

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 12, 2022**

**Present:** Chairman, Donald Hazeman, Supervisors, Cory Wilson, Mel Milender, Darren Baumgardner, Elizabeth Hendricks. Treasurer Debra Larson and Clerk Mary Lou Milender were also present.

**Public Attendees:** John Schocker, Dale Wilson, Don Wilson, Dawn Thimech, Jared Davidson, Paul Cronemiller, Dennis Berglund, Gary Coan, Steve Johnson, and Joel Johnson.

**Meeting called to order at** 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Don Hazeman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Supervisor Milender made a motion to pull two claims for discussion later in the meeting. Second by Supervisor Henricks. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Wilson made a motion to amend the agenda; adding more items. (Cartway, chloride, job descriptions, and claims). Second by Supervisor Milender. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**VISITOR:**

Jared Davidson from Waste Management gave the board input on how the road clean-up could be managed by keeping the wrong items out of the dumpster. In the past, we had a roll-off and couldn't sort it. Jared informed the board that the best way was to have two dumpsters on site. One for regular trash and another for sorting. We should drop the dumpster later in the day and pick up the next morning. That will keep others from putting the wrong items in the dumpsters. Dale Wilson informed the board he also has big trucks that would work.

**ROAD REPORT:**

An agreement between Eckles Township and the City of Wilton for maintenance of a portion of Scribner Road was written and approved by both parties. The need for the agreement was the result of annexation of 40 acres abutting said road into Wilton. Chairman Hazeman and Supervisor Wilson attended the Wilton City Council meeting and received the signatures.

Clerk reminded the board we need to place an ad in both newspapers for quotes of road materials. Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Milender to have the Clerk place the ad. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Cartway Road was discussed again. The draw back for the town board to go ahead with improving the road is lack of ROW. Some residents do not want to grant a road-right-way and the Board is unwilling to use eminent domain. Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Bumgardner to have Murray Surveying write easements for each parcel, based on last year's survey of the 40-line. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Two chloride quotes were received. One from Steve Johnson at \$1.24 a gallon and one from Envirotech at \$1.40 a gallon. Motion made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Milender to purchase the chloride from Steve Johnson for \$1.24 per gallon for the summer of 2022. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

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Chairman Hazeman informed the board he saw a resident plowing snow across the road and asked the board what we can do with these residents after all the ads and letters that have been written. We can remove the snow and assess a fine or costs of removing same.

Mark Fuller, from Freeberg & Grund, gave the board the results of the bids for Eckles Road from Balsam to Jackpine. Joel Johnson was the lowest bid; therefore, he will be the contractor for the project. Joel said he can start by the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. He has until September 7<sup>th</sup> to get the work done. Contractor needs to be phasing the work near Whistler & Winding Roads.

Bid opening was on Thursday, for the Eckles Road – Balsam to Jackpine. In 2021 Freeberg & Grund estimated the project would be \$342,000.00. Today it is \$272,702.50. Motion made by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Bumgardner to accept Joel Johnson's bid. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

We need bids for the project on Deerfield 1<sup>st</sup> Addition. We will need to get an ad in the papers. Our regular meeting is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Freeberg & Grund indicated they can open bids on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>. We can recess and reconvene the regular board meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 for review of the bids.

Dennis Berglund questioned what feeder roads are. Supervisor Wilson informed him they are main roads. We need to find a new way to define what the roads are.

**OTHER:**

Members on the Eckles Community Center Board are waiting for the Amish to give them a quote for the proposed canopy. They have a quote at \$23,000.00.

Supervisor Milender found some information on the proposed picnic tables. The board decided to purchase six eight-foot tables. What color to purchase was left undecided. Motion by Supervisor Wilson and Supervisor Bumgardner to make the purchase at no more than \$1,500.00 per table to include anchors. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Claims on payroll will need to go through all of the board members from this time forward. The employee putting in the claim needs to list everything that has been done and the hours they spent doing so. The board will sign every voucher. Vouchers will be part of the consent agenda. Chairman Hazeman wants Supervisor Milender to write up a job description for the future. The Clerk and Treasurer will enumerate their specific duties and responsibilities. This is necessary because the Clerk and Treasurer are no longer elected officials but appointed employees. Motion made by Chairman Hazeman and seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Hendricks to approve the vouchers the Treasurer presented tonight. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting is scheduled for Tues. May 3, 2022 @9:00 a.m.

Community Road Clean-up is scheduled for May 11, 2021. Noon to 7:00 p.m.

BATO meeting is April 26, 2022 at Northern Town Hall.

Motion by Chairman Hazeman, seconded by Supervisor Bumgardner to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman  
Chairman