

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2021

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

Public Attendees: John Schocker, Alan Killian and Joel Johnson.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman, Don Hazeman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited before the Reorganizational Meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Supervisor Wilson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Supervisor Milender. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Hendricks made a motion to approve the March 11, 2021 Agenda. Second by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

VISITORS:

Joel Johnson informed the board he could not start until after June 15th. The township informed Joel he needs to sign the contract soon. He was informed that if any of the residents want the trees he takes out to just lay them out of the ROW. He will grub this spring so the utilities can be relocated before construction begins. Joel said he could get the reconstruction done in two weeks.

Joel was informed of one of the residents having a fence that will need to come down and moved out of the way. Joel can remove it; however, the resident is responsible for erecting it again.

Letters will be mailed out to all of the residents on Jackpine Road informing them of the clearing of the ROW and rebuilding road and ditches to surveyed centerline. The utility companies will relocate power and telephone lines. Contractor will start full construction no later than June 21st.

Alan Killian, Fundraising Chairman for the Let's Go Fishing organization informed the board of all the good things they do for the different locals that love to get out on a pontoon boat to fish since they have other means of having the opportunity to do so. Some are from Adult Day Services, Boy's and Girls Club and they do a lot for the Dragon Boat Races and offer the pontoon for the Fishing Has No Boundaries every summer. The pontoon is docked at Ruttger's.

ROAD REPORT:

Chairman Hazeman informed the board of his conversations with Bruce Hasbargen and County #9 and how the township appreciated the working relationship we have.

Bruce did inform the board that there is no way County Rd #9 can be corrected at this time. There is very little left on the grant. He talked about TZD (Toward Zero Deaths) and invited any of the board to be included in the zoom meetings. Supervisor Hendricks said she would be the contact person and Supervisor Bumgardner will be the alternate. Hopefully, this will be put in the 5-year plan.

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Chairman Hazeman also informed the board of the letter received from Enbridge concerning spring use of the 10-ton road. Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to have Hazeman sign the letter and return it to Enbridge.

LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

Submitted the LRIP application for grant money. Grant money is awarded in May. We can't do any construction on any of the roads we had specified for upgrading until we know whether or not are granted the money to do so.

OTHER:

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Chairman Hazeman to donate to the following: North Country First Responders- \$300.00; Bemidji Sr. Center- \$200.00; Let's Go Fishing - \$200.00; and Beltrami Co. 4H - \$200.00. Supervisor Wilson would like to see if the Township is able to start a scholarship for our local students. Supervisor Milender will check with MAT.

Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting is scheduled for Tues. April 27, @9:00 a.m.
Community Road Clean-up is scheduled for May 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Hendricks to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman
Chairman