

Deerwood Township
Public Hearing
Establishing Township Road Takeover for Maintenance
Eagle View Way and Eagle View Drive
Deerwood Town Hall
October 6, 2025
7:00pm

Board of Supervisors
Scott Brix - Supervisor
Josh Thompson – Vice Chairman
David Gray – Chairman

Clerk – Carol Pundt
Treasurer – Amy Donovan
Road Overseer – Steve Reilly

Present: Scott Brix, David Gray, Josh Thompson, Carol Pundt

Absent: None

Public Attendance: LeRoy Johnson, Virgil Panitzke, Luke Spalj, Jim Carlson, Dale & Dayette O'Brien, Andy and Jackie Holmes

David Gray called the public hearing to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to approve the agenda.

Luke Spalj presented the Board with the Affidavits of Service regarding the petition and the date of the public hearing that was sent out to all the landowners adjacent to the roads. The clerk has on file the affidavits for the publishing of the legal ad regarding the public hearing in the Crosby Ironton Courier.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to recess the meeting at 7:02pm for the on-site inspection of Eagle View Way and Eagle View Drive. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

David Gray reconvened the meeting at 7:20pm for the petitioner's and public comments. Luke Spalj said the goal for the Township to maintain the roads is to benefit the existing landowners.

Jim Carlson asked the question of the Board if it would cost the landowners adjacent to the roads anything for the Township to takeover the road for maintenance. Does the road need to be brought up to specs or anything? The response from David Gray was the only question the Board had was the width of the road. Luke Spalj responded the width of the roads were constructed according to Crow Wing County standards at the time of construction. Steve Reilly told the Board the roads are in good condition. The Board was also asked if the landowners adjacent to the roads would be assessed for maintenance. The costs to the landowners would be that they just pay their annual property taxes. Currently Luke Spalj is paying for plowing the roads in the winter. The Township will now be responsible for plowing and any other maintenance issues which also includes sanding the

road. Scott Brix stated that pretty much the contractor who has been hired to plow the road will also be the same contractor that the Township uses to plow the Township roads. Josh Thompson told the Board the roads are in good condition. The Township has taken over roads in worse condition. Josh Thompson said not next year, but probably the following year the Township may want to chipseal the roads to preserve the asphalt. The Township generally does not use assessments to pay for roadwork. The Township as a whole covers expenses. In the foreseeable future there should not be any charges for road work. The group was asked if they were happy with the explanation. They responded by saying yes. LeRoy Johnson asked if there would be any sanding in the wintertime? The corner of Eagle View Way and Eagle View Drive gets to be icy. Steve Reilly will make sure that area is sanded. Josh Thompson mentioned Steve also has a sander on his truck for spot sanding. Just give him a call. You can call the office or look up Steve's phone number on the Township website. All the Township officer's phone numbers are on the website. Steve would be the one to act the fastest to a road concern. David Gray asked the Board if there needed to be any discussion before moving on to the discussion of awarding damages to property owners.

Josh Thompson made a motion that was seconded by David Gray for the Township to take over maintenance of Eagle View Way and Eagle View Drive with no damages awarded to the property owners since the establishment of the Township taking over the maintenance of the road is a benefit by improving access to their properties. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Josh Thompson made a motion that was seconded by David Gray to have the Chairman and Clerk execute the Road Order and certify a copy to the County Auditor's and Recorder's office. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Everyone in attendance was asked by the clerk to stay after the meeting to sign off on the release of damages document. Those landowners not in attendance also need to sign off on the document before it can be recorded at Crow Wing County. As a landowner if you have not attended the meeting, please phone Carol Pundt at 218-678-3256 to make arrangements to meet with her.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. All voted in favor of the meeting.

Clerk

Chairman

Date

