

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 14, 2018**

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

Visitors present: Vern and Gladys Hlavac, Sara Franks, Gary Coan, Cheryl & Dennis Berglund, Dennis Zeto, Maryann Hanson, John Schocker, Travis Hetten, Vicky Edevold, Joel Johnson, Mark Fuller, Reed Olson, Ann Czyupryna, Fred Kelm, and Thore Thorson.

Chairman, Don Hazeman called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Dougherty to accept the Consent Agenda after one amendment was made to hold the check for Seasonal Services until we receive a signed contract from him. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**VISITORS:**

We received 7 bids tonight for the Eckles/Balsam Intersection ranging from \$102,957.34 up to \$213,568.77. Motion by Supervisor Milender to hold the bids until the Supervisors have the opportunity to review them and recess this meeting until August 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Reed Olson, County Commissioner, informed the Board that an ATV Association is wanting to ride the roads in the township. Supervisor Milender is opposed until they get things sorted out. LGU have the option of not allowing it. Also, they didn't get a resolution of approval from the County.

Supervisor Wilson asked Reed if things have changed regarding the Pinewood Transfer Station because it seems like the bins are always full and perhaps the county could leave a phone number posted at the site to call and inform the county.

**ROAD REPORT:**

Residents were concerned about how they would be assessed if Ditch 35 was cleaned out by the county. Some residents are asking to have it abandoned or removed so they are not assessed. Chair Hazeman suggested that a hydrologist come out and look at it. Meanwhile we are sitting in limbo until the county acts.

Jenny Lane - Supervisor Milender received a phone call from a resident on Jenny Lane regarding all the traffic. He informed her it is not a township road, only a private easement. She wants to purchase a sign and place it on the easement near CSAH 9.

Deerfield Estates 1<sup>st</sup> Addition was discussed. Supervisor Dougherty and Supervisor Wilson met with Matt Murray and Mr. Thomas and showed them what was incomplete. Freeberg & Grund tested the gravel and 3 out of the 4 tests failed. There also needs to be traffic signs erected as well as a dead-end sign. The township will not take over the road until the corrections are made. Supervisor Wilson is concerned the drainage is not going to work like it is designed. Standards were set. We forced the county to have a drainage plan. That is the developer cost.

The developers met with Cory and Matt Murray. They need to follow the township policy.

Deerfield Estates - Residents are not pleased with the way the seeding was done on the shoulders of the roads. Andy Neff, contractor, said he will come back and make it right. Some of the problem was the minimal amount of rain.

John Schocker asked the Board what they wanted him to do on the minimum maintenance roads because there is not very much dirt to work with. Supervisors told him to get 6 loads of dirt and whatever it takes for hours to get the work done. John will place the material on Mayflower from Nature to the west end and grade and level it.

Grant Creek Road - Supervisor Wilson spent 7 hours cutting down the trees and moving them out of the Road right- of- way. Larry Tolman from Lammer's Township wants gravel placed on the curve which would be a split for the two townships.

Supervisor Milender was accosted by Mr. Krumery regarding the pit behind CD Haugen. Milender did the research and we have no control since it is under the Beltrami County shoreland ordinance.

Dennis Berglund wants the contractor to clean out the ditch on his property. Freeberg & Grund will do a bid for that and have the township pay that amount to the contractor or Dennis Berglund will not sign the easement.

Survey flags are disappearing in the woods along Jackpine Road. Supervisor Wilson indicated they need to be replaced with some metal posts put in on the north side.

Vicky Edevold, a resident on Porta Plata approached the board to have Sousa Road paved. Supervisor Milender made a motion to accept the petition and not make a move until all residents have signed the petition and we will then move forward. Seconded by Supervisor Wilson.

Dennis Zeto wants the township to be very careful of a sewage plant expanding out into Eckles Township.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to recess this meeting until August 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 10:20 p.m.

RECONVENED MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2018 -  
ECKLES TOWN BOARD MINUTES FOR AUGUST 21, 2018

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

Visitors present: Mark Fuller, Dale Wilson, Dennis and Cheryl Berglund

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Don Hazeman.

Before signing the easement, Dennis Berglund asked where the water was going to go. He has a Texas crossing, and 400 feet beyond that he has another water control device. He asked Mark Fuller, Freeberg & Grund Engineer, what he thought it would cost to clean the existing ditch. Motion by Supervisor Milender to add on to the project, the cleaning of the ditch for approximately 450 feet, not to exceed \$5,000.00. Seconded by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of the bids. Seven (7) bids was a record high. There is a lot of difference between the low and high bidders, and the Board has a lot of questions. Low bidder is here. Whoever gets the bid will need to inform the board of what they have for equipment and provide a list of subcontractors and a schedule of work.

The work is to be finished by Oct. 15, 2018. Another week is added to complete seeding etc. Penalty is \$500.00 a day if the work is not finished.

All permits must be handed to the engineer before any work is started.

After careful review of all the answers to the questions listed on Addendum #1 of these minutes, the Chairman asked for a decision from the full board.

Motion by Supervisor Milender to accept the low bid based on everything the Supervisors heard tonight and the fact that the low bidder will save the township nearly \$26,000.00 from the next lowest bidder. Seconded by Supervisor Hendricks. Supervisor Wilson abstained.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Dougherty.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman  
Chairman