

ECKLES TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – May 14, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Don Hazeman at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Don Hazeman, Cory Wilson, Darren Bumgardner, Beth Hendricks, treasurer, Deb Larson and clerk, Colleen Oestreich were present.

Others present: Dale Wilson, Anya Farder, Gary Coan, Don Wilson

Consent Agenda – 4/16/24 Minutes from regular board meeting; 4/30/24 minutes from board of equalization & appeal. Claims 6663-6677= \$60,084.26; Payroll 6678-6683= \$1,698.49 Motion by Sup. Bumgardner, second by Sup. Hendricks to approve. Discussion on mileage reimbursement and extra hours by staff. Board agreed to pay mileage when conducting township business. Extra hours logged by clerk were clarified. M/C

ATV / Road Damage – Dale Wilson brought forward an issue of ATVs with aggressive tires and riders not abiding by the speed limit are damaging township roads. County has an ordinance of a 25 MPH speed limit. Sup. Wilson will contact County Commissioner, Richard Anderson to strategize a remedy.

Rural Fire – 4/25/24 meeting. No report.

Annual Cleanup – held on 5/8/24. Went well, board discussed ideas to increase participation. Could send out a postcard 1-2 times/yr to communicate township topics of plowing, elections etc. Could post a banner on Balsam prior to cleanup. Requested clerk to send thankyou notes to Beltrami Industrial Services – POC Jeff Forseth and Brian Olson, Beltrami Solid Waste Mgmt.

Road Designs – Wild Rose & Sosua; Freeberg/Grund will post ad in paper with deadline of Thursday, before the June board meeting. Can open and award in June.

Roads – Reviewed gravel quotes:

- DEW – Class V = \$11.25/T; fill \$8.50/T; Belly Dump \$120; Dump Truck \$95/Hr
- Voight – Class V = \$12.50 - \$14.50/T; Belly Dump \$135/Hr;

Motion by Sup. Hazeman, second by Sup. Hendricks to contract with DEW. Sup. Wilson abstained from vote. Motion passed with 3 affirmative votes.

Speed Limit Signs – DEW has installed agreed to signage. Sup. Wilson has a few remaining signs to install.

Chloride – has been applied on Nature, Eckles & Jackpine. Proposed application to Cartway and Werner. Cost is approximately \$3800/mile. 2024 budget for chloride =

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\$40K & would go over approximately \$5K. Motion by Sup. Hazeman, second by Sup. Bumgardner to apply chloride as proposed to Cartway & Werner. M/C

Cartway – DEW will work with landowner, to spread fill on approaches.

Cemetery Mowing Contract – Donavon is willing to renew at same price as last year, \$100/mow. Motion by Sup. Wilson, second by Sup. Hendricks to renew contract. M/C

Resolution Authorizing Contract with Clerk – Motion by Sup. Bumgardner, second by Sup. Wilson to approve the resolution. M/C

Jackpine Rd – Sup. Hazeman has been working on options to remove timber from the easement for 1 mile to Cnty Rd 89. Township would need to purchase wood or could offer it for bids. Best option TBD.

Mail – received a thank you note from Eckles Community Center for donation. Received message from MN Secretary of State for submission on reimbursement request for PNP expenses.

Adjourn – Motion by Sup. Bumgardner, second by Sup. Hendricks to adjourn at 7:45 pm. M/C

Colleen Oestreich, Clerk

Don Hazeman, Chairman