

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2018**

Present: Don Hazeman, Cory Wilson, Aaron Dougherty, Mel Milender, Beth Hendricks, and Mary Lou Milender.

Visitors present: John Schocker, Thore Thorson, Russ Gustafson, Joe McKinnon, T.J. Melcher, Gary Coan, Michelle Rognerud, Chris Mickelson, and Reed Olson,

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

Motion by Supervisor Milender seconded by Supervisor Wilson to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Dougherty, seconded by Supervisor Hendricks to accept the Regular Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS: Joe McKinnon, MnDOT Project Manager in Bemidji reported to the Board of Supervisors regarding the portion of Minnesota Highway 2 from the CSAH 14 intersection in Wilton to the Moberg Drive traffic signal intersection at the airport. After further investigation, they plan to design in 2019 and 2020 with construction in 2021.

Reed Olson, informed the board the County Commissioners did approve abandonment of Ditch 35.

Chris Mickelson, a financial specialist with Ehlers and Associates presented financing options for construction.

ROAD REPORT

Supervisor Wilson informed the Board the mailboxes in Deerfield Estates will be moved in the Spring. The cutting and brushing have been completed on Jackpine Road.

RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Supervisor Milender informed the Board the Station in Northern Township is up and running. There are 7 new firefighters in training. An agreement was made to put a new fire station into the capital improvement plan. This may not cause an increase in the billing.

SHOOTING SPORTS REPORT:

Supervisor Wilson advised the Board that the OHV club is responsible for putting outside bathrooms on the premises. The county wants them to take care of the weeds. Presently there are about 100 youth using the trap and skeet facility. A shoot wing for ladies will be started soon.

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Chairman Hazeman appraised the Board of some research he did on rates on our CD's, Money Market and savings account. Motion by Supervisor Wilson to combine the \$46,429.92 and the \$5,822.96 and label it as a legal fee/emergency account fee. Seconded by Hazeman. Opposed by Supervisor Milender. If we call it a legal fund, we could have some problems. If we don't label it, it is implied consent.

A short discussion regarding the tarring policy was had and if we should add \$50,000.00 a year to our levy it will take 4 years to do one road. Eckles and Balsam Roads were suggested as being roads that should be tarred. John Schocker reminded the Board they should be rebuilt and allowed to set for a year before any tar is applied. The board requested he pay close attention during the winter for any bad spots.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Dougherty to approve the resolution designating the annual polling place for 2019. Motion carried unanimously. This is required by the State every year.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Dougherty to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 9.20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman
Chairman