

**ROOSEVELT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2025**

1. The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, Sonya Crocker, all officers present.

Sonya led the Flag Pledge.

2. Motion by Sonya to approve the agenda as written, 2nd by Slade all approved, motion carried.
3. Pete Helmin: Looking at getting a variance from Crow Wing County – they suggested that Pete come to the meeting today. Crow Wing County would like for the township to fill out the Township recommendation form. Moving farther away from the lake but a little closer to the road it will not affect the snow plowing or anything. Slade does not see any problem with that. The board will defer it to the county.
4. Motion by Sonya to approve the March 10th, 2025, Board Minutes as written motion was 2nd by Slade, all approved, motion carried.
5. Sonya moved to accept the March Treasurer's report as read; 2nd by Darla, all approved, motion carried.
6. Slade makes a motion that we keep Deerwood bank as our checking, 2nd by Darla, all approved, motion carried.
7. Sonya moved to approve claims as listed; 2nd by Slade, all in favor, motion carried.
8. Road & Equipment Report:
 - Equipment: Looking good – Slade talked to Paul at Modern Equipment about the extended warranty on the Tractor 6 year extended warranty with \$2000 hauling expenses, drive train hydraulic and electrical system, right around \$5000. Jim says if you have a chance to get a warranty for that long it will be good. Slade makes a motion up to \$6000 to get the full extended 6 year warranty on the tractor, 2nd by Darla, all approved, motion carried.
 - Roads – Looking better as he started grading. The guys decided not to plow on the snow day, Sonya suggests maybe making a post on something like that in the future.
 - Spring Road Inspection: Monday April 28th at 9AM Road Inspection
 - Maintenance Employee Review – Kudos from Bobbie. Boosting to 40 hours for the summer. More brushing and road clean up to do. Slade makes a motion to move from 30 hours a week to 40 hours a week, at least try to get 35-40 a week, balance out, 2nd by Darla, all approved, motion carried. We are thankful to have Jacoby and appreciate having him.
 - SCI Right of Way Agreement – Slade makes a motion to approve SCI Right of Way Agreement, 2nd by Darla, all approved, motion carried.
9. Sonya makes a motion to keep the board structure the same Sonya Crocker – Chair, Darla Kellner – Vice Chair, and Slade Fetters – Roads Supervisor, 2nd by Darla, all in favor, motion carried.

10. Darla makes a motion to accept Resolution #2025-04-14 Establishing a policy for the compensation and reimbursement of town officers & Town Officers compensation and reimbursement policy; 2nd by Sonya, all in favor, motion carried.
11. Sonya makes a motion that we keep the election judge pay at \$20/hour, additional per diem amount of \$15 per 4 hour shift for a meal; 2nd by Darla, all in favor, motion carried.
12. Sonya makes a motion for Moderator pay to be \$50, 2nd by Darla all approved, motion carried.
13. Sonya makes a motion for Road Supervisor phone reimbursement pay to be \$50 per month, 2nd by Darla all approved, motion carried.
14. Designate Town Attorney – Current: Couri & Ruppe, PLLP
- Sonya makes a motion to keep the Town Attorney as Couri & Ruppe, PLLP; 2nd by Slade, all in favor, motion carried.
15. Designated Fund amounts for 2025 Levy of \$215,000 voted at Annual Meeting:

	2025 Levy
General Fund	\$40,000
Road & Bridge Fund	\$140,000
Recycling Fund	
Fire Protection Fund	\$25,000
New Equipment/Gravel Fund	\$10,000
Go Bond Series 2013-A Fund	
Tax Abatement Fund	
	\$215,000

Sonya makes a motion for \$215,000 be the 2026 Levy, 2nd by Slade, all approved motion carried.

