**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

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

Visitors present: John Schocker, Fred Kelm, Thore Thorson, Terri Coan and Dale Wilson.

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

Minutes of the August 20, 2013 meeting were read. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer’s Report for the month ending August 31, 2013 was read.

 Beginning Balance: $ 224,543.80 General Savings: $ 1,006.50

 Receipts: $ 1,933.34 Legal Fees Savings: $ 332.61

 Disbursements: $ 50,349.20 Total of CD’s $226,604.11

 Ending Balance: $176,127.94

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

Bills presented: Checks #4380 through #4392 in the amount of $10,112.18 were approved for payment. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer informed the Board of First National Bank’s request to have Eckles Township sign a release form in order for them to pledge $120,000.00 to Dawson. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to allow First National to release for additional coverage. Motion carried unanimously.

Dale Wilson approached the Town Board with more questions regarding the east side of Eckles Road between Wild Rose and Birdsview. Mr. Wilson wants to “fix” the shoulder of the road at no cost to the Township. The “fix” involves a wetland. A wetland permit was applied for and rejected by Beltrami County. He would like to do the work this fall while there is no water in the ditch. Mr. Wilson maintains that the road is only 22 feet wide in this area. John Schocker had some concern with just a part of the road being improved while the other part is not. He feels it would create more problems with drivers unfamiliar with the road and it would be more difficult for him to grade and snowplow as well due to the drastic change in the shape and width. The Board did not agree to allow the project. This is a project that the Board will review while on the Road Review on September 29, 2013.

Dennis Zeto informed the Board of the Shooting Sports Range receiving a $600,000 grant from Neilson Foundation to complete Phase One. This would allow for completion of the parking lot, fences, and pistol range which will have activity next year. The Trap Club will be setting up and the Youth Firearm Training will commence next year. An Environmental impact study needs to be completed

Road Report:

John Schocker wants to gravel from Eckles Road to Sousa on Wild Rose Lane which is ½ mile. He informed us that it is very wash boardy.

Hollyhock Road was also discussed. This project is postponed until we complete the corner design. We should ask the landowners if we can cut the trees on the corner. If the road was centered, it would not be a problem.

The culvert under Wild Rose Lane behind Mickey Trepanier’s is blocked by dirt. This will be an item of review and discussion on the road review.

Rick Schulke wants to put a road in on his lot located along the south end of Eckles Road. He would need a culvert with a minimum of 15 inch diameter.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to accept the $6,300.00 quote from Fred Kelm to place 600 yards of gravel delivered and spread 3” deep on Wild Rose from Eckles Road East to Sousa Road.

Cory Wilson indicated he would like some help placing signs on Balsam Road on the curve near Dennis Zeto’s. Mel Milender indicated he would help Cory with this project.

Weed Report: Dennis Zeto spoke with Dick Moore about the problems we have with weeds in Eckles Township. He informed Dick that the real problem is with the weeds on County land. Mr. Moore said he would work with Don Hazeman. The county will hire somebody to spray them and will coordinate with the township so ours can be sprayed at the same time. Mel Milender indicated that we need to put this in our budget for next year.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender Dennis Zeto

Township Clerk Chairman