**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 21, 2013**

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

Visitors present: Willard Kelm, Travis Kelm, Ashley and Kenny Schmidt, John Schocker, Fred Kelm, Gary Kelm, Dwight Nelsen, Thore Thorson, Dale Wilson and Gary Coan.

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

Minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting were read. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurers Report for the month ending April 30, 2013 was read.

Beginning Balance: $ 118,184.52 General Savings: $ 1,006.34

Receipts: $ 5.10 Legal Fees Savings: $ 332.57

Disbursements: $ 4,935.12 Total of CD’s $226,035.18

Ending Balance: $113,254.50

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Mel Milender to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer informed the Board of a letter she received from First National Bank regarding the monies we have with their bank and pledging. The Board recommended we wait to do anything until the large CD matures and if the bank does not want to pledge at that time, we will move this money to a different bank.

Motion by Ervin Blom, seconded by Mel Milender to allow the 2 CD’s maturing on June 5th to roll over for the same time frame. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills presented: Checks #4313 through #4330 in the amount of $11,726.61 were approved for payment. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Don Hazeman to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Mel Milender said that since the Board is issuing a check to Ervin Blom instead of to the Tire Company for tires for the packer purchased by Ervin that we should have a separate resolution or motion for that check. Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Mel Milender to approve all bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Gary Coan informed the Board he had applied for a permit to put a driveway right next to the cemetery in preparation of moving his business. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to support Gary in this endeavor. Motion carried unanimously.

When the quotes for road materials were delivered to the clerk, none had all the documents which were needed so we will recess until Wednesday, May 29th at 7:30 p.m. to allow all of the contractors to get all documents they were missing. We will discuss these quotes when we reconvene. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to allow Fred Kelm to operate under the existing contract in case we need some gravel applied before the new contracts are signed by the successful quote. Motion carried unanimously.

Quotes for grading and snowplowing were received from John Schocker and Travis & Willard Kelm. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Don Hazeman to accept John Schockers quote based on our work experience and good working relationship with him. However, if the total goes over $100,000.00 in any given two year period, we will need to go with sealed bids and take the lowest bid.

Don Hazeman recommended that the township have 3 foot road closed signs to ensure better safety. Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Mel Milender to purchase six of these signs. Motion carried unanimously

Cory Wilson informed the Board he had contacted T&K Outdoors and Seasonal Services for pricing on mowing the Eckles Township cemetery. T&K indicated they could do it for $60 - $65.00 each time. Donovan Lundin wanted $90.00. A discussion followed and the board asked if Cory would contact Donovan to see if he could do it for around $70.00.

A resident from Radar Road contacted Cory Wilson regarding water running onto his property from the culvert under Coyote Road. Cory thinks we should put a culvert in under Lundberg’s driveway and add some fill. That is a decision for the two road supervisors according to the remainder of the board.

Dale Wilson asked the Board if he could clear the brush out of the right-of-way on the south side of Birdsview Lane. He also indicated he met with the residents on Birdsview Lane and Dove Court. They want to pay for having chloride applied on this road when the township applies chloride to other roads nearby. Cory Wilson will determine the cost and coordinate the application.

Mel Milender informed the Board the MAT attorney’s said we should clean out the hard drive on the two old computers before we do anything with them.

Don Hazeman attended a class for the Beltrami County Weed Program. He said the best thing to do is drive around. If he sees individuals who have noxious weeds on their property they will first be asked to voluntarily eradicate the noxious weeds. If they don’t, the second step is to inform them by letter that they either eradicate them or the township will have it done. If they still don’t eradicate them, at this point we can either get the County Attorney involved to send them a letter and if they still don’t respond then the township can have them eradicated and the cost can be placed on the individual’s taxes.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Ervin Blom to recess. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting recessed until 7:30 p.m. on May 29, 2013 at Eckles Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender Dennis Zeto

Township Clerk Chairman