

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
March 10, 2025
7:00pm

Board of Supervisors:

Scott Brix-Supervisor

Josh Thompson - Vice-Chairman

David Gray – Chairman

Carol Pundt- Clerk

Amy Donovan - Treasurer

Steve Reilly – Road Overseer

Present: David Gray, Amy Donovan, Steve Reilly, Josh Thompson, Scott Brix, 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 Scott Brix to approve the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to approve the amended minutes of February 10, 2025, Board meeting to correct the date of Public Meeting regarding Deer Trail Road to April 28, 2025, and February 24, 2025, Budget/Audit Board meeting. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, for the month ending February 28, 2025. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to accept and approve the claims for the month of March totaling \$22,245.61 ck# 10586-10601, EFT-F-03-2025, EFT-P-03-2025, and EFT-W-03-2025. 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 \$19,0256.00 has been spent on maintaining the roads in the Township.

Deer Trail Drive: A special public meeting will be held on April 28, 2025, at 7pm to for the Township Board to listen to residents and others who use Deer Trail Road regarding their thoughts on the approach to Hwy 6 and the possibility of paving Deer Trail Road in the future.

Mower/Steve Reilly: The Board continues to discuss the pros and cons of contracting out the mowing or having it done in house. The request by the Board was to continue this discussion at the April Board meeting. Also, on the agenda for discussion will be the orange tractor.

2025 Road Dust Control: The Township received a letter from the Crow Wing Highway Department saying the Department will no longer be involved with Township Road dust control applications. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix for the Township to contract Knife River for the Township Road dust control project. A specific request to have the dust control application done by Memorial Day. Steve was asked to contact Knife River.

2024 Storm Damage: The Township received \$17,442.75.

Swanson Road: The Township attorney's advice is for the Township wait for a more detailed proposal by the owners of the property or Mr. Rono.

Oreland and Rice Lake Road Discussion: The Township will be looking at the possibility in 2026 to mill the roadway and replace the culverts. This road is on the road inspection list for April 26th.

Rights-of-Way Discussion: Steve passed out to the Board a registered list of the Township Roads. Most of the roads have a 60 foot right of way (30 feet each way from the center of the road). When outsourcing cutting rights-of-way in the past the Township has requested clearing what is necessary for safety. The contractor should have clear instructions. Residents living along the roadway should also be notified before starting the project.

Black Lake/Cascade Road Discussion: A motion was made by Scott Brix and seconded by Josh Thompson to set a bid opening date to reclaim Cascade Court and pave Black Lake Road up to Cascade Court for May 12, 2025, at 7pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Steve Reilly will coordinate the specifics of the bid which will be coordinated through the Township lawyer's office. To be included in the specifics: (not to start the project until September, ½ the cost will be paid when the project is completed, the 2nd ½ of the cost will be paid in December, culverts will be replaced, mailbox post will be replaced with break-a-way posts).

2025 Road Budget: It was discussed that the 2025 road budget will be discussed for approval by the Board after the April Road inspection at the May Board meeting.

Mailbox Damages: There were three mailboxes damaged during the snow plowing season. Steve is coordinating the replacement of the mailboxes with the Township Road maintenance contractor.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to report. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve purchasing a pressure washer for the Township not to exceed \$500.00. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Hall Building Insurance Valuation: The Township received an updated insurance valuation, from an independent assessor hired by The Minnesota Association of Townships. Minnesota Association of Townships is the Township's insurance provider. The evaluation on the building presented to the Board is \$472,676.00. The Board felt the evaluation was low and not adequate insurance coverage. A motion was made by Scott Brix and seconded by Josh Thompson to have Steve Reilly hire an independent appraiser for a second opinion appraisal. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business to Come Before the Board: Scott Brix told the Board he was contacted by a resident living on Beach Road that a cut out patch needed to be repaired. Steve Reilly was in contact with the resident last fall. The asphalt plant was closed for the season. Until the patch can be fixed, Steve will put out gravel on the area.

Crow Wing County DRT Meetings: There are times when David Gray is not able to attend the meeting. The other Board members will be asked if they are available. It a courtesy for a Board member to attend the meetings. Variance requests will need to be discussed by the Board when the application is submitted to Crow Wing County for review. The Township can only make recommendations. Crow Wing County makes the final decision on the request.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____ Dated: _____

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