

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 8, 2018**

Present: Don Hazeman, Mel Milender, Cory Wilson, Aaron Dougherty, Beth Hendricks, Mary Lou Milender, and Sandy Burgoon.

Visitors present: Don Wilson, John Schocker, Keith Longie, Jeff Longie, Jennifer Lamberson, Susan Sandell, A. Anderson, Dennis Magnuson, Thor Thorson, Fred Kelm, Brandon Erickson, Brian Grund, Merlin Vold, John Kirk, Nichole Lindberg, Cheryl & Dennis Berglund, Bryan Sathre, Gary Coan, Chris Poole, Dennis Halverson, Ryan Besch, Crystal Baker, Joe Rucinski, Todd & Sheila Miller, Carolyn Townsend, Vicky Edevold, Travis Hetteen, Randi Sande, Brent Gilge, Chris & Kara Wass, Erick Holden and three others I could not decipher.

Chairman Don Hazeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Hendricks to accept the Regular Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**VISITORS:**

Karen Weller, Executive Director at the Airport informed the Board of the three main projects that should happen this summer. (1) New apron along Runway 7. (2) New hangers – a 4 unit building that will hold a plane up to 60 feet wide. (3) Improve the runway protection zone by the old drive-in theatre. Long term plans – pad will encourage more businesses to locate there. A part of the airport was recently developed by the city with water and sewer. 60,000 passengers were served last year. A 3<sup>rd</sup> flight on Saturday and Mondays are planned and geared towards the Concordia Language Villages only for July and August.

**ROAD QUOTES:**

The two quotes for gravel were opened, discussed and voted on. Motion by Supervisor Dougherty to accept DEW Trucking at \$10.90 a yard. The other quote was \$14.00 per yard delivered. Motion seconded by Supervisor Milender. Motion carried. Supervisor Wilson abstained from the vote.

**ROAD REPORT:**

Dennis Berglund started a conversation concerning what happens to vehicles after driving on our rough roads. He presented some car parts found on Eckles Road. He stated that Eckles Township needs to pave this road. Supervisor Milender informed the residents that the township started an account for paving. Four years ago, it was voted down by the residents at the Annual Meeting due to the cost. He also stated that if we pave a road we have to levy for it and that must be determined by the residents at

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our annual meetings. It was determined to put road counters out and hire a firm that has the knowledge of road construction to look at the whole township to see what roads need work. They will study the roads, complete traffic studies, understand road construction and present an estimate until we bid a project. Brian Grund said Freeberg and Grund could do that for approximately \$35,000.00.

Supervisor Wilson informed the board he had requested magnesium chloride this year since it is not so slippery. Several residents did not want chloride placed on the roads this year, especially on Jackpine. Eckles and Balsam definitely need it. Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Dougherty to agree on the price of the chloride. Cory will order as it is needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Wilson discussed having an ATV policy. After the township passes a policy and ATV's are tearing up the roads we can go to the county for sheriff patrol.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Dougherty to clear the trees on Jackpine Road. The south side of the road is state, and the north side of the road belongs to the county, therefore the trees belong to the county.

Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Hendricks to approve all resolutions and the road agreement for plats which were copied and distributed last month for review. Motion carried unanimously.

Beavers were another discussion. We need to trap them or they will flood out Mrs. Lindell's property again.

Supervisor Wilson and John Schocker did a road review. They noticed some of the new houses in Woodcrest Addition where the road runs east and west on Woodcrest Drive needs a culvert or there will be flooding.

Balsam Road east of Star Lane needs a lift of gravel before chloride is applied to that section. Star Lane at Balsam going north needs a stop sign. Eckles and Balsam lost a stop sign too.

Cartway Road had a blow-out and needs something put in the hole. The maintenance contractor was instructed to do only minimum maintenance.

Deerfield First Addition needs to bring the roads in. Just about every culvert needs to be cleared out.

Where Sullivan Road ends on the west end we need to put a culvert in.

Supervisor Wilson met with Mark Fuller at his office and again at Rick Roff's corner. Rick agreed to remove five of the dead trees which stick out into the road.

Supervisor Wilson wants a traffic count on Eckles to Hwy 2, Balsam and Eckles, Eckles north of Sandells, north of Balsam and north of Mayflower.

John Schocker will take his skid steer in on Mayflower since it is just a minimum maintenance road. We need to install a minimum maintenance sign on Mayflower on the west side of Hwy 89.

**RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION REORT:**

Supervisor Milender informed the board that the majority of Eckles Township was recently awarded ISO4 vs 7. Milender met with the City Council with a plan to put a station near the Northern Town Hall, on Winter Sumac Road where they can rent an existing building that meets temporary needs.

**CEMETERY REPORT:**

Supervisor Wilson called a few contractors for quotes for mowing the Eckles Cemetery. Adam Sander quoted \$150.00 per mowing and Donovan Lundin quoted \$80.00 per mowing. Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Milender to have Donovan do it. Clerk will send a contract for signature.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to make the donations the same as last year. We will support Beltrami County 4-H Club with \$200.00, North Country First Responders with \$200.00 and the Bemidji Senior Activity Center with \$100.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Dougherty. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Cory Wilson  
Vice Chairman