

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2019

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

Visitors present: Dale Wilson, Thore Thorson, James Rattan, Fred Kelm, Jeff Roseneath, Dennis Berglund, John Schocker and Tim Wilson.

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

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda. Treasurer informed the board she needed to add \$868.28 to the IRS and needed to change check number 5553 because MAT employees said they would invoice Eckles Township. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aaron Dougherty, seconded by Mel Milender to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Dennis Berglund asked about the warranty on Eckles Road. He wanted to know why the township is still applying gravel on Eckles Road and who is paying for it. Cory Wilson informed him that when the engineer designed Eckles Road, it was designed as a paved road, therefore it was built to paving standards. And as a board, they should have gone with a 4% grade.

Dennis Berglund also asked what MNDOT is going to do with the j-turns. He was informed that before any of the j-turns are put in place that something needs to be done with County Rd 9. Joe McKinnon, MNDOT, indicated he is working with a consulting firm on this issue.

Chairman Hazeman read all of the Nature Road Project quotes to the board and the residents and opened them up for discussion. Freeburg and Grund had a \$142,000.00 estimate for this project. The quotes varied from \$133,072.00 up to \$210,062.50. Three of the quotes were over \$175,000.00. Chairman Hazeman then asked Dale Wilson, the only contractor in attendance, if he was able to meet the standards as to what Freeburg and Grund is looking for and when he could start the project. Wilson said he could start as soon as it dries up. End of June or the first part of July. The work needs to be completed by September 15th.

Motion by Aaron Dougherty to accept D.E.W. because of his quote cost and his ability to get it done, hoping there is a better outcome from last year. Motion seconded by Mel Milender. There was a roll call with 4 out of 5 accepting with one abstaining. Motion carried.

Mel Milender indicated there is 1,000 feet of fence that will have to be removed from the ROW. He has contacted the MAT attorney to see if we are liable to pay for a new fence.

Chairman Hazeman read all of the tasks and indicted the board member responsible for completing each task before adjourning another meeting regarding paving any roads.

Motion by Chairman Hazeman to approve John Schocker to rent a grinder for Jackpine Road. Seconded by Supervisor Wilson.

John Schocker informed the board that the county uses a roller-nose which is designed to help control the chloride from coming up. He indicated he would like to purchase a roller-nose for his business. Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Dougherty to put the hourly price of a roller-nose into the new contract.

John Schocker also informed the board that while the county is cutting trees and using a minimum use road in Eckles Township to haul them out. They are leaving very big holes and John would like to see the county put the road back in shape. Mel Milender will talk to Dick Moore.

Reminders: Board of Review is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m. at the Eckles Community Center. Wednesday, May 8th is the road clean-up.

Motion by Aaron Dougherty seconded by Beth Hendricks to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman
Chairman