

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
November 13, 2024
7:00pm

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: Scott Brix

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 James Walth to approve the agenda. 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 minutes of the October 16, 2024, Board meeting and the October 21, 2024, Special 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 October 31, 2024. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by James Walth and seconded by Josh Thompson to accept and approve the claims for the month of November totaling \$140,290.98 ck# 10474-10492, EFT-F-110-2024, EFT-P-11-2024, and EFT-W-11-2024. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The road bond payment in the amount of \$97,962.50 was included for payment in the claims.

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve presented the Board with the monthly Road and Bridge Report. To date \$227,012.44.00 has been spent out of a budget of \$365,536.00. He is anticipating the chip seal billing from Crow Wing County to be around \$100,000.00.

Rocca Road: Carol Pundt passed out some recommended changes from Irondale Township regarding the shared road maintenance agreement. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to approve the agreement with the additional recommended changes to it. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Carol will update the contract with the recommended changes and email it to Rocca Township for signatures.

Deer Trail Drive: Steve and Jim Walth met with David West from Team Laboratory Chemical Company based in Detroit Lakes, MN regarding how to stabilize the gravel roadbed. David West suggested 3 options ranging in price from \$45,000 to \$100,000. which Steve presented to the Board. Steve will continue to research.

During discussion James Walth called a point of order to get the meeting back on what was originally being discussed.

Ford Tractor Discussion: Steve received prizes from John Deere and M & M Express. He is still waiting for a couple more estimates.

Garbage Dumped in the Ditch Along Cedar Lake Road: The garbage was disposed of at the Crow Wing County Landfill.

Mower/Steve Reilly: The mower is in disrepair. The housing may need to be restructured. Steve will bring the mower back to the Town Hall to see what he may be able to do with fixing it. Other options to be discussed by the Board would be to replace the mower or have the mowing next summer contracted out to Holmwig Excavating.

Chip Seal Project for 2025: No action taken by the Board. Will be discussed at the December Board meeting.

2025 Road Dust Control: Will be discussed at the December Board meeting.

2024 Storm Damage: Steve Reilly has submitted \$20,000 to FEMA for damage from the storms this past summer. He has another \$4,000 to be included in the FEMA request.

Landlocked Parcel: Advice from the Township attorney was to suggest to Brett Skattum to obtain a legal opinion from his attorney as to his rights to use the plated roads in the area to access his family's property.

Variance Request: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Jim Walth to take no action on the variance for Windsor Waters, LLC. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Hall Plant Update: The generator has passed the functioning test.

Annual Employee Reviews: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to set the date and time of a special meeting to review each employee's job performance for December 2, 2024, at 7pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Beaver Trapping in the Township: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to approve a 3 year Beaver Trapping Services contract with Brian Jansma Jr. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Brian will be giving the Township a copy of his liability insurance policy.

Cannabis Retail Registration Resolution: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to table the discussion until the December Board meeting or until the Crow Wing County Commissioner for our area can explain the law in further detail. The Board had concerns regarding whether or not the Township has the authority to ban cannabis retail stores in the Township.

General Election: A total of 1,041 residents voted. Out of that total 308 were absentee votes. Jim Walth and the Board congratulated Scott Brix for winning the election. There was one complaint filed with the Secretary of States Office regarding a notice posted at the Town Hall for early voters to go to the Crow Wing County Courthouse to register to vote.

Paved State Trail Along Deer Trail Discussion: The Deerwood Township Board was asked if the Board would consider plowing the Cuyuna Lakes State Trail along Hwy 6 and 210. Since the trail is managed by the State DNR and the Township does not have the equipment available to plow the trail, the Board declined the request.

Township Website Discussion: The Board would like Brad Miller to manage the website for the Township. Carol Pundt was asked to get a contract from Brad for the Board to sign at the December Board meeting.

Technology Round Up/Steve Reilly: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by James Walth to have Steve Reilly dispose of the old and antiquated computer equipment which will go to an end-of-life facility.

Other Business: Scott Brix told the Board the snow plowing for Agate Shores Road may have been billed to the City of Cuyuna in the past. If this is happening, someone from the City of Cuyuna should be contacting David Gray for further discussion.

Josh Thompson made a motion that was seconded by James Walth to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

Supervisor: _____

Supervisor; _____

Clerk