

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2022

Present: Chairman, Donald Hazeman, Supervisors, Cory Wilson, Mel Milender, Darren Bumgardner, Treasurer, Debra Larson and Clerk Mary Lou Milender. Absent was Supervisor Hendricks.

Public Attendees: Dale Wilson and Gary Coan

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Milender to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Supervisor Wilson. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Wilson made a motion to approve the August 10, 2022 Agenda. Second by Supervisor Bumgardner. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

ROAD REPORT:

Discussion on Lammer's Road Maintenance agreement to amend the billing from once a year to twice a year. We will continue to bill John Schocker and send Lammer's copies of his invoices. The two townships have worked well in the past. Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Bumgardner to increase the amount of gravel stated in the agreement from 6 loads to 10 loads per year going forward. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman Hazeman reported 3 spots were found to have the most weeds, Coyote Rd., Werner Rd and by Mac Court. The beetles are very slow and will take 10 years before the Knapweed is cleared up. He also wants to talk with Enbridge and with Dick Morris.

Updates on Eckles Road:

Supervisor Wilson ordered 35 mailboxes and Joel Johnson will install them as he removes existing boxes on Eckles Road.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Bumgardner to have DEW do the shouldering for 6.1 mile. (Deerfield 1st Addition; Eckles and Balsam) Motion approved 3-0. Supervisor Wilson abstained.

The Village West Plat on Radar Road:

Hazeman will go to the Beltrami County Environmental Services regarding the drainage on this plat. We need to get a letter written soon to Environmental Services. They will then have to ask for a review of the drainage plan.

OTHER ROAD ISSUES:

Pre-construction meeting on paving projects with Freeberg & Grund on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 @3:30 PM.

RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Quarterly meeting was held on July 28th. First Fire Truck will arrive late October or November. Still discussing formation of a district.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE:

Supervisor Bumgardner has received some complaints from residents regarding the dogs barking in the neighborhood. Two residents asked about a sound ordinance. Supervisors were against the ordinance but will have somebody write a letter to the person that has all the dogs.

ELECTION COSTS/TABULATOR:

Clerk informed the Board that election went smoothly. However, due to the size of the township, two precincts sharing one space and long days, the election judges could benefit greatly by acquiring a tabulator to simplify ballot counting at the end of the long day for elections at the Community Center. The board agreed unanimously and added that Liberty Township should bear some of the costs. The clerk will investigate cost to purchase and program same for the September meeting. She will have Jodee Treat at the board meeting to present the information.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a thank you card from North Country First Responders for our donation.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Bumgardner. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman
Chairman