

**ECKLES TOWNSHIIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 12, 2023**

The regular Eckles Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Donald Hazeman, Supervisors, Cory Wilson, Darren Baumgardner, and Mel Milender were present. Treasurer Debra Larson and Clerk Mary Lou Milender were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** Becky Moe, Lynda Ponting, Dale Wilson, Paul Cronemiller, Brandon Erickson, Teri Speck, Don Speck, Anna Atteberry, John Schocker, Wyllie Tschida, Don Wilson, Matt Murray, and Ben Anderson.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Supervisor Wilson and seconded by Supervisor Milender to approve the agenda with additions. Motion passed. 4-0.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Supervisor Milender informed the board that a meeting was held regarding the amount of overbilling that DEW Trucking submitted in July. Corrected billing was submitted for September. Motion by Supervisor Milender, Seconded by Bumgardner. Motion passed 4-0.

**VISITORS:**

Brandon Erickson, resident of Monte Plata, inquired about getting Sosua Drive paved. Supervisor Milender explained the process of forming a subordinate service district (SSD) through the petition process. It was noted that the deadline for submitting a petition was December 1, 2023.

Branddon also asked about having Eckles Township maintain Monte Plata Road. Discussion followed and he was informed that the Township had not received a request. The process was explained to him but no action was taken.

**ROAD REPORTS:**

Supervisor Milender informed the board that the two petitions to abandon two short sections of Memorial Drive and Nuthatch that Teri Speck presented were complete and sufficient. Motion from Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to accept and approve the actions requested by the petitioners. If a formal resolution is required by Beltrami County the clerk is authorized to have one drawn up and signed. Motion passed 4.0. Motion passed.

Status of the reconstruction of Cartway Road was discussed. It is nearing completion and there are no unanticipated difficulties.

LRIP- The state has announced the opening of grant applications for this money. After discussion, Supervisor Milender made a motion seconded by Supervisor Wilson to authorize Freeburg & Grund to complete the preliminary design and engineer's estimate for Wild Rose and the southern approximately 1/8 mile of Eckles Road including an LRIP application not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion passed unanimously. 4-0.

Road review is scheduled for Sunday, 17 Sep at 09:30 at the Eckles Community Center.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Board has been searching for a replacement for our current Clerk. Becky Moe was in attendance to declare she was interested. The board had a short discussion with her and then asked her to meet them after the road review on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to recess the meeting until September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the Eckles Community Center.

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was recessed.

**September 17, 2023**

Meeting readjourned from recess at 9:30 p.m. at the Eckles Community Center.

Board Members departed on Road Review at 09:30 minus Beth Hendricks. The Board returned from the road review at 12:00 p.m. Beth joined for discussion following the road review. Notes from the road review are on a separate sheet attached to these minutes and labeled Appendix A.

The Town Board interviewed Becky Moe for the position of Clerk. Position requirements and salaries were discussed. Motion by Chair Hazeman, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to appoint Becky as our new clerk effective October 1, 2023 with the same salary and benefits as our current clerk. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Lou was asked if she would remain as Becky 's Deputy until at least January 1,2024 to insure a smooth transition. She agreed. Cory made a motion to retain her for that period at her current salary and benefits. Motion passed 4.0. Supervisor Milender abstained.

Discussion regarding computers and technology followed. Motion by Supervisor Milender, second by Supervisor Baumgardner to allow Mary Lou to retain her computer and printer and allow Becky to purchase a new computer and printer not to exceed \$1,500.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Wilson made a motion to rent a post office box before the October meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Hendricks. Passed unanimously. Discussion included looking at both UPS Store and the US Post Office.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Wilson seconded by Supervisor Hendricks passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Cory Wilson  
Vice Chairman