**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 20, 2014**

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

Visitors present: Russ Gustafson, Cubby Storlie, John Schocker, and Fred Kelm.

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

Minutes of the April 15, 2014 meeting were read. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Ervin Blom to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the April 28, 2014 Special meeting were read. Cory Wilson indicated he would talk to Lammer’s Township about the work being done on Hollyhock Road after the quote has been accepted so he asked that the minutes be amended. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Ervin Blom to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurers Report for the month ending April 30, 2014 was read.

 Beginning Balance: $ 195,437.44 General Savings: $ 1,006.82

 Receipts: $ 353.95 Legal Fees Savings: $ 332.69

 Disbursements: $ 5,209.06 Total of CD’s $228,621.58

 Ending Balance: $190,582.33

Motion by Mel Milender seconded by Don Hazeman to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Don Hazeman to roll over the two CD’s which are maturing on June 4, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Ervin Blom to move $9,300.00 from the General Fund to the Fire Fund. Motion carried unanimously

Bills presented: Checks #4490 through #4506 in the amount of $29,800.90 were approved for payment. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Mel Milender to accept the quote from Storlie’s Construction for $63,932.00 which includes the gravel. Don asked that the motion be amended to accept the quote from Storlie’s Construction in the amount of $47,892.00 until the gravel tests okay. Motion carried unanimously.

Mel Milender distributed the plans for Hwy 89 and 2 proposed “T’s” for Nature Road & Pete’s Lane from MnDot. Ervin Blom wants the T’s changed to 155 feet of gravel surface. Cory Wilson wants the same to read in our standard spec’s from now on.

Motion by Ervin Blom, seconded by Mel Milender to send a letter to the Balsam Road residents inviting them to our June 17th meeting so the board can explain the contingencies and negotiations with Beltrami County to assume responsibility for Balsam Road between Cardinal Road and US Hwy 71.

Cory Wilson requested the clerk send letters to the residents on Cartway Road asking them to appear at our July meeting so we can discuss what needs to be corrected on this road.

The road clean up went well. Sentence to Serve cleaned up along County Road 9. The clerk was requested to send a thank you letter to them for their work.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Cory Wilson to have a certified letter mailed to Steve Prince regarding the ditch in front of his residence.

John Schocker had to build up the road over the culvert on Grant Creek Road because the muskrat are digging into the shoulder of the road. We need to discuss this issue with Lammer’s Township as well.

Don Hazeman informed the board that Scott Meyer got the contract with the county to spray the weeds. He should be able to start the 3rd weekend in June.

Mel Milender informed the board the new fire truck is in and most of the equipment is installed. Training will start this next week. Mel will ask the Fire Department to have the new truck at our next board meeting.

The clerk asked who was attending the Summer Short Courses. She will pre-register all four to guarantee the one gets in for the Board of Appeal & Equalization training.

Cory Wilson would like to see more of the white fencing go up around the cemetery, especially on the north side of the cemetery. We will hold off until 2016 when we can budget for it. Cory also would like to increase the prices of the plot for non-residents. Clerk will check on the prices of the other cemeteries.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Cory Wilson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9.10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender Dennis Zeto

Township Clerk Chairman