

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
April 16, 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: Greg Rono, Blake Lubinus, Abby Smith, Wendi Johnson

David Gray called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 minutes of March 10, 2025, Board meeting and the March 24, 2025, Special 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 March 31, 2025. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to accept and approve the claims for the month of April totaling \$75,320.90 ck# 10602-10621, EFT-F-04-2025, EFT-P-04-2025, EFT-M-04-2025 and EFT-W-04-2025. 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 \$53,455.00 has been spent on maintaining the roads in the Township. The brushing bill for this month was \$32,204.00 which was more than expected. There will be additional discussion regarding the road maintenance and budget at the road inspection special meeting being held on April 26th at 8am at the Deerwood Township building.

Deer Trail Drive: The special public meeting to discuss options for the intersection of Deer Trail Road and Hwy 6 scheduled for April 28th has been changed to May 19, 2025, at 7pm at the Deerwood Township building. The reason for the meeting change is because the Town Hall will be set up for the Special District Senate election being held on April 29th.

Mower/Steve Reilly: Steve Reilly handed out information on the pros and cons of outsourcing the mowing of ditches in the Township. Scott Brix made the motion to outsource the road ditch weed mowing. He withdrew his motion due to a possible conflict of interest. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to have the ditch weed mowing outsourced for one year to see if the Township is better off outsourcing the job or doing it in house. Motion passed with Scott Brix abstaining from the motion.

2025 Road Dust Control: Carol Pundt asked for a certificate of insurance liability from the contractor. Steve Reilly will get the document to her.

Swanson Road: A petition for a cartway was presented to the Board by Greg Rono. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to approve a resolution to accept the petition, to set the Public Hearing date and time for May 27, 2025, at 7pm at the Deerwood Town Hall building and to require a \$5,000 escrow for costs to the Township for processing the cartway petition request. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance Request: A motion by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to take no action on the variance request from Brian and Kristi Mundstock. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to report.

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 new evaluation on the building presented to the Board is \$518,248. The Board felt the evaluation is still low and not adequate insurance coverage. A motion was made by David Gray 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.

Donation Requests: A motion was made by Scott Brix to donate \$800.00 to the Hallett Memorial Library. An amendment to the motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Scott Brix to add to the donation motion that the City of Crosby does not charge the residents of Deerwood Township a library fee when registering for a library card. The amendment to the motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Scott Brix and seconded David Gray to donate \$800.00 to the Hallett Memorial Library contingent upon the City of Crosby not charging residents of Deerwood Township a library fee when registering for a library card. Motion passed with one no (Josh Thompson) vote.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to appoint the election judges for the Special Election being held on April 29th as presented to the Board by Carol Pundt. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business to Come Before the Board: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to send a letter of support to Joe Buttweiler, from CTC, regarding the importance of broadband coverage in Crow Wing County and especially in Deerwood Township. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

It was brought to the Board's attention that there had been a conflict about reserving the Town Hall for an event that would interfere with Township business use of the Town Hall. It is important for anyone wanting to reserve the Town Hall to contact Steve Reilly. He will check on meeting dates that have already been reserved, help with completing an application and be available for questions.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____ Dated: _____

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