

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 11, 2021**

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

**Public Attendees:** Dale Wilson, Jamie & Joe McCollum, Al & Sue Curb, Troy and Crystal Baker, John Schocker and Fred Kelm.

**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 May 11, 2021 Consent Agenda. Second by Supervisor Wilson. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Hendricks made a motion to approve the May 11, 2021 Agenda. Second by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Quotes for grading and gravel were discussed. Motion by Supervisor Milender to accept John Schocker's quote for grading, second by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0.

Motion by Supervisor Milender to accept Dale Wilson's quote for the gravel, second by Chairman Hazeman. Motion carried. 3-0. Supervisor Wilson abstained as a result of being related to Dale.

**VISITORS:**

Two couples attended the meeting. They presented a petition for tarring the roads in Deerfield Estates First Addition. Supervisor Milender informed them of the process and that we would have to take action of the petition at our next meeting. We need to set the date for a public hearing within 30 days of receipt of the petition.

**ROAD REPORT:**

The board informed Fred Kelm they would prefer not to purchase his gravel pile. He has 5800 yards of gravel that does not meet Class V specifications.

Supervisor Wilson informed the board there has been 5 beavers removed from Dale Wilson's property in Wilton and 2 from Lammers Township. They would eventually affect Eckles Township roads.

The gophers are making many mounds in the roads and ROW throughout the township.

Supervisor Wilson informed the board that the gravel that was placed on the roads was purchased from a pit in Shevlin. Chloride was placed on Eckles, Jackpine, Wild Rose and Balsam.

Supervisor Wilson replaced the stop signs at intersections of Cartway and Werner, Winding and Eckles and Woodcrest and Whistler. He also repaired stop-signs at the intersections of Werner and Whiting and Sullivan and Eckles. He removed a stop ahead sign from Cartway, a crossing sign from Eckles Road

and installed a weight limit sign on Scotchpine Road. He picked up broken signs from the curve on Balsam Road.

Troy Baker informed the board that Sosua needs some black dirt on the shoulders. This will be addressed another time.

Birdsview needs 2 loads of gravel before chloride can be placed. Wilson would like to see Radar west of 89 be chlorided.

**RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION:**

Supervisor Milender informed the board that the Fire Department is in need of a new Engine and Tender for Station #4. The cost is now 40% - 50% higher than four years ago for the last one that was purchased. Fire inspection will now be done by Deputy Chief.

Fire Chief and Supervisor Milender have been exploring grants. ISO ratings should stay the same. If there are any increases in the CIP, the increase in payments will be the same percentage amount for the city as for the Townships.

**CEMETERY REPORT:**

Supervisor Wilson thanked the board for cleaning up the cemetery. He is going to call Ness to ask about the seal coating on the driveway in the cemetery.

**OTHER:**

Chairman Hazeman informed the board of the Pledge which came from Respect Minnesota. He made a motion and seconded by Supervisor Milender that Eckles Township support the pledge and create a peaceful discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Enbridge lawsuit on overpayment of taxes is complete. Nobody knows what the final cost to our township will be. Interest is almost double the estimated amount of overpayment of taxes.

Chairman Hazeman wrote a letter to Waste Management regarding the garbage cans being left out in the ROW. Chairman Hazeman and Supervisor Milender put a policy together and Waste Management will give it to the homeowners

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman  
Chairman