

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2010**

Attendance:

Township Chairman: Dennis Zeto
Township Supervisor: Don Hazeman
Township Supervisor: Ervin Blom
Township Supervisor: Mel Milender
Township Treasurer: Gabrielle Zeto
Township Clerk: Mary Lou Milender

Visitors present: Thore Thorson, Ron Gilberg, Joan Crosby, Bryan Sathre, Dion & Bonnie Jacobs, Darwin Wiebolt, Chris Hogan, Jeff Olson, and Nate & Katie Nolting.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. with listed members present.

Minutes of the November 16, 2010 Town Board Meeting were read. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Don Hazeman to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the work session held on December 7, 2010 were read. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Ervin Blom to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT:

Bills - The bills are payable with check numbers 3853-3868, totaling \$17,254.50. Motion by Ervin Blom seconded by Mel Milender to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Gabrielle Zeto reported that Cash by Fund balances are: General - \$39,253.64, Road & Bridge - \$24,985.24
Fire -2,489.79, Cemetery - \$3,334.83.

Motion by Don Hazeman seconded by Ervin Blom to approve the Treasurer's Report. Subject to audit.
Motion carried unanimously.

The special work session was not discussed until Dennis Zeto can create the formula correctly. He will have the work completed by next month so we can present it and have an open discussion in February.

The Web page was discussed again. Mary Lou is to get the domain name set up and then she will work with Nate Nolting for the actual information that will be input on the site.

Several residents from Woodcrest Addition were very interested in our paving policy and our timeline. Don Hazeman informed them that we really need to increase our budget at the annual meeting. 2012 would be the very soonest we could ever do any paving at all. He informed the residents that every \$10,000.00 we increase our budget we also increase individual taxes by 5.5%. We need more participation at the annual meetings. Mel Milender informed the residents of the process that we need to go through regarding receiving formal quotes and get final bids or quotes and lock them in. Then we will need to calculate each assessment by lot. Following that we must then hold a public meeting. We still need to have the money before we commit to the final bid.

Road Report: Mel Milender received a call from a citizen on Jenny Lane that wants to have Jenny Lane accepted by the Town Board. He informed her that it would have to be surveyed and needs to be a 66 ft road as a township road with right-of-way easements dedicated to the township. The board made the decision to have a "T" on Jenny Lane rather than a cul-de-sac as long as there is no road extended beyond the "T". Having a "T" is better for the snowplowing because there is always someplace to put the snow.

Shooting Sports Report: Subleases are ready to be presented to the County Trap & Skeet Club. The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. with no activity after that.

Rural Fire Report: The committee for the Fire District exploration made a trip to Cloquet to meet with their Fire District. No conclusion has been made at this point.

Motion by Ervin Blom, seconded by Mel Milender to accept the resolution between Eckles and Lammers Township for the road maintenance. Motion carried unanimously. Don Hazeman requested the clerk to bill Lammers Township each December.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Don Hazeman to have the question put on the ballot in March enabling the Town Board to appoint the clerk and treasurer positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Ervin Blom to pay the Assessment Agreement with the County. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ervin Blom, seconded by Mel Milender to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Dennis Zeto
Chairman