

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
June 10, 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

David Gray 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 amended agenda to discuss the final conversation regarding how to handle beaver and associated issues in the Township. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board agreed the text sent out by the road overseer to a beaver trapper in the area should have been worded differently. The text could have been interpreted by the receiver that the Township employee had Board authority to do so. Behavior by those associated with the issue should have been respectful of each other.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson that Steve Reilly is not to make any outbursts at the Township Board meetings. Motion died for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, Board meeting. 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 Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, for the month ending May 31, 2024. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to accept and approve the claims for the month of June totaling \$49,741.38 ck# 10359- 10374, EFT-F-06-2024, EFT-P-06-2024, and EFT-W-06-2024. 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 \$96,936.00 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.

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 will have the Board Chairperson review any letters regarding snow plowing across township roads before he delivers the letter.

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. A motion was made by James Walth and

seconded by Josh Thompson to have David Gray contact the Chairman for Irondale Township to discuss, coordinate and get input from Irondale Township pertaining to the agreement. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Deer Trail Drive: The Board discussed options for maintenance of Deer Trail Drive. Steve Reilly was asked to look into various timeframe options and costs. James Walth will find out the approximate date for completion of the Catholic Church building project.

Variance Request: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to defer their variance request to Crow Wing County. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Hall Plant Update: Mille Lacs Energy replaced the firmware on the generator.

Personnel Handbook: A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the employee handbook as written. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to adopt the resolution regarding Township Write-In votes during the Township election in November. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Safety Manual: Tabled for future discussion.

Election Judges for the Primary and General Elections: A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the list of election judges as presented by Carol Pundt. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Crow Wing County Comprehensive Land Use Plan: Tabled

Other Business: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray that the Township garage is not be used by anybody for storage of personal property or to be used as a personal workshop. Any personal property presently in storage needs to be removed from Deerwood Township property by the July Board meeting. 1-Yes; 2-No The motion did not pass.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

Supervisor: _____

Supervisor; _____

Clerk