

Deerwood Township  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Deerwood Town Hall  
7:00pm  
July 8, 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: Mary Leisten, Sarah Gray, Helen Gray, Calvin Gray, David Gray, George Gray

David Gray 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 amended agenda to have Mary Leisten address the Board with her concerns about the June storm event after the agenda is approved. 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 June 10, 2024, Board meeting to include additional wording in the motion by Josh Thompson under Other Business: not to use the shop as a personal workshop. 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 July 30, 2024. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to accept and approve the claims for the month of June totaling \$51,017.30 ck# 10375- 10391, EFT-F-07-2024, EFT-P-07-2024, EFT-MN-07-2023, and EFT-W-07-2024. 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 \$133,230.74.00 has been spent out of a budget of \$365,536.00. Steve told the Board that Homeland Security sent a check in the amount of \$18,444.75 to Deerwood Township, Kittson County for the tree debris removal from our Township roads (storm damage 12/22). Homeland Security is working on rectifying the situation. Steve will continue his contact with Homeland Security.

Rocca Road: David Gray is still planning to discuss the need for a Township Road Maintenance Agreement with the Chairman of Irondale Township.

Deer Trail Drive: David Gray received an email from a company that seems to think they have a solution for maintaining Deer Trail Drive. He will have Steve Reilly research the suggestion for discussion at the August Board meeting.

A motion was made to set the date and time for the second half of the Township maintained road inspection for September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at the Deerwood Town Hall. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vision Drive/Mary Leisten: Mary Leisten told the Board there was considerable damage to trees and buildings from the June storm event. Vision Drive, which is a Township maintained road was impassable due to trees on the roadway. She presented a bill from Dynasty Tree Experts in the amount of \$4,000 for clearing and removal of the trees off Vision Drive. She was asked by the Board to have Dynasty Tree Experts send a bill to the Township. Steve told the Board

Holmwig Excavating was called out to clear the trees and debris off Vision Drive, but, Dynasty was already at work on the project which blocked Holmwig Excavating from doing the work.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to update.

Town Hall Building Insurance Evaluation Discussion/Carol: Carol Pundt asked Minnesota Township Association Insurance Trust to review the replacement cost of the Town Hall/Maintenance Shop building which is presently insured for \$463,989. She was told Overland Surveys would do an evaluation at their earliest opportunity. In the meantime, the Board should set a replacement cost value that the Board would be most comfortable with. The Board discussed the matter. They concluded that neither of them was qualified to make a replacement cost assessment on the building. It was up to the Minnesota Township Association to make that determination.

Annual Employee Evaluations: The Board decided to start the process of annual employee evaluations. The first step is to develop an evaluation form. Any suggestions for review at the August Board meeting are welcome.

General Liability Insurance for Beaver Trapping in the Township: Carol Pundt was asked to talk to the Township lawyer for her opinion on the matter. MATIT, who handles the insurance trust for the Minnesota Township Association, with whom the Township is insured through, is saying the beaver trapper does need general liability insurance.

David Gray reintroduced a motion from the June Board meeting that was seconded by Josh Thompson that the Township garage is not be used by anybody for storage of personal property or to be used as a personal workshop. 2-Yes; 1-No The motion passed.

Other Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

**Attest:**

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

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

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

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Clerk