

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 20, 2016**  
**7:30 p.m.**

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

Visitors present: Dave Hancock, Randy Forseth, Thore Thorson, Jim Curran, Dale Wilson, Fred Kelm, Charles & Mary Worms, Craig Collison, John Schocker, Wesley Peck, Sue Sandell, Ann Anderson, Don Wilson, Sam Klish, Rick Baumgarten, John Baumgarten, Gloria Woodard, Wanda Baumgarten, Michelle Ragneurd, Rachelle Miller, Wilson Naegeli, Barbara Martinez, Carissa Vannoy, Vern & Gladys Hlavac, Kent McKercer, George Clay, Gary Coan, Bill Schroeder, Corey Wright, Reed Olson and Missy Hammre.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Ervin Blom to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to approve the regular meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Report: Several employees from MnDOT were in attendance tonight informing the Town Board and Eckles residents about TH 2 and TH 197 Corridor Traffic Evaluation Study Access Management which is the planning, design, and implementation of land use to maintain a steady flow of traffic and will minimize crash issues. MnDot is taking a proactive approach to managing safety along state routes and has developed access management guidelines for different roadway classifications. These are only proposals. They are looking at safety issues.

Supervisor Mel Milender asked MnDOT to have a township informational meeting before any public comment.

Dale Wilson asked if the Town Board would address a resolution regarding the placement of mailboxes in subdivisions. The Board indicated we would do that in any new developments, but would not require the developed subdivisions to move their mailboxes unless the mail carrier required them to do so.

Cory Wilson informed the board he has ordered an all way stop sign to be placed on Eckles Road.

Several of the Town Board members received complaints about Balsam Road being so nasty after all of the rain we had just before the snowfall.

The clerk was advised to record the Resolution to accept Kestrel Road with the County.

Don Hazeman wants to set a goal to have the easements on Balsam Road completed by the Annual Meeting. He would also like to see the County easement completed on Mayflower Road.

Rural Fire Association Report: Mel Milender informed the board the RFA met two weeks ago in the new fire station in Nymore. By January, the 2018 dollar amounts should be ready for our budget planning. The 2017 budget was set by the City on Monday.

Shooting Sports Report: Restructure

The Town Board reviewed the letter we received from John Lundberg regarding the re- location of the fence on Coyote Road and the money he wants for moving it. The board feels he has had enough correspondence from us letting him know we are not going to reimburse him for the re-location and therefore no other correspondence is going back to him.

The clerk was informed not to respond to the County regarding the sale or request a conveyance since the letter stated if we did not respond that it meant an approval for sale of the property.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Mel Milender to have Eckles Township ask BATO for a strong letter to support having the MAT meetings back in Bemidji. Motion carried unanimously.

The clerk reminded everybody that there are two supervisor's positions expiring in March as well as the Treasurer position and informed them that filing will open on Tuesday Jan 3 and close on Jan 17, 2017.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Ervin Blom to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Dennis Zeto  
Chairman