

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 13, 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:** Dale Wilson, Joe Korbel, Chad Eklund, Luke Johanneck, Steve Johnson, Fred Kelm, Gary Coan, Ervin Blom and John Schocker.

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Hendricks made a motion to approve the April 13, 2021 Agenda. Second by Supervisor Milender. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**VISITORS:**

Chad Eklund, MNDOT Project supervisor and Luke Johanneck addressed the board with information on the detour which will be on County Rd 9 to County Rd 22 to 89 The detour will go in affect on May 10<sup>th</sup> until June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Supervisor Wilson asked them why they need to start the work there, vs on the west end. Wilson asked if they could provide traffic counts. He also asked if a flashing light could be placed at the intersection of 22 and 9. They indicate there will be a 6-inch red light with a solar panel and will also put an amber one up. MNDOT will provide signs. Supervisor Wilson indicated that the township will still need to grade the roads.

**ROAD REPORT:**

Chairman Hazeman and Supervisor Milender attended a meeting with Freeberg & Grund regarding Jackpine Road. We will put the fence out of the way and the homeowner can put it anywhere.

The board indicated the quotes for grading and gravel need to be in the hands of the Town Board by the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. No bids or advertising is needed because the amount is under \$175K.

Fred Kelm is wanting to sell his gravel because he is going of the business. There was a discussion on if the Town Board wanted to purchase the gravel which is approximately 5,860 yards at \$8.00 a yard which is \$46,880.00. This will be brought up again at the May meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Milender to accept Steve Johnson's quote on the Chloride at \$1.15 per gallon. Seconded by Supervisor Wilson.

Joel Johnson requested that he be able to drive his machinery on Cartway Road to get to Jackpine Road from his place.

Supervisor Hendricks informed the board regarding the TZD meeting she attended on April 1. The biggest item was most of the motorist were driving under the influence of liquor or drugs. Speed is the #1 killer. Bemidji High School is having a contest asking the students for a message about speeding while

driving. There will be a \$600.00 grant for winner prizes. May 26 will be a virtual regional workshop. Next meeting is June 3, 2021. State wide shop will be in October.

Joe Korbelt wants to create a ¼ mile road south of the east end of Blue Mayflower Road . It is now a driveway south of Blue Mayflower. He was informed he should get a signed statement from all the other residents as well as himself indicating they would provide ROW and share costs. All of the residents would need to relinquish ROW at 66 feet.

Supervisor Wilson, received a complaint from a resident on Sullivan Drive regarding a piece of tarring that was hit by the grader. The board looked at the pictures and saw the extension of the driveway is too far out in the road ROW which caused it. Our policy is that we do not pay for damages.

Darwin Wiebolt inquired about the board taking over his road once it is paved. The board decided at this time to not amend the current Road Agreement and we will leave it at 60%. Once it is at 50% We will consider taking it over. We want to review it a year after the road is tarred. Reason is there is no official guarantee that the warranty would transfer over to the Township. Another concern is all the heavy equipment going in and out as the lots are getting filled.

Gladden Construction is doing a project on the NE corner of Scribner Road and Hwy 2. They did not put approaches in before they started construction. Supervisor Wilson contacted Greg Hall and asked for a driveway permit.

#### **CEMETERY MOWING:**

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to hire Donovan Lundin/owner of Seasonal Services again for the mowing of the cemetery at the rate of \$80.00 per mowing. Sexton will purchase weed control.

#### **SHOOTING SPORTS REPORT:**

Supervisor Wilson gave a brief report on what was going on at the Shooting Sports. There are some new people on the board. Board members have noticed some issues at the Horse Camp where people seem to be living there. Some brushing was done by the fence and the Memorial Forest sign along Highway 89 will be removed. Next meeting is July 12.

#### **OTHER:**

A resident in Forest Edge is having some concern about the dogs running loose. He has made several calls about this.

A Letter of thanks was written and sent to the County for the corporation and assistance to our road maintenance contractor. He is very appreciative of the attitude and assistance he encounters and looks forward to a continued positive and friendly relationship.

Dale Wilson would like to see the residents that have trash pick-up get a notice to get their trash cans back to their house and not leave them in the ROW. Board is checking on this and it will be discussed at the next month's meeting.

Meetings Scheduled are:

April 27<sup>th</sup> @9:00 a.m. Board of Appeal and Equalization scheduled for Tuesday

April 27<sup>th</sup> @6:30 p.m. BATO Meeting is Northern Town Hall

April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. clean up cemetery

May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. is Work Session at ECC

May 11<sup>th</sup> is our regular Board Meeting

May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. Community Road clean-up

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Hendricks to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman  
Chairman