

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2021

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

Public Attendees: John Schocker, John Dean and his wife.

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 Bumgardner. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Hendricks made a motion to approve the October 12, 2021 Agenda with the additions. Second by Supervisor Bumgardner. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Visitor:

John Dean, who lives north of the Shooting Range emphasized all the shooting from the Shooting Range. He claimed there is shooting going on all day long. Supervisor Wilson informed him of all the law enforcement doing their training with rifles and pistols. He declared he would get the schedules of when different groups would be shooting so he could inform the neighbors. The FBI will be shooting on October 26th and 28th. The next meeting for the Shooting Range committee will be January 10, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

ROAD REPORT:

Road Review:

Supervisor Wilson informed the board that most of the roads were in good shape. The rebuilt roads were really good. Brushing is needed in several locations. The culvert on Grant Creek Road needs to be replaced with anti-beaver controls. Supervisor Wilson can purchase a 6 ft. culvert for \$500.00.

Balsam Road update:

Ditches are cut and the grubbing is done. 18 culverts will be replaced, driveways and culverts will be done next week. Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to purchase new swing away mailboxes for the residents. The seeding will not get done this fall; therefore, the contractor will not receive his last payment until spring when the seeding has been placed and approved.

Supervisor Wilson received a Detour Agreement for Trunk Highway 2 from Mn Dot. This agreement is for the additional maintenance resulting from the use of the Township Roads; Eckles Road, Balsam Road and Wild Rose as an unofficial detour when MN Dot was working on Hwy 2. The board was in agreement with all of the terms. Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to accept the terms and sign the resolution approving the agreement. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Supervisors Wilson, Bumgardner and Milender will meet with Mick Trepanier in regards with his 33 ft. easement.

OTHER:

The old picnic tables have been sold. Fortunately, we may purchase new picnic tables next spring. Research will be done for the picnic tables. A new message center for the Community Center is needed. This can be purchased and erected yet before winter. Another discussion was held regarding the purchase of a digital sign. This needs to be discussed with the Community Center Committee before any action takes place. Question about who can or should receive reimbursement for meetings other than the regular Town Board meetings. This will be discussed at the next reorganization meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BATO Meeting on October 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

A work session has been set for December 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Meet at the Community Center.

ARPA:

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to put any money from ARPA in a separate fund. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman
Chairman