

**ECKLES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 08, 2023**

The regular Eckles Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Donald Hazeman, Supervisors, Cory Wilson, Darren Baumgardner, Elizabeth Hendricks and Mel Milender were present. Treasurer Debra Larson and Clerk Mary Lou Milender were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Attendees:** John Schocker, Teri Speck & Donald Speck, Mike Thomas, Bernard Anderson, Kevin Mohler, Paul Cronemiller, Wendy Brown and Dale Wilson.

**Approval of agenda**

**Approval of the consent agenda.** Motion by Mel, second by Don to remove DEW trucking invoice from the Bills to be paid. passed unanimously. Motion by Beth, seconded by Corey to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Mel discussed last month's directive to review DEW trucking charges for shouldering with Freeburg and Grund and determine if Eckles Township was overcharged by DEW trucking for the delivery of shouldering material on the Eckles/Balsam and Deerfield First Addition Projects. The Township was overcharged by \$30,650.00. DEW trucking has agreed to deduct that amount from the payment of invoices from the Cartway project for which they have been awarded the contract that will be completed in September. A motion was made by Mel seconded by Beth to approve the correction in the manner agreed upon. Motion passed unanimously.

**VISITORS**

Terry Speck, resident of Memorial Drive in the plat of \_\_\_ Eckles led a group of residents from the plat in discussing concerns regarding the proposed clearing of the entire 66ft ROW on the roads in said plat. The final analysis was that the residents would petition to have two short, undeveloped portions of roadway in the NW corner of the plat abandoned, agree to the township clearing and maintaining a 26+ foot wide driving surface on all remaining ROW throughout the plat, remove all large trees, including roots from the ROW and the township will maintain said cleared ROW at that level into the future. Motion by Mel, second by Cory to move forward with the agreed upon plan. Motion passed unanimously.

**ROAD REPORT**

The paving project in the Plat of Deerfield First Addition was discussed. An email report from Freeburg & Grund indicated that the Driveway issues identified earlier could be fixed for an approximate sum of \$9,000.00 total. After considerable discussion the Board consensus was that this is problem between our inspecting engineering company and the paving contractor that needs to be resolved accordingly.

Cory reported that we need to get some of the ditches brushed out and he is working with John to accomplish that.

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Other than that, we are through with Chloride application and spot graveling and John is maintaining the grading as moisture is available from the rain.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Don reported that his follow-up with Beltrami County will be brought to the county work session for further discussion. He has agreement from our County commissioner, Richard Anderson, that because much of the debris is picked up on county owned or maintained land the County should assist in Eckles township efforts to keep it clean. He will continue to monitor the county response.

Mel gave a report of the latest information regarding changes to the regional airport zoning documents that will affect Eckles Township. He indicated that the entire 40 acres of public land on the west side of CSAH 9, directly opposite the end of the primary runway will be zoned for now development. He also indicated that commercial daycares and similar vulnerable persons housing will be prohibited in the next restrictive zone. Current uses will be allowed into the future. The JAZB(Joint Airport Zoning Board) is asking each concerned LGU to pass the resolution that was in the packets tonight. Don moved to pass it, Mel seconded and it passed unanimously.

Don gave a weed report. Knapweed is a problem and he is working to control it but it will take several years. He did receive additional beetles, at no charge, this year but they will take time. The beetles purchased last year appear to be present where they were placed last year.

Mary reported that we have an election this fall and she would like to order the new voting machine(DS200), that we approved last spring, through the county. The Board agreed that it should be ordered immediately in order to be used this fall and again next spring. Liberty Township will be billed from Eckles Twp once we receive the invoice.

Motion to adjourn Darren Bumgardner, seconded by Beth Hendricks. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman  
Chairman

