

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 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, Gary Kroening, Dale Wilson, Mark Fuller, Paul Cronemiller, Gary Coan, Gary Boyer, Chris Gilbertson, & Seaan Hawkins.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Wilson and seconded by Supervisor Hendricks to approve the agenda with additions. Motion passed. 5-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Supervisor Milender asked for clarification of some of the invoices. They were substantially more than quoted. Therefore, the clerk produced all of the invoices to be analyzed. Mark Fuller had all of the papers for the work that DEW Trucking had done by using the Ton vs. cubic yards which was inconstantly with the quote. Don and Mel will meet with Mark and Dew Trucking next Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to allow the two supervisors to make a final decision regarding the amount of over billing and process to prevent future occurrences. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

VISITORS:

Gary Boyer informed the board that he was not too fond about the new pavement in Deerfield 1st Addition. Extensive discussion followed. He was informed that perhaps he could tear it out or chip seal his driveway, but the Township has followed up his complaint with the engineer and will not pursue it further.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The clerk received a letter from Paul Schaefer informing us that 6-7 cracks have developed on the roads in Scotchpine Court and wanted to know if there is a chance that we could patch them this year. It was discussed and our engineer, a resident from Scotchpine Court, indicated it was not bad enough to warrant patching this year. John Schocker did say he could do some patching if it does need it this year.

ROAD REPORT:

There were 3 bids for the Cartway Road NW project DEW's Trucking was the lowest bidder. He can start next week brushing and grubbing. He has 8 weeks to finish the project. The job needs to be done no later than the 13th of October. Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Baumgardner to award the bid to DEW Trucking. Motion passed 4-1. Supervisor Wilson abstained.

Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Baumgardner to order the culverts for the Cartway project. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Crisman will need an additional culvert for the proposed lot off Cartway.

Chair Hazeman spoke with the County commissioners regarding Eckles Township clean-up night. The County sent us a \$500.90 invoice. The board thought it was more than what we expected, however Brian Olson, solid waste Manager, charges everybody the same amount for tires and large items.

Mike Thomas asked if the township could brush out Nuthatch to the platted ROW. Motion by Supervisor Milender to get it brushed to clear the 66' ROW seconded by Supervisor Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

A couple of the board members were called at 4:00 a.m. from the Sheriff because a car rolled over on Jackpine Road East of Cty 9. The owner of the vehicle ran away. There was damage to the resident's culvert, his mail box and his ditch grass was torn up. We are attempting to recover the amount of money that it cost to repair the damage. We are able to charge the owner of the car.

We have a quote from John Schocker to mow the tall grass in the ditches. Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Baumgardner to authorize ditch mowing. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

We need to bring Mary Forseth, Dick Moore and Mick Trepanier together to complete the minimum maintenance portion of the west end of Balsam Road.

The culvert on Balsam Road near Scribner is starting to plug up. The county is in control, it is a waterway and controlled by County and the DNR.

Jacquelyn Crisman is proposing a 5-lot plat on the west side of her property. The board reviewed the preliminary plat presented by Murray Surveying and approved it unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to pay the periodic payment to Koda Bank for the loan for the Eckles/Balsam, Deerfield projects. Electronic transfer payment is authorized. Passed unanimously.

Shooting Sports:

We will be getting some info from the Sporting Sports board when the trees will be thinned. They will provide what will be replaced and where. The contractors come out on Jackpine. It would be in the winter time. Roads will be frozen, and should not be damaged.

CEMETERY:

Supervisor Wilson ordered some metal marker posts for the cemetery to replace the wooden markers.

RURAL FIRE:

Took possession of new tender, to replace the one we had at STAT 4.
The next meeting will be July 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Milender seconded by Supervisor Wilson.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman
Chairman