

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2020
Meeting was held via teleconference

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

Visitors: Dale Wilson and Jason LaValley both called in.

Chairman, Don Hazeman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to amend the Consent Agenda to have a roll call on approving the payroll. The clerk took a roll call from all the Supervisors. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Elizabeth Hendricks, seconded by Mel Milender to add items to the agenda. A roll call from all the Supervisors was made. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD REPORT:

Supervisor Milender complimented Supervisor Wilson and Bumgardner for putting up the Road closed sign to keep people off Cartway Road until some fill and grading was done. Supervisor Milender has been driving the roads to see what condition they are in.

Dale Wilson, called in to see if the board has any enforcement on new driveways without aprons on their culverts.

Darwin Wiebolt, DW Developers, called Supervisor Milender. He was concerned about having to put in bump-outs for the driveways on properties he is going to develop.

Supervisor Bumgardner had a complaint from a resident about a gentleman driving his semi on gravel roads and parking it on Monte Plata. This road has not been accepted by the board yet.

Chairman Hazeman noticed that there have been motorcycles or 4-wheelers spinning out on some of our roads. He informed the board to call the sheriff if they see somebody doing this.

Clerk called the County Assessor to see if we were still going to have our Board of Review on April 28th. Joe Skerick said we had to either postpone it until the end of May or have it in cars at the Eckles Picnic Shelter to be social distancing. The board made a decision tonight to have it at the Picnic Shelter. Supervisor Bumgardner indicated he would put up plastic around the shelter and put in a heater if the weather is bad. Don Hazeman and Mel Milender have their certifications which we need to be able to have a BOR meeting. Beth Hendricks will also be there to meet the quorum.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to make a roll call for payment of invoices. All supervisors were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was opened up to have more than one person sign the checks. Chairman Hazeman will meet with the treasurer and sign the checks as well. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to enable the board to sign all the reports next month which were discussed tonight and approved. Roll call was made and all were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

The clerk asked if the board could make a decision on what bank to use for the paving of Scotchpine Court. Don Hazeman and Cory Wilson are not in favor of moving banks. The board will leave this motion until next month.

Jason LaValley is on the phone. He had received his letter from the board indicating there will be upgrading on the first half mile of Jackpine Road East of CSAH 9. Our records indicate Eckles Township has a full 66-foot right-of-way along the entire length. Jason was informed the township is going to extend the road and he had some questions regarding his property.

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The May road clean-up was discussed. We are going to postpone the clean-up until fall. We need to know exactly what the county will accept and if they will provide different bags or boxes for the sorting. Also, we need to know if there is going to be a cost for all of this.

Supervisor Wilson will contact Donavon Lundin with Seasonal Services to see if he wants to mow our cemetery again this year.

Chairman Hazeman indicated he would purchase the Weed and Seed needed for the Cemetery. He also said he would spread it, but was told we should ask one of the sextons to do this. Hazeman offered to let the sexton use his spreader.

We received a call from JR Vold with Paul Bunyan Telephone. He said they would do a bond and asked if we could hold it for a year. This was put on hold until the May meeting until we can ask other townships what they do.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman
Chairman

