

Deerwood Township  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Deerwood Town Hall  
January 12, 2026  
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 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded Josh Thompson to approve the amended agenda to include a Budget/Audit meeting date change due to caucuses being held on the night of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 the December 10, 2025, Regular Monthly Board meeting, and Special Board meetings held on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 19, 2025. 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 December 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 January totaling \$30,722.23 (ck# 10809-10827, EFT-F-01-2026, EFT-P-01-2026, EFT-M-01-2026 and EFT-W-01-2026). All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve reported to the Board \$18,975.00 out of a proposed budget of \$342,165.00 for 2026 has been spent on roads in the Township. Steve will be presenting his budget request to the Board at the Budget/Audit meeting on February 5, 2026, at 7pm.

Cascade/Black Lake Road Improvement Project: The project has been completed except for additional shouldering in a couple of locations.

Emergency Preparedness Grant Discussion: The Township has received \$4,000 grant from the Initiative Foundation.

Deer Trail Drive: The Board discussed a letter from the Township attorney. Josh Thompson will be talking to a realtor he knows to see if that person would be willing to give the Township a fair appraisal of the property which will be used to reroute the road.

John Deere Tractor: A motion was made by Scott Brix and seconded by Josh Thompson to have Auto Smith purchase the John Deere Tractor for \$1,000.00 which will be deducted from costs incurred by the Township.

All voted in favor of the motion passed unanimously. The Township posted the sale of the tractor for parts on the Township website and at the regular posting locations. Steve Reilly contacted two salvage buyers with no response back from them. He also contacted three businesses with only one responding with a much lower price than what Auto Smith has offered. The Board feels due diligence was performed in this transaction.

Bituminous Seal Coating Project: Steve was asked by the Board to get a quote to seal coat Beach Road this year.

MnDOT email/Lighting Intersection of Placid and Hwy 6: The Board discussed the request from MnDOT to have lighting installed at the intersection, but the Township would have to pay for the costs. Since the light would be on a state highway right-of-way the Board felt MnDOT should be responsible for the costs.

Variance Request: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to recommend approval of the after the fact variance request for Robert and Monica Pesola. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Preliminary Plat-Quail Knoll/Irondale Township: The information given to the Board was for information purposes only.

Town Hall Plant Update: The generator has been tested and is working properly.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to change the date and time of the Budget/Audit meeting from February 3, 2026, to February 5, 2026, due to caucuses being held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Carol Pundt handed out year-end information to the Board in preparation for the Budget/Audit meeting on February 5, 2026.

Other Business to Come Before the Board:

Steve Reilly asked for approval for a local 4H group's use of the Town Hall building on a regular basis. The Board has no objection to the request as long as it does not interfere with Board meeting and preparation.

It was brought to the Board's attention there is a landowner on Oreland Mine Road who is encroaching the Township's road right-of-way. Steve will draft a letter to be reviewed by the Board to start the process of clearing the road right-of-way.

Josh Thompson brought to the Board's attention a Short Term Rental on White Pine Drive in Deerwood Township may be violating Crow Wing County's use permit. The Township will be looking into the situation. The Board also asked the clerk to invite Jamie Lee to the February Board meeting.

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 7:59m. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Attest:**

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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