

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2015

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

Visitors present: John Schocker, Thore Thorson, Wally Tverstol, Don Larsen, Dick Larsen, Bill Schroeder and Jessica Tverstol.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were read. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Ervin Blom, to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2014 was reviewed and explained. Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Cory Wilson to accept the Treasurer's Report. Subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2015 was read.

Beginning Balance:	\$185,530.13	General Savings:	\$ 45,915.06
Receipts:	5,873.72	Legal Fees Savings:	5,791.61
Disbursements:	7,872.80	CD	\$117,824.42
Ending Balance:	\$183,531.05	Total	\$169,531.09

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Ervin Blom to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer informed the Board of a conversation she had with Irene Bright, MAT CTAS trainer, regarding the interest we earn from Beltrami County. Technically we should divide the interest among the funds for which we levy and it should be divided proportionately. Each fund is a certain percentage of the total levy and we determine that by dividing the levy in each fund by the total levy and multiply that percentage by the amount of interest earned. Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Mel Milender that all future interest can just be put into the General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills presented: Checks #4663 through #4673 in the amount of \$5,105.54 were approved for payment. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. The clerk will attempt to get the sales tax Dennis Zeto had to pay on the filing cabinet back from Costco. The tax put the amount over the \$2,300.00 approved for a new fire proof filing cabinet. Townships are exempt from paying sales tax on certain items.

Wally Tverstol, a resident on Blue Mayflower approached the board with a request to lower the speed limit on Blue Mayflower Road NW. He indicated that several residents in the area drive 60-70 mph on his road regardless of the road conditions. His daughter was hit by a car going approximately 30 mph when several people were standing near the roadside after pulling a car out of the ditch. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Don Hazeman to write a letter to the Beltrami County Sheriff and ask for additional patrols on the road. Cory Wilson and Ervin Blom will check to see if the road qualifies for a lower speed limit.

Mr. Don Larsen and Bill Schroeder approached the board about the "T" on Nature Road. Eckles Township will agree to any solution they can work out with MNDOT as long as it does not cost the township any money. It is between Mr. Larsen, Mr. Schroeder and MNDOT at this time.

Bill Schroeder requested that Eckles Township clarify the building of Pete Lane with MNDOT. Security lights have to be moved from the middle of the ROW. That is between Beltrami Electric and Mr. Schroeder. Mr. Schroeder will receive access to his property located south of the C-Store property. If culverts are needed, they will be provided by MNDOT. The board discussed the type of surface and whether or not there will be ditches on both sides of the road.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Don Hazeman to write a letter to the Beltrami County Commissioners regarding Spirit Avenue in Wilton and inform them that Spirit Avenue is not in Eckles Township. The original plan was unclear because the Town Board assumed that the properties adjacent to the north side of Spirit Avenue were in Eckles Township. They are not.

Mel Milender will talk to Murray Surveying for legal descriptions on Mayflower Road by Forest Edge so the township can apply for it as a ROW from MN DNR.

Mel Milender informed the board of a discussion he had with a developer regarding a common interest community that will allow him to make roads that are not public. He is planning on putting in 96- 1 bedroom units which will be stand-alone 4-plex's. Each 4 plex will be on a one acre lot.

Road Report – John spent many hours scarifying the roads and sanding in spots to make the roads safe. Everyone on the board received phone calls from angry or excited residents about the icy road conditions.

Rural Fire Association Report - Mel Milender was elected as the Treasurer of the association at the January meeting. Jan Hauer is the new Secretary. Mel feels the township should be paying about \$2,000.00 less than last year for our 2015 dues. The Annual Meeting is on March 26, 2015 when they host the open house. All town board members are invited to attend.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Cory Wilson to approve the election judges that the clerk wants for the Annual Election in March. The election judges will be Georgia Halverson and Janet Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Ervin Blom to accept the Assessment Agreement. \$9,216.00 will be due in September. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Don Hazeman to reimburse any of the Town Board if they decide to attend the Spring Short Courses. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ervin Blom, seconded by Mel Milender to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Dennis Zeto
Chairman