

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2014**

Present: Dennis Zeto, Don Hazeman, Mel Milender, Ervin Blom, Cory Wilson, Mary Lou Milender, and Sandy Burgoon.

Visitors present: John Schocker, Fred Kelm and Alice Moberg.

ORGANIZATION MEETING

The organizational meeting was held before the regular monthly meeting. Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Cory Wilson to have Dennis Zeto remain as the Chairman. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Dennis Zeto to have Don Hazeman remain as the Vice Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Don Hazeman to keep the meetings scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. A work session will be held at 7:00 p.m. before the monthly meeting begins. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to use the Buyline as the official newspaper for anything that needs to be published, and also place the same ad in the Bemidji Pioneer if the Board makes the request. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to keep the posting places at Eckles Community Center and Pete's Place West as well as on the Web Site. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Don Hazeman to keep the compensation for officers as in 2013. (\$15.00 an hour to work on the roads.) Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Don Hazeman to raise the compensation to \$12.00 an hour for election judges. Motion carried unanimously. The mileage rate will remain at 56.5 set by Federal. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Don Hazeman to designate the following supervisors to fill the duties as follows:

Roads: Ervin Blom and Cory Wilson

Rural Fire Association: Mel Milender

County Board Liaison: Don Hazeman

Shooting Sports Range: Dennis Zeto

BATO: Mel Milender

Weed Control Officer: Don Hazeman (who will be paid \$15.00 an hour plus mileage of 56.5)

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Ervin Blom to adjourn the reorganization meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited.

Minutes of the February 18, 2014 meeting were read. Don Hazeman requested that a clarification be put in the minutes referencing that fencing material will be provided by Eckles Township for the movement of the fence on the Moberg property. Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Cory Wilson to approve the amended minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurers Report for the month ending February 28, 2014 was read.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 189,573.39	General Savings:	\$ 1,006.74
Receipts:	\$ 7.14	Legal Fees Savings:	\$ 332.67
Disbursements:	\$ 11,871.92	Total of CD's	\$ 228,621.48
Ending Balance:	\$ 177,708.61		

Motion by Ervin Blom, seconded by Cory Wilson to accept the Treasurer's Report. Subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously. Dennis Zeto wants the Treasurer to prepare a report for next month that will show what we have in overages from last year's funding.

Bills presented: Checks #4459 through #4472 in the amount of \$7,906.92 were approved for payment. Motion by Cory Wilson seconded by Ervin Blom to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Cory Wilson to approve voiding check #4366 issued in August for \$140.00 to Seasonal Services. This check has expired and we did inform Donovan Lundin that rather than putting a stop payment on the check we would let it expire and reissue a new one. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ervin Blom, seconded by Mel Milender to approve the following donations: \$125.00 to Bemidji Senior Center; \$125.00 to North Country First Responders; \$125.00 to Beltrami County 4-H Club; and \$125.00 to Beltrami County Mounted Posse, for a total of \$500.00.

Alice Moberg was invited to the meeting tonight so she could hear and see what the board wants to do with Hollyhock Road. The Moberg's have an existing fence that is in the road right-of-way where we want to make a 20 mph curve. The Moberg's are in agreement with the plan and will provide an easement for the corner. The township will pay for and have installed new fencing along Hollyhock Road in exchange for their right-of-way

Fred Kelm indicated the stumps should be taken out of Nature Road on the north end. John Schocker indicated that the Base I for Balsam Road should be ordered so it can be reapplied again as soon as the weather permits.

Don Hazeman informed the Board there will be another Weed Control meeting scheduled. Don will keep us informed as to where they will be spraying.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Ervin Blom to accept the snow removal policy, adding Addendum B showing the existing snowplowing plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mel Milender informed the board he spoke with Joe Vene in regards to Balsam Road. Spirit Road which is located in the City of Wilton and Eckles Township would be one of the roads we could use for negotiations with the County to have them accept Balsam Road.

Cory Wilson wants the clerk to change wordage for the rules for Eckles Township making payments. Rather than call it Rules for Eckles Township Contractors. He wants it to read Rules for Eckles Township Vendor Payments. The Board agreed

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Ervin Blom to have the clerk mail out a postcard to all the known residents in Eckles Township to inform them of who is on the Town Board, when we have our meetings and inform them of the days of the road clean-up, cemetery clean-up, potluck, etc.

The clerk reminded the board of the Spring Short Courses coming up the end of the month and the first week of April.

Motion by Ervin Blom, seconded by Cory Wilson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Dennis Zeto
Chairman