

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
September 11, 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, Sarah Gray

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 minutes of the August 14, 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 minutes of the amended August 19, 2023, Special Board meeting regarding Township Road Inspection to include delicious breakfast egg bake. 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 Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, for the month ending August 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 September totaling \$23,094.25 ck # 10177, ck# 10187-10201, EFT-F-09-2023, EFT-P-09-2023, and EFT-W-08-2023. 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 \$136,808.00 has been spent on maintenance of Township roads so far this year out of a budget of \$282,055.00.

Deer Trail Drive Discussion: Steve reported to the Board since the completion of the round-a-bout there has been a considerable decrease in traffic on the roadway. In the near future, he will be doing a traffic count.

Culvert Policy Review: The Supervisors will be reviewing the policy revisions to be put back on the January monthly board meeting agenda.

B-Dirt Damage to Vision Drive Roadway and Right-of-way issues: Steve handed out pictures of the damage to the Vision Drive roadway that was caused by heavy equipment being used by B-Dirt during a construction project. Also B-Dirt has equipment including a dumpster in the road right-of-way. Carol Pundt was asked to contact the Township attorney regarding the Township Supervisors' concerns for road safety and access to homes in case of an emergency.

Damage Claim-Nexlevel, LLC: Steve sent a complaint to Nexlevel, LLC, who was hired to lay fiber optics in the road right-of-way in front of the Town Hall property. The parking lot pavement just inside the entrance was damaged along with damage to the lawn where the cable was laid. Nexlevel, LLC responded to the email taking no responsibility for the damage.

Placid Drive Signage: Steve is in the process of ordering signs.

Engman Road E-mail Request: John and Susan Horton sent an email to the Township regarding a request to vacate Engman Road. They were not able to attend the meeting. The request was tabled. The Board asked to have it added to the October Board meeting agenda.

The Board reviewed the two letters from the Crow Wing Highway Department regarding paving projects in the County in 2024 and 2025.

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

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the agreement with Crow Wing County to allow the County to retain the full \$15,600.59 annual appropriation to be used for election administration expenses. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. \$76.89 was the amount allocated to Deerwood Township.

Town Hall Plant Update: A permanent gas line has been installed for the generator. There was also discussion regarding a new printer for the office. Carol will get an estimate for a new printer to be discussed at the January Board meeting. If a new printer is approved, the printer being replaced will be moved to Steve’s office.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve pre-registration for any of the Board members who want to attend the Minnesota Association of Township Supervisors meeting in St. Cloud from 12/7/2023 to 12/9/2023. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

James Walth and Carol Pundt gave the Board a short update regarding the District 8 Minnesota Association of Township’s Fall meeting that was held in Foley, Minnesota.

School District #182 Election: School District #182 will be holding their election at the Deerwood Township Town Hall building on November 7, 2023.

Other Business to Come before the Board: James Walth mentioned his attendance at a DRT meeting which in the morning on September 11th. He also is interested in information regarding grant monies for roads. Carol Pundt had emailed him information last month. Carol will see if she can find the email.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

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Supervisor; _____

Clerk