

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2016

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

Visitors present: Jim Rother, Russ Gustafson, Dale Wilson, Dennis Berglund, Fred Kelm, John Schocker and Thor Thorson.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to accept the Consent Agenda, however, to make a request to the 4-H Council as to where we would like to see the donation go. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Don Hazeman to write to Anne Marie Ward requesting that our donation go directly to Knowledge Bowl Buzzers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Cory Wilson to accept the meeting agenda after a couple of items were added. Motion carried unanimously.

Dennis Berglund asked several questions regarding what happens when constituents vote for something at the annual meeting. He asked what actions the Board takes with requests.

Jim Rother asked if an apron was going to be placed on the culvert under his driveway where Balsam Road was rebuilt last year. Cory indicated they were at the Beltrami County Highway Department and asked Dale to pick them up and deliver them to Mr. Rother.

Cory will check on the price of chloride because Dale Wilson wants it sprayed on Wild Rose Lane.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Don Hazeman that we accept Dale Wilson's quote to do the construction of the intersection of Wild Rose Lane and Balsam Road NW. The contract is to read that the work needs to be completed within three weeks once it begins. There will need to be a permit from the DNR and some trees will need to be removed before the work can begin. Mel Milender amended his motion to read: Work will not start until all the adjustments have been met. Cory Wilson abstained from the vote.

Mel Milender indicated he has been having conversations with Vern Hlavac pertaining to the roads in Deerfield Estate. There are 44 homes in the development and several of them want the roads paved. Mel informed Vern to do all the homework necessary including a petition with signatures and an estimate of what it would cost before the township can do anything. This is approximately 1.3 miles of road. Vern asked about financing and then assessing it back to the properties. Mel told him to start with a petition.

Weed Control: Last year we talked about the Root Weevil which is a beetle that will eat the seed in knapweed. The folks from the State of Minnesota really think we should use these in lieu of spraying for the weeds. We can get 40 of them free from the State of MN. A workshop is tentatively set for July; however the location has not been determined.

Rural Fire Association: New chief vehicle is in and paid for. \$65,000.00. New fire station is started and should be open in October south of Schmunks Store in Nymore. Invoices for 2016 payment should be mailed by the end of May.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to increase the Clerk and Treasurers Performance Bond to \$300,000.00 due to our liquid assets. This will cost an additional \$200.00 per year for our insurance policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Don Hazeman to get the picnic tables painted. If the committee from the Eckles Community Center would get the materials the township would pay up to \$1,000.00 for reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

Reminder that the Eckles Road Cleanup is May 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Russ Gustafson will put this date on the sign in front of the community center. It has been posted on the Web Site and will be put in the Buyline.

After discussion about a shortage of officers at the normal June meeting, a motion was made to change the June meeting from June 21, 2016 up to June 14, 2016. This will be posted and put in the newspaper as well as on the website.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Ervin Blom to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Dennis Zeto
Chairman