

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

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

**Public Attendees:** Karl Oestreich, Alice Wendorff, Gerald & Kathy Moe, Don Wilson, Peggy Curtis, Sue & Al Curb, Jack Cronemiller, Dan Trepanier, Mike Wendorff, Paul Cronemiller, Peggy Kelm, Jeff Roosdett, John Dean, Jeremy Christenson, Dawn Kroening, Gary Coan, Lyle Hanson and John Schocker.

**Meeting called to order at** 7:20 p.m. by Chairman, Don Hazeman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Hendricks made a motion to approve the August 10, 2021 Agenda with the additions. Second by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Visitor: Karl Oestreich, Liberty Township Supervisor, presented a resolution from the Liberty Township Supervisors that he wanted to present to Reed Olson and the Beltrami County Board in conjunction with whatever Eckles Township was presenting.

An Eckles Township resolution asking Beltrami County to resolve the issues on CSAH 9 was presented. Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to accept the resolution. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Reed Olson was unable to attend our meeting tonight because he was ill. He did give us his thoughts about how Cardinal Road was redesigned and would appreciate receiving feedback from the board.

Motion by Supervisor Milender to hire an attorney and start the process to eliminate the assessments on ditch 35. Seconded by Supervisor Wilson. We will need a resolution and all documents. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0.

**ROAD REPORT:**

Tree removal on Balsam & Eckles intersection. Trees on the S/E corner of this intersection need to be taken out or trimmed at least 10 ft. high for visibility.

Dale Wilson Informed the board he can do the stump removal on the north side of Jackpine Road in 3 days for \$6,300.00. Clerk will write a contract once she finds out what machinery Dale will be using. The stumps will need to be hauled out and burned. Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Hendricks to have Dale complete the project, grub and burn the piles. Motion carried by 3-0. Supervisor Wilson abstained.

**CARTWAY ROAD RESIDENTS:**

Paul Cronemiller called Supervisor Wilson and asked that we look at Cartway Road again. Supervisor Milender wants to talk to the attorney about how the ROW is marked. Supervisor Wilson made a motion to have Matt Murray put up new flags marking the 66 ft ROW Seconded by Supervisor Milender. Motion carried 4-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Randy Forseth returned the \$150.00 check we sent him for placing the dumpsters at the Community Center for the Road Clean-up. He says that is his donation to the clean-up effort. The board accepted the donation.

**OTHER ROAD ISSUES:**

The beavers are along-side of Grant Creek Road again. The culvert needs to be cleaned out again. The grate we put up has disappeared and the road authority wants to put another one in for safety concerns. The township had Dan Trepanier trap 7 beavers. 5 were trapped near Dale Wilson's property in the City of Wilton and 2 were in Lammer's Township. Supervisor Wilson made agreements with both townships to split the costs. Thus, we received \$125.00 from the City of Wilton and \$50.00 from the Township of Lammers.

Supervisor Wilson erected a dead-end sign and a 35-mph speed limit sign at the end of the "T" on Jackpine Road. A yield sign was erected on Palomino Road. Supervisor Wilson will purchase and erect a bus stop sign. Palomino is a platted road. Some research should be done on the plat to see what has to be done to make it acceptable.

Don Wilson made a comment on how trees are planted by the Forestry Department in Eckles Township. The firemen had a difficult time putting out the fires in Eckles Township in July. Paul Cronemiller indicated when they replanted his trees, they used a Bracky wheel to dig the holes and that worked out great.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

We will have a road review on October 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Community Center. Ervin Blom will drive his bus.

**ARPA:**

Chairman Hazeman spoke with Ross Signs about putting up a lighted changeable sign for \$20,000.00. It would be placed on the Community Center property. Therefore, we will need approval from the Community Center Board. This could be approved from ARPA funds.

If we proceed, someone will need to be instructed on how to make the changes for meetings and gatherings.

Supervisor Milender would like to get a smart board or other display device for all meetings. If we proceed to purchase the above items, we could use ARPA funds.

Motion by Supervisor Milender to have ARPA as a special fund on CTAS reports Second by Supervisor Wilson.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman  
Chairman