

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 12, 2021**

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

**Public Attendees:** Landon Yerbich, John Schocker and Gary Coan.

**Approve Agenda:** Vice Chair Wilson made a motion to approve the January 12, 2021 Agenda after some items were added. Second by Supervisor Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Supervisor Milender made a motion to approve the December 8, 2020 Consent Agenda. Second by Supervisor Bumgardner. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**VISITORS:**

Landon Yerbich expressed a serious situation he saw and became involved with on County Rd 9 January 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. He stopped to help a lady change a tire on her vehicle which was parked alongside the road S curve going south on CSAH 9. The traffic was very heavy at the time which made it very difficult to work on the vehicle as there is no place to get off the road, therefore no safety. Mr. Yerbich called Bruce Hasbargen and identified the primary problem to him. The board will write a letter to Mr. Hasbargen. There was no motion made, just conversation. The clerk will keep a log of all the accidents and situations brought to the township's attention.

**ROAD REPORT:**

Enbridge personnel were unable to make the meeting tonight as planned. The Board of Supervisors did agree with the Road Use Agreement between Enbridge and Eckles Township. Supervisor Wilson took a video of Scribner Road once the board made the exchange. This video will be on a flash drive and placed in a file made just for Scribner Road which will be stored in the fire proof safe at the Eckles Community Center. Supervisor Bumgardner wants a full review after they are done. Supervisor Milender recommended that an engineer take a topol for accuracy.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to have the school bus drivers who are hauling people from the Enbridge site to drive on the tar road instead of the graveled road. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

An ad was placed in the Pioneer for quotes for Jackpine Road NW (east of Hwy 9)

Supervisor Wilson reported that Lofgren Tree Service did a great job. Wilson and Larry Tolman, supervisor of Lammers Township, walked Grant Creek Road to see what else could be done to up-grade and make a better and safer road.

**LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Supervisor Wilson and Supervisor Milender started the LRIP application for grant money. They considered who would be good supporters. Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Bumgardner to pass the resolution to proceed with the application. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. A letter and the resolution will be sent to Bruce Hasbargen and to the County Commissioners to obtain a resolution for sponsorship. They are also looking for a letter of support from some of the Contractors that use our roads. A township may receive up to \$1,250,000 to help with road projects. If we don't get the money, we will not do the work.

**Scribner Road:**

John Schocker had the County truck out to plow Scribner Road and place some sand. His truck was not set up yet for sanding. Road Supervisor Wilson pointed out that when John does plow the tarred roads, he should clear and sand the main intersections – come out of 9 on both sides which will make a safer road.

Supervisor Bumgardner informed the board he spoke with Jay Mellema informing him the paved road in Porta Plata has to be inspected, which would be done by Freeberg & Grund. Road beds and asphalt need tested and the easement needs to be confirmed.

**SHOOTING SPORTS REPORT:**

Supervisor Wilson met with the committee on January 11, 2021. No real discussion. They did elect the committee members.

**RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION:**

Supervisor Milender informed the board Chris Lobes is the interim Fire Chief until they hire a new Fire Chief.

**OTHER:**

Chairman Hazeman observed the intersection at Balsam Road and CSAH 9 was cleared. He indicated he will send a thank you to Bruce Hasbargen for getting the brushing done.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting is scheduled for Eckles Township on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Hazeman, Milender and Wilson will attend.

A workshop meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Board will discuss the budget and the 2022 Levy. The Town Board Audit will be done at the same time.

Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Milender to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman  
Chairman