

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2023**

Present: Chairman, Donald Hazeman, Supervisors, Mel Milender, Cory Wilson, Beth Hendricks, and Clerk Mary Lou Milender.

Public Attendees: Don Wilson, Chris Gilbertson, Gary Coan, John Schocker and Dale Wilson.

Visitors from the County:

Richard Anderson, Richard Moore and Brent Rud.

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

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Wilson Agenda. Seconded by Supervisor Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously. 4-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion passed unanimously. 4-0.

Richard Anderson, County Commissioner, informed the board that the new County Jail has to be in the city limits by law. There has not been a place chosen yet.

The county does not want to take homes out in order to use that space. One of the big problems is the square footage that is needed for Mental ill issues. It costs \$55.00 a night when housed in other jails. Normally 50 people are overnight in other location.

Richard Moore was asked to come to our meeting and explained to the residents about the timber thinning that will take place in the Shooting Sports Area. Thinning will occur within the next 5 years. They should be replaced with spruce trees.

They may have to go thru the security fence and onto Jackpine Road.

The County has been approached by the non-profit to accept the 120 acres on the south side of Jackpine Road across from Don Hazeman. They want Eckles Township to partner with Beltrami County to accept the land transfer and keep it public. As it is logged, the township will receive a portion of the profit. Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Chairman Hazeman to partner with the county on this action. Motion passed unanimously. 4-0

Richard also suggested we should finish the west end of the 33 ft. easement.

Brent Rud was asked to give the residents and the board of supervisors some information regarding the multi-family housing develop on the west side of CSAH9. This is a public safety hazard because there would not be room for the sheriff or a fire truck, or ambulance to turn around, nor could they make it through if is snow logged.

At the County level the only regulation exists when the development exceeds 10,000.00 gallons of effluent a day. There are no road requirements. The township needs its own regulations in order to control this type of development.

Supervisor Milender said it was time to initiate the Comprehensive Plan that was voted in at the annual meeting. Motion by Chairman Hazeman to move forward with the Comprehensive Plan seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Hendricks to have a resolution for a multi-family moratorium ready for the April meeting. Motion passed unanimously. 4-0.

ROAD REPORT:

After Cory and Darren went to the residents of Cartway Road whom had never signed the easement, Chairman Hazeman made arrangements to see Ms. Smith about her easement. The owner informed him that somebody had already taken some of her property and she will not let it happen again.

Supervisor Wilson had the measurement done. The attorney, Mike Couri told Supervisor Milender we are working on solid foot, getting the right-of-way surveyed. Mike Curie informed him that there is a right way and wrong way. We need to get a legal description of the two measurements. When we start the process, we need a Public Hearing and proper notice. The whole process should not cost more than \$1,000,00. At the April meeting we will set a hearing date. Chairman Hazeman moved to hire Mike Couri to help us thru the process, seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion passed unanimously. 4-0.

Palomino Turn-around:

The turnaround at the North end of Palomino Road was in question by the home owner. Supervisor Milender spoke with her, verified the easement and assured her that we will discuss it. Supervisor Milender asked for approval for getting a survey once the snow is gone. In the mean time we have asked Dale Wilson to bring in his loader to move the snow.

OTHER:

Motion from Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Hendricks to donate to the same people as last year and the same amount.

North Country First Responders	\$300.00
Senior Center	\$300.00
Let's Go Fishing	\$200.00
Beltrami Co 4-H Club	\$200.00

CORRESPONDENCE:

Beltrami County Highway Department Service Agreement was discussed tonight. Motion by Supervisor Milender and seconded by Supervisor Wilson to approve the contract for services. Motion passed unanimously. 4-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting scheduled for Thursday May 4th at 9:00 a.m. at Eckles Community Center.

Report from the election on March 14th Supervisor Seat A was Mel Milender and Supervisor Seat D was Darren Bumgardner. Voted at the Annual Meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously. 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman
Chairman