16. Set date & time for regular Board Meetings – Adopt Schedule
- Sonay makes a motion to keep Board Meeting Time and Date the same, 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm; 2nd by Slade, all in favor, motion carried.
17. Designate official newspapers and posting places:
- Mille Lacs Messenger, Morrison County Record, Brainerd Dispatch
- Town Hall, Pine Center Tire, & Bear Trax.
- Sonya makes a motion to keep the official newspapers and posting places the same; 2nd by Darla, all in favor, motion carried.
18. Donations, Contracts for Health Services
- Sonya makes a motion to accept and donate \$2500 to Pine Center 1st Responders; 2nd by Slade, all in favor, motion carried.
- Sonya makes a motion to accept and donate \$1000 to Crisis Line & Referral; 2nd by Darla, all in favor, motion carried.
- Sonya makes a motion to accept and donate \$1000 to Mille Lacs Health System; 2nd by Slade, motion carried.

Sonya makes a motion to accept and donate \$100 to CWC Historical Society; 2nd by Darla, all in favor, motion carried.

Sonya makes a motion to accept and donate \$200 to Pierz Summer Youth Activities; 2nd by Slade, all in favor, motion carried.

Sonya makes a motion to accept and donate \$100 to CWC Fair; 2nd by Darla, all in favor, motion carried.

Sonya makes a motion to accept and donate \$200 to Cuyuna Range Youth; 2nd by Darla, all in favor, motion carried.

Sonya makes a motion to accept and donate \$100 to CWC Fair; 2nd by Darla, all in favor, motion carried.

Sonya makes a motion to accept and donate \$500 to Horizon Health; 2nd by Slade, motion carried.

Sonya makes a motion to accept and donate \$250 to Onamia Food Shelf, hand delivered; 2nd by Slade, all in favor, motion carried.

Sonya makes a motion to accept and donate \$250 to Garrison Food Shelf, hand delivered; 2nd by Slade, all in favor, motion carried.

19. Liquor License for JRS – Slade makes a motion that we approve JRS liquor license, 2nd by Darla, all approved, motion carried.

20. Emergency Sirin on Platte Lake – Clayton Barg was going to come talk about this that is not functioning currently. Platte Lake Association does not want to put any money into, since there are ways on the phone to get emergency alerts. Let's just table it for now since it doesn't service the whole township. No one came to discuss this issue.

21. Board of Appeal and Equalization – The county is taking care of it currently; they think that they are county property taxes that would be disputed so might as well keep it. We can always investigate it later if someone thinks differently.

22. Open Forum:

- Wednesday April 30 Crow Wing County Township Association meeting, Sonya is planning on going.
- Wonder Share workshop videos on roads. Sonya is thinking this would be good for Jacoby and he can use them for his hours.
- Sonya says that we got tagged for Jon Stafford's unemployment insurance we are paying \$3318.10, Darla said we hold the check and call the lawyers. Slade's assumption would be when he started there he got laid off for the winter. It is fraud to be working and collecting unemployment. Nothing against Jon, we are just doing what is right and watching about how we are spending the money. Sonya made a motion to amend the claim to MN Unemployment Insurance we do not pay the check until after we talk to our Lawyer, 2nd by Darla, all approved motion carried.
- Down at the end of Bellview Nathan wants to put up a big gate on his grandma's land so no one will come up on the hill and ruin crops in their field. The neighbor John said he would put the gate up if he got township permission. We don't maintain it anyways, so no issue is seen. Just make sure it is back far enough so we can turn around. Darla makes a motion to

approve Nathan Nash to put a gate in at the end of Belview Road on his grandmother's property, 2nd by Slade, all approved, motion carried.

- We haven't heard anything about the speed limit.
- Lyle brought up to Sherry about our meetings be posted online – like Crow Wing County Commissioner Meetings. Maybe bring the community and more people would get involved online. Breanna will check into it.

Other Information:

None

At 8:20 pm, Slade moved to adjourn, 2nd by Darla, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.



Breanna Cielinski
Roosevelt Township Clerk

Approved


Sonya Crocker, Chairman