**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**December 19, 2017**

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

Visitors present: Russ Gustafson, John Schocker, Fred Kelm, Sue Sandell, Vern & Gladys Hlavac, and Gary Coan.

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

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Dennis Zeto to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

If ever the minutes need to be corrected, they need to be pulled from the consent agenda.

Motion by Cory Wilson seconded by Aaron Dougherty to accept the Regular Agenda with a couple of additions. Motion carried unanimously.

**VISITORS:**

Russ Gustafson, Eckles Cemetery Sexton informed the board of a solar light out at the Eckles Cemetery. He did some shopping locally and could not locate one. Ace Hardware gave him a site on Amazon and the clerk was asked to purchase a new one.

**ROAD REPORT:**

Mel Milender spoke briefly regarding Ditch 35 clean-up.

A letter was written and approved by the board to be mailed to Rick Roff regarding his trees in the ROW. Cory wants to hand deliver the letter rather than have it mailed.

A stop sign was run over on Eckles Road for the traffic going west. Cory picked it up and will attempt to get it back in ASAP.

Mel Milender spoke to Dick Moore regarding the sheriff stopping residents from driving on Mayflower Road between Hwy 89 and Nature Road during deer season. He had not requested the sheriff to do that. Mel then spoke to Sheriff Hodapp and he had not given any direction to the deputy sheriffs either. Because Mayflower Road is a minimum maintenance road, people can use it as they wish. It is a snowmobile trail as long as there is good snow coverage. The township will not do any plowing or maintenance during the snowmobile season.

The postmaster has not responded to Cory regarding moving the mailboxes in Deerfield Estates.

A letter was received from Waste Management informing the board of the Pinewood site having been relocated to 16909 Grange Road NW just west of the Pinewood Highway Department Garage.

A letter was received from the City of Wilton regarding a Notice of Annexation Hearing to be held on January 8, 2018 in the City Council Chambers.

The permit for MERC, which protects the township, was discussed and approved. It was moved by Mel Milender, seconded by Aaron Dougherty to approve it with the maps attached to it. Motion carried unanimously.

The clerk reminded the Town Board of the upcoming elections. Filing is open from Jan. 3 – Jan 16.

A discussion was held pertaining to the January and February meeting dates. Mel Milender wanted to have them on the second Tuesday rather than the third Tuesday. Motion made by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to post at the ECC. Clerk will also change the dates on the Website calendar.

A work session was scheduled for Jan 3, 2018 at the ECC to discuss the road plan and a new policy concerning driveways and culverts. The 2018 budget and 2019 levy will be discussed at a work session on Jan 30, 2018.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Dennis Zeto to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender Don Hazeman

Township Clerk Chairman