

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2015

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

Visitors present: Stacy Dougherty, Mollie Besch, Katie Hayft, Ashley Schmitt, Mary Forseth, Bill Schroeder, Roy Lee Antle, John Schocker, Fred Kelm, Vicki & Mick Trepanier, Dale Wilson and Gary Coan.

Cory Wilson requested to pull the Resolution to Establish Speed Limits for further discussion. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Don Hazeman to accept the amended Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mick Trepanier, dba Lyles Used Trucks, approached the Board with a dealer license for approval. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Schroeder informed the Board he was attempting to have MNDOT put a third driveway onto Pete Lane from the South. He was informed he should have approval from Eckles Township and City of Wilton. Mel Milender moved that we draft a letter to MNDOT, seconded by Don Hazeman.

Several residents from the Monte Plata Road were concerned with the added traffic that will be in their area once the new development is built along Sousa Road NW. They wanted to know if a Watch for Children sign and a speed limit sign could be installed. The board informed them they are working on a resolution right now for establishing a speed limit for plats. The state completed a study several years ago and in many cases the watch for children signs is more detrimental than helpful. They are not generally recommended.

Balsam Road update – Dale Wilson, contractor, informed the Board that he can get started as soon as the utility work is completed. He has the culverts and is ready to do the work.

The clerk shared a letter she received from a local attorney representing Bill Schroeder. The attorney is unable to locate any documentation that the township established Pete Lane NW as a township road. He could not locate the road in the County Records Office. He also wanted records of the township's maintenance of the road for the past 30 years. The board reviewed his request and informed the clerk to request a \$15.00 per hour fee for research since it is something she is doing for somebody other than the town board and also charge \$.10 per page to copy said information. After considerable discussion with Mr. Bill Schroeder, it was determined that the right of way for all of Pete Lane was established when MNDOT moved US Highway 2, and the ROW is not part of the land Bill purchased. It is part of a plat that MNDOT maintains.

A discussion on the development of the intersection of Wild Rose Lane and Eckles Road. Mel Milender made a motion, seconded by Cory Wilson to have it engineered as soon as possible and get a construction easement from Dennis Berglund, or other landowners for the NW corner. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Don Hazeman to approve the Resolution to Establish Speed Limits on Platted Roads. Motion carried unanimously. Cory also informed the board what he had found for pricing on the signs and the stakes. Cory was informed to go ahead and order the signs needed. Cory indicated he does not have the time to install the signs himself nor the proper equipment. Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Ervin Blom to get two quotes from different companies that can do sign installation. Motion carried unanimously.

Cory Wilson will check with MNDOT regarding the trees in the ROW on the west end of Wild Rose Lane.

Don Hazeman informed the board he received an email from Kay Mack showing pictures of garbage near Schribner Hill asking him to clean it up. Don requested the help of Dennis Zeto and the two of them picked up the two chairs, etc. Don hauled it to the dump. There is some dispute as to who is responsible for the clean-up of this site, whether it is the township or the county. Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Cory Wilson to pass a resolution and get BATO to pass a resolution to get the county to stay open later in the day to enable people to make it to the dump before the gates close.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Ervin Blom to hire Russell Gustafson as our Cemetery Sexton. His salary will be \$500.00 per year payable on a quarterly basis. However, this year we are going to pay him retroactively from the first of the year because Russ has been showing people where the lots are located; selling the lots and preparing the cemetery deeds for signature for many years without any pay. We will put it in the budget for each year going forward.

Weed Report –

Don Hazeman informed the board the weeds have infested Radar Road extremely heavily on the south side. Don also informed us there was a study done at Montana University showing beetles from Greece have been helping their weed problems. Don thinks we should stick to spot spraying in the worse areas.

Rural Fire Association Report –

Mel Milender informed the board the RFA met last week and discussed the budget. The Fire Chief had requested a Fire Marshal position and it was discussed at length. The City Manager would not support it on the budget because the Rural Fire Association does not support it. No action will be taken this year. Long range plans have a new \$1.5 Million ladder truck in two years. The city is funding a new station in Nymore.

Shooting Sports Report –

Mary Forseth informed the board that Joel Johnson was chosen as the contractor to do the dirt work that needs to be done. They are \$350,000 short for Stage 1. The County will take care of the signage.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Mel Milender to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Dennis Zeto
Chairman