

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

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

Visitors present: Thore Thorson, John Schocker, Fred Kelm, Terry and Maryann Hanson, Jodi St. Peter, Dale Wilson, Jim Rother, Erik Kraeplin, Gary Coan, Jon Selzler and Dennis Berglund.

Balsam Road construction report: Cory Wilson and Ervin Blom are both very pleased with the result of the road construction. All that remains is to pull the signs, install the corner signs and E911 signs. Jodi St. Peter addressed some hard feelings regarding the loss of some of her driveway and trees she did not feel had to be cut down.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Don Hazeman to accept the plan from Freeberg & Grund to correct the intersection of Wild Rose and Eckles Road. Cory suggested that we get the letters out to the Utility Companies as soon as possible informing them we will be starting this project approximately May 15, 2016. Eckles Road needs to be cut down approximately 2 feet and sloping it appropriately as it goes north. Wild Rose needs to be cut down East to West 1.5 to 2 ft. to the level of Eckles Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Mel Milender to accept the quote from Dale Wilson to install the 25 mph speed limit signs throughout development in Eckles Township. Cory abstained. Signs have been ordered.

The County Highway Engineer sent a letter regarding a proposal for the Balsam Road exchange. He listed some contingencies which the Town Board found unacceptable but is open for negotiations. The clerk was asked to send a letter to Mr. Hasbargen asking for another face to face meeting with a member of the Beltrami County Board to be on the negotiation team.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Don Hazeman to accept the quote from Fred Kelm for 1500 yards of Class V to be delivered and spread on Eckles Road from Mayflower to Jackpine and to deliver and spread 1500 yards of Class V on Nature Road between Mayflower and Radar, contingent that it be completed this fall. If the work is not done this fall, we will open quotes again in the spring. Motion carried unanimously.

Cory Wilson wants Coyote Road to get staked from County Road 22 to the south edge of Lundberg's field.

Mel Milender informed the board he had a conversation with the DNR regarding Balsam Road. The easements have gone through the state process. We will need to pay for the easement. They were going to have us pay for the timber, but the county will take it when harvested.

Don Hazeman informed the board he found an old swing set and toys dumped off on Jackpine just off Hwy 89. He wants us to find out if the transfer station will be open longer a couple of nights a week.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to pay DEW Inc. invoice because the project is completed. Motion carried unanimously.

Cemetery Report – A Deck Box has been placed in the rear of the cemetery for flowers to be placed until family members can pick them up.

Weed Report – B&P Weed Control partnership dissolved and is now only Pat Conley.

Rural Fire Association – Mel Milender informed the board of an insurance escrow which means the insurance company pays for the fire, but keeps some in escrow until the local government feels the site is cleaned up to our standards. Because Eckles Township does not have any ordinances, the consensus was not to pursue.

Shooting Sports Report – The Northland Regional Shooting Sport Park is having a ground breaking ceremony on Tuesday, September 29, 2015.

Cory Wilson asked that we discuss tarring developments next month. It should be placed on the agenda. What is the cost to the landowner and how it is assessed to their taxes.

The Road Review was scheduled for October 4, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Dennis Zeto  
Chairman