

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 9, 2021**

**Present:** Chairman, Donald Hazeman, Supervisors, Cory Wilson, Mel Milender, Darren Baumgardner, Elizabeth Hendricks. Treasurer Debra Larson and Clerk Mary Lou Milender were also present.

**Public Attendees:** Ervin Blom, Matt Murray, Sam Klish, Gary Coan, Dale Wilson, and John Schocker.

**Meeting called to order at** 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Don Hazeman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Supervisor Milender made a motion to approve the February 9, 2021 Consent Agenda. Second by Supervisor Wilson. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Wilson made a motion to approve the February 9, 2021 Agenda. Second by Supervisor Hendricks. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**VISITORS:**

Matt Murray informed the board that the Common Interest Community Number 16, known as THE KEEP AT PINE GROVE in Aspen Ridge is going to be completed by Sam Klish. Sam wants to finish the project with 16 single family units on the existing platted lots. The street from Sousa Road to Wild Rose will be maintained by the Association.

The board asked Sam Klish where the mailboxes will be installed. He is working with the Post Office to put them in the driveways. Sam does not want the cluster of mailboxes. Motion by Supervisor Milender, second by Supervisor Wilson to approve the completion of the project.

Supervisor Milender informed Klish there is a requirement that his roads connect with the roads in Forest Edge for safety issues. Sam will not build on Lots 11 and 12; however, he can sell them for extra land. The roads will have to be built to specification before the Township will take over the roads.

**ROAD REPORT:**

Discussed CSAH #9 regarding safety issues. Chairman Hazeman informed the board he sent a letter to Bruce Hasbargen expressing the townships relationship and support of the county and hopes to explore a change in the road before a loss of a life occurs. Hazeman would like to put a resolution together to force the county to tear it up and apply chip seal. He suggested we contact Liberty Township as well as Craig Gaasvig, District 1, Board of Commissioner and Reed Olson, District 2, Board of Commissioner. The county has a five-year term on the grant for this project, therefore, the road cannot be changed back without a pay-back penalty to the county.

Darwin Weibolt wants the board to amend the road agreement for his plat Woodcrest Estates, 1<sup>st</sup> Addition from 50% of the lots being occupied to 10%. Supervisor Milender indicated that the board might reconsider a change after the road is complete including asphalt.

The township received a letter requesting support of Werner Road to Whiting from Northern Township. No action was made.

Supervisor Milender made a motion to accept Joel Johnson's bid on Jackpine Road. He had the lowest bid by almost \$7,000.00, has been in construction for 40 years, and has done some quality work in other township roads. Second by Supervisor Bumgardner. Roll call was 4-1. Supervisor Wilson abstained. Motion carried. A contract will be made including time lines.

Dale Wilson informed the board that modified binding on the roads should not be used if the road is to be paved immediately. Every time it rains, it just sits. He suggests we go back to original Class V for the maximum for the longevity.

**LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:**

Supervisor Wilson and Supervisor Milender are completing the LRIP application for grant money. They considered who would be good supporters and would write a letter of support.

**RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION:**

Supervisor Milender informed the board Eckles Township is #3 in all the townships within the RFA for the number of calls. Taxable building value went down last year with the annexations by Wilton. Fire Chief, Justin Sherwood presented a very preliminary on a budget for 2022 for the RFA.

**OTHER:**

Motion by Supervisor Wilson and Supervisor Bumgardner to approve the election judges for the March election. The election judges will be Debra Larson and Mary Lou Milender. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to approve the proposed 2021 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to approve the 2020 Annual Audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to approve the Assessment Agreement with the county. Motion carried unanimously.

Minnesota Energy Pipeline reached out to us. They have been exploring installing natural gas from Balsam along Eckles Road to Deerfield Estates. They would like to do a zoom meeting with the township and would appreciate a letter of support. Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Hendricks to write a letter. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Milender will write the letter. By the first of May we will know if we get the grant money to start some construction on the road, they will be informed which would enable them to lay line.

Motion by Supervisor Hendricks, seconded by Supervisor Bumgardner to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman  
Chairman