

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2015

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

Visitors present: Russ Gustafson, Thor Thorson, Randy and Mary Forseth, Fred Kelm, and John Schocker.

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

Minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting were read. Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Mel Milender, to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2014 was read.

Beginning Balance:	\$115,025.05	General Savings:	\$ 45,907.26
Receipts:	73,328.57	Legal Fees Savings:	5,791.36
Disbursements:	2,823.49	Total of CD's	\$117,470.45
Ending Balance:	\$185,530.13		

Motion by Cory Wilson to accept the Treasurer's Report, however there were some questions about the transfer of the CD's that were not clarified to the Supervisors' approval, Motion by Don Hazeman to table the Treasurer's Report until next month. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills presented: Checks #4645 through #4662 in the amount of \$7,872.80 were approved for payment. Motion by Don Hazeman seconded by Cory Wilson to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Russ Gustafson inquired about allowing four cremation urns in the cemetery plots; however the State law is that there be only two per plot. The township policy will remain at two per burial space or lot.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Cory Wilson to allow the clerk to spend up to \$2,300.00 on a new fire proof filing cabinet. Motion carried unanimously.

Mel Milender drafted a letter to the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners in response to a letter received from Bruce Hasbargen regarding Balsam Road. Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Ervin Blom to pass this letter as amended on to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman, Zeto will sign the letter.

Mel Milender informed the board he spoke with the DNR regarding the Balsam Trail and establishing a new road thereon. He indicated that we must be very clear as to what the townships intends before we hold a public hearing. The statute requires 60 days' notice to the DNR prior to any hearing by certified

mail for that hearing. We will present the petition that Randy Forseth had signed by adjacent landowners to the Annual Meeting. The Board also needs to conduct a physical viewing of the road before we can establish it as a road. Supervisor Milender also discussed the potential costs to the township. Anytime we want to establish a road the town residents need to vote on it at the annual meeting or a special meeting. IAW MN Statutes 164.06 and 164.07.

Mel Milender made a motion, seconded by Don Hazeman, to have Eckles Town Board begin the process of establishing a road in accordance with the petition received December 16, 2014, with an alternate legal description to be determined by a survey description. The road description noticed on the petition shall remain vacated. Motion carried unanimously.

Mel Milender made a motion, seconded by Ervin Blom to have on the agenda for the annual meeting a discussion of establishing both the west end of Balsam Road, and Mayflower Road between Nature Road and Hwy 89 and Mayflower Road west of the existing road north of Forest Edge Development. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Mel Milender to authorize a survey from Murray Surveying after the annual meeting. Mel is to get an estimate from Murray for surveying Mayflower Road and bring to the Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ervin Blom discussed using Eminent Domain to establish a 66 ft. Road Right of Way and then rebuild Cartway Road. That discussion will continue and may be on the agenda for the annual meeting.

The Eckles Town Board held a Budget Meeting Monday night and there was a recommended increase of \$4,725.00 in total levy for 2016 from the 2015 levy. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Ervin Blom to recommend the \$301,100 amount discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Dennis Zeto
Chairman