B-Dirt regarding shared payment of the bill.

Placid Drive Signage: Steve reported to the Board the signs have been delivered. He is having problems with Gopher 1 regarding placement of the signs.

Township Mileage Certification: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to certify the road mileage report from Crow Wing County. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chip Seal Projects for 2024: Steve presented Linberg Road (2.7 miles), Rice Lake Road (1.6 miles) and Orland Mine Road (.2 miles) for chip sealing in 2024. The Township will be notified of the cost of the project when the bids are let and accepted by Crow Wing County in 2024.

Nelson Drive Erosion: Steve Reilly told the Board the area has been filled in.

Rocky Ridge Beaver Activity: Steve Reilly told the Board there were two serious water washouts over Rocky Ridge Road this summer due to Beaver activity in the area. Five beavers were trapped and removed from the area.

Black Lake Road: Steve told the Board Black Lake Road has been widened.

Homeland Security: Steve Reilly completed preparation of the claims which were paid by the Township that occurred from the December 13-16 storms in 2022 in the amount of \$17,143 which will be submitted to Homeland Security and Emergency Management for reimbursement. The Township is expecting to be reimbursed around 75% of the submission.

Unemployment Insurance Discussion: The Board decided to continue paying Unemployment Insurance per claim versus a monthly payroll tax.

Variance Request: No variance requests were brought to the Board's attention.

Town Hall Plant Update: Steve Reilly told the Board MLEC and Beaudry met to discuss why the generator is not working. Beaudry brought in a pipe fitter to solve the problem.

CWC Association of Township Officers Meeting Update/Carol & Jim: Carol handed out her summary of the meeting to the Board.

Personnel Handbook: Carol Pundt will be working on an employee handbook for Deerwood Township.

Other Business To Come Before the Board:

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

Supervisor: _____

Supervisor; _____

Clerk