

Deerwood Township  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Deerwood Town Hall  
7:00pm  
October 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: Tim Bray, Commissioner Doug Houge

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 David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the minutes of the September 11, 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 September 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 September totaling \$40,148.54 ck# 10202-10218, EFT-F-10-2023, EFT-P-10-2023, EFT-M-10-2023 and EFT-W-10-2023. 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 \$166,048.00 has been spent on maintenance of Township roads so far this year out of a budget of \$282,055.00.

Deer Trail Drive Traffic Count Discussion: Steve reported to the Board the daily traffic count is 188 vehicles.

Deer Trail Drive Discussion/Tim Bray and Commissioner Doug Houge: Tim Bray said he would not support the Crow Wing Highway Department in taking over of the road for maintenance. Presently 188 vehicles a day are using the roadway which is up from 160 before the round-a-bout construction. When the roadway was paved years ago the daily vehicle count was 1,600. The Township was hoping when the round-a-bout was completed fewer vehicles would be using the roadway. There is some interest by residents in the area in closing the road access at the intersection of Deer Trail Drive and State Hwy 6. No decisions have been made by the Board at this time. Tim Bray said he would help the Township with any future discussions with MNDOT.

B-Dirt Damage to Vision Drive Roadway and Right-of-way issues: Jim Walth heard back from Adam Ranweiler, from B-Dirt Construction regarding damage to the roadway and right-of-way issues. Adam will be in contact with Steve Reilly to discuss B-Dirt's share of responsibility for the damaged to the roadway. The right-of-way issues will be taken care of immediately.

Placid Drive Signage: Steve reported to the Board the signs have been delivered. He will be installing them in the next couple of weeks.

Township Mileage Certification: Steve is still reviewing the information.

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 know the cost of the project when the bids are let and accepted by Crow Wing County.

Email From Matt Hill Regarding Round-A-Bout Beautification Project: No action was taken by the Board.

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

Town Hall Plant Update: The Generator did not pass the Mille Lacs Energy test. Beaudry Oil will be making a change in the gas line for the proper fuel supply.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the Joint Powers Renewal between Crow Wing County Court Services and Deerwood Township. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business To Come Before the Board: James Walth attended a DRT meeting this morning. There seems to be an erosion issued on Nelson Drive where the gravel has washed out and is affecting the paved roadway. Steve Reilly will check it out. There is a frost boil in the pavement on Lakewood Drive that may need some attention before winter. Steve Reilly will also take a look at it.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm.

**Attest:**

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk