

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
7:00pm
August 14, 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: None

David Gray called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to approve the amended agenda as presented to the Board. 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 minutes of the July 8 2024, Board meeting. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, for the month ending July 31, 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 August totaling \$56,542.47 ck# 10392-10410, EFT-F-08-2024, EFT-P-08-2024, and EFT-W-08-2024. 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 \$154,496.00 has been spent out of a budget of \$365,536.00. Deerwood Township received 2 checks totaling \$48,789.75 from the State of Mn FEMA account for previous storm damage in the Township. Steve told the Board there was \$11,526.00 in storm damage this summer which will be sent to FEMA for reimbursement.

Rocca Road: David Gray contacted the Irondale Road supervisor regarding a road maintenance contract between Deerwood Township and Irondale Township. He received an email back addressing separate issues but not a maintenance agreement. Carol Pundt will email a draft of the maintenance agreement to the clerk of Irondale for a response.

Deer Trail Drive: Steve Reilly is still researching options for gravel maintenance on Deer Trail. Steve also gave the Board a list of business/emergency stakeholders regarding roadway options. Steve was asked to talk directly to someone at MNDOT for ideas. James Walth was asked to talk to a landowner along the road of the possibility of purchasing a small area of property.

Ford Tractor Discussion: There have been recent repairs to the tractor which led to the discussion whether or not the Board should purchase a newer tractor or have Holmwig Excavating do the ditch mowing in the Township. Steve Reilly told the Board he has finished the first mowing along the roadways in the Township and is about 1/3 done with the second mowing. He said the tractor is running great. He does not anticipate any other problems with it. He was asked by the Board to research what the pricing range for a newer tractor would be.

Vision Drive/Mary Leisten: Carol Pundt told the Board Dynasty Tree Experts have not sent the Township a bill for the tree debris removal on Vision Drive.

Oreland Mine Road: Carol Pundt was contacted by a property owner along Oreland Mine Road. He told her he did not have access to his hunting property. It was thought he would be discussing his situation with the Board, but he did not show up for the meeting. The conclusion is that he was able to work out the situation with a neighboring property owner.

Variance Request: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to take no action on the variance request received from Nancy Heise. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to take no action on the variance request received from Jimothy J. and Ulrike G. Munder. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to update.

Annual Employee Reviews: The Board is continuing to develop an annual review form.

General Liability Insurance for Beaver Trapping in the Township: Carol Pundt presented the Board with a draft contract for beaver trapping services. The Board suggested that it be a 3-year contract. Carol will update the contract to reflect a 3-year term. Steve will talk to the beaver trapper. The contract also requests that the trapper have liability insurance before any work is to be done for the Township.

There was a request to trap beaver off the Northwest shoreline of Shirt Lake for the specific purpose of maintaining the integrity of the drainage of the lake and maintaining the roadway. Carol Pundt will ask the Township attorney for her opinion regarding this matter. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to have the beaver trapped in the area pending approval of the Township attorney.

Personal Property Storage Discussion: Usage by the Township and storage for personal use are two different matters. Carol Pundt is using an office chair that is her personal property in the course of her work for the Township. She also has a small table that is being used for Town Board materials.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to set the date and time for the Canvass Board for November 13, 2024, at 6:30pm. All voted in favor of the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the members of the Canvass Board to be David Gray, Amy Donovan and Steve Reilly. All voted in favor of the motion.

Intrusive Outdoor Lighting Issue: David Gray and Carol Pundt were contacted by a resident on Placid Drive regarding outdoor lighting in a neighbor's yard that is intrusive on their property. The Board is taking no action at this time. During the discussion it was said that this is a very dark subject.

Other Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

Supervisor: _____

Supervisor; _____

Clerk