

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2022**

Present: Don Hazeman, Cory Wilson, Mel Milender, Darren Baumgardner, Beth Hendricks, Mary Lou Milender, and Debra Larson.

Visitors present: John Schocker and Steve Eastridge.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Milender, second by Supervisor Wilson. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Wilson made a motion to approve the July 12, 2022 Agenda with the additions. Second by Supervisor Hendricks.

VISITORS:

Steve Eastridge has a concern on the excessive speeds the people are driving on the first mile of Jackpine Road east of County Rd 9. He wants to know if there can be a 35-mph speed limit placed on the Road. He informed the board that currently 13 children are living on the west side of County Road 9, a Daycare has 12 children on a daily basis and many families that reside on the road and on other streets nearby use this for biking, walking and running. He was informed that the board can pass a resolution to lower the speed limit. Road supervisor Wilson and Bumgardner will come back with a recommendation next meeting. Chairman Hazeman moved to table any action until next month, seconded by Supervisor Milender.

ROAD REPORT:

Eckles and Balsam roads have had the requirement dropped to be shouldered by the paving contractor.

Dale Wilson gave a quote to do the shouldering on the Eckles Road project with a total of \$46,725.00.

Motion by Supervisor Hendricks to accept Dale's quote, seconded by Darren Bumgardner. Motion passed at 4-1. Supervisor Wilson abstained. Motion carried.

Joel Johnson has not been working on the Eckles and Balsam roads due to issues with Century Link, regarding them not getting their equipment out of the ROW. Supervisor Milender will make a call to the person in charge and will tell him that our contractor will start working anyway. If Joel does not have time to finish his work, we will ask Lumen to pay for the amount of money lost.

Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Milender to draft a new policy on ROW's. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

OTHER:

Motion by Supervisor Milender to cash the CD and put it in our savings account to help with the tarring of the roads. Second by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Milender has been working with an attorney in St. Michal on the two paving projects. Supervisor Milender indicated the best option is to combine both projects into one bond. Motion by Supervisor Milender, second by Supervisor Wilson to pursue a bond for \$1 million and allocate it into two different projects. Motion carried unanimously. Milender is in charge of the financial details

Randy Lofgren recommended to put in new trees in the Eckles Cemetery.

Supervisor Milender informed us that one of the Townships in his district found out they have been paying more for gravel than what the contractor had quoted. Milender then let our supervisors know that our clerk and treasurer make sure they see that the contractor's invoices are correct, but that ultimately is the responsibility of the supervisors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a letter from MN. Office of Administrative Hearings, approving the annexation ordinance and is now completed on Gary Coan's place of business.

Supervisor Wilson indicated we should be looking at our road agreements with the City of Wilton.

Clerk indicated we need to get another road agreement with Lammers. We will get them to come to our next meeting if possible or we can mail a new agreement for maintenance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Since the 2nd Tuesday is on Primary Day, the 9th of August; our meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 10th of August. This has been put on the web to let people know.

Motion by Supervisor Bumgardner seconded by Supervisor Milender to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman
Chairman