

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
August 11, 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: Jerry & Kim Huchison, Teresa Swanson, Don & Rita Swanson, Justin Ham, Neal Seliger, Fred Betrum, Gerald ?

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 Josh Thompson to approve adjusting the agenda to let the parties attending discuss their concerns before the minutes are read. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the amended minutes of July 14, 2025, Board meeting where David Gray recused himself from the vote regarding a motion to approve paving a segment of Black Lake Road. 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 July 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 Scott Brix to accept and approve the claims for the month of August totaling \$61,046.56 ck# 10712-10732, EFT-F-08-2025, EFT-P-08-2025, and EFT-W-08-2025. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve reported to the Board he is still trying to recover information from an earlier computer failure. Dust control applications have been completed. Scott Brix will talk to Luke Spalj to see if his company would be willing to pay for an additional dust control application on Deer Trail since he has been contracted to oversee the new church building project. The large construction trucks are causing some damage to the roadway.

Road Sign Reflectivity Discussion: Road sign reflectivity will be a priority of the annual road inspection in the Spring of 2026.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve a road budget of \$420,990.00 for 2025. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Deer Trail Drive: Destinee Kayfes, representing the Post Office mail delivery, attended the meeting to discuss with the Board mail delivery options in relation to road options being discussed by the Board. Scott Brix will be working with Destinee Kayfes regarding mail delivery contracting. Scott Brix will also be in contact with Minnesota Power regarding the possibility of moving a power pole.

Driveway Permit Policy: The Board was given a copy of the Township Driveway Permit Policy for review and discussion at the September Board meeting. Steve pointed out to the Board a situation where a landowner in the Township installed

a gravel approach to his property without a permit from the Township. The driveway approach needs a culvert. Steve will develop a protocol for working with people who do not get a permit for a driveway to present to the Board for review at the September Board meeting.

Swanson Road Cartway Update: Final meeting to discuss damage award has not been set awaiting appraisal.

Cascade/Black Lake Road Improvement Project Update: A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Scott Brix to spend up to \$18,000 to do the necessary work discussed regarding the addition of culvert replacements on Black Lake Road. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Steve will get the estimates to discuss with David Gray. This work is in coordination with the road improvement project that Anderson Brothers Construction was awarded.

Work Order Request Processing Procedure/Steve: Steve is still researching. He will have the information/suggestions for the Board to review at the September Board meeting.

Variance Request:

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to make no recommendation for the variance request for Susan and Michael Ackerman. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to make no recommendation for the variance request for Lakes Premier Storage Deerwood LLC. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to recommend disapproval for the variance request for Gerald R and Laura B Gallati Trust. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to report.

Planning and Zoning Discussion/Josh Thompson: Josh is still gathering information. He will have an update at the November Board meeting.

Other Business to Come Before the Board: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to take down the Minnesota State flag on the Township property. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Scott Brix and seconded by David Gray to replace the Minnesota State flag with a POW flag. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

All emails/correspondence received by the Township were reviewed by the Board.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____ Dated: _____

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