

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2014**

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

Visitors present: Gary Coan and Lynn Marden.

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

Minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting were read. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 21, 2014 was read.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 186,905.91	General Savings:	\$ 1,006.62
Receipts:	\$ 8,616.18	Legal Fees Savings:	\$ 332.75
Disbursements:	\$ 5,948.70	Total of CD's	\$227,943.48
Ending Balance:	\$ 189,573.39		

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

Bills presented: Checks #4448 through #4458 in the amount of \$11,871.92 were approved for payment. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to accept the Assessment Agreement after Joe Skerick explained why our fees were increased. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to present the 2015 proposed levy to the constituents at the Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to accept the actual 2014 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynn Marden informed the Board that the County is going to be erecting a sign in the road ROW showing the location of the Horse Camp. She also indicated that toilets were in, picnic tables are in place and they will be putting in a pump at the horse camp.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to continue to review the snow removal policy. There were a few items we did want to add such as: We don't want to dictate how many hours the contractor can work; put in a statement that says we do not use salt so we are environmentally friendly.

The Board all agreed that we straighten Hollyhock Road with the 20 mph curve proposal. We need to get a ROW from the person that owns the property and prepare an easement agreement and get it signed before we go out for a bid. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to approach the homeowner with the easement and notify him of the need to move the fence off the line. We will ask the contractor if they will put in the new fence if the homeowner provides the materials. Cory Wilson will approach the homeowner.

Rural Fire Association Report: Beltrami County is opposed to the fee for services and they would block an effort to gain approval at the State Legislature.

Bill Patnaude sent a letter to the township stating that Beltrami County will be undertaking a 10 year update to its Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan and asked for input. Eckles Township's main concern was cleaning and maintaining judicial ditches in the south end of Eckles Township. We would like to see them maintained on a regular basis. Also to require that all new plats require engineered drainage plans.

The clerk reminded the board of the upcoming spring short courses. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson that the township pay for the classes and mileage for anybody that wants to attend.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to approve having Janet Larson and Georgia Halverson serve as election judges for our upcoming township elections on March 11, 2014 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Eckles Community Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Dennis Zeto
Chairman