

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 11, 2019**

Present: Don Hazeman, Cory Wilson, Elizabeth Hendricks, Mary Lou Milender, and Sandy Burgoon.

Visitors present: John Schocker, Thore Thorson, Russ Gustafson, Mark Fuller, Fred Kelm, Andy Wells, Ervin Blom, Darren Bumgardner, Gary Coan, and Roger Anderson.

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

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Beth Hendricks to approve the Consent Agenda after Don Hazeman requested to move a question from the Consent Agenda to the regular meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Beth Hendricks, seconded by Cory Wilson to approve the agenda with some additional items for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hazeman informed the residents that Aaron Dougherty has resigned and we are looking for someone to take over his position until March 2020 when we vote again.

**VISITORS:**

Mark Fuller informed the board that he and Matt Murray have been working on Jackpine Road east of #9. He indicated that the estimate is just a budget at this time. Unit prices are a little high and prices can vary.

Matt Murray found we have a recorded ½ mile, therefore we need to do more legal work before we can develop. The best plan is to develop it to the end and then close it off. We need to consent by Oct. 1 before Freeberg & Grund start topography work. The Board needs to communicate with Matt Murray regarding what choice/decision will be in regards to a turnaround so he can get any necessary ROW or easement.

**ROAD REPORT:**

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Beth Hendricks to have a public hearing for the residents of Scotchpine at our regular July meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Utility companies are working on Nature Road since the contractor cleared the ROW. Once they are done DEW can start the reconstruction work.

The contractor that worked Balsam Road is awaiting his final payment. Mark indicated that although Balsam is good, there are some things that need to be finished on Eckles.

MERC has disturbed some ground at Elsie Gullicksrud's property. After the boring was completed on the Roth property MN Energy needs to place some seeding where it was torn up.

Cory Wilson has been removing the no crossing and stop ahead road signs since it is not required to have them installed any longer.

Cory Wilson is still working with Century Link to clean up after they plowed fiber on Eckles Township roads.

Cory Wilson is meeting with MERC on Wednesday night. He will talk to Pat Johnson about getting ROW's on Balsam Road.

A culvert by Keith Hegg's property needs to be repaired and seeding needs done at Keith's property as well as Joe Beer's property.

Calcium chloride should be spread next week.

There are several thistles by Joyce Thompson and Lori Thompson's properties. Don Hazeman will check it out next week

CSAH Rd 9 and Hwy 2 will be the topic of interest at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with Joe McKinnon and Reed Olson. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Beth Hendricks to accept Supervisor Milender's resolution recommending that a stoplight be installed at the intersection of US Highway 2 and CSAH 9 in order to prevent confusion and lessen safety concerns. This resolution will be mailed to the County Board, MNDOT, and placed on the website and posted. Clerk will invite Matt Grossell and Paul Utke to the July meeting.

The evacuation plan for the Mobile Home Park on CSAH 9 was discussed. A motion by Beth Hendricks, seconded by Cory Wilson to disapprove the plan. Supervisor Milender has been working with the Minnesota Department of Health on this issue, therefore he will write a letter to the owner of this park.

The township received a letter from Waste Management after the road clean up informing us we did not sort the materials, and we collected items that are not free. We potentially collected items from non-residents. This puts a financial burden on the County and its residents. It also may cause a safety and/or environment cleanup concern as well. Liability will fall on the event organizer. Clerk will invite Brian Olson, the manager to come to one of our meetings.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Beth Hendricks to accept the resolution regarding petitions for paving roads in Eckles Township.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Beth Hendricks to hold an open public meeting on July 31<sup>th</sup> at the Eckles Community Center to determine if our levy needs to be increased for paving roads in the future.

Motion by Beth Hendricks, seconded by Cory Wilson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Cory Wilson  
Vice Chairman