

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2020

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

Visitors: Joe Vene, Fred Kelm, Gary Coan, John Schocker, David and Serena Madden, Steve Johnson, Michael Johnston, and Dale Wilson.

Chairman, Don Hazeman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Darren Bumgardner to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Vene addressed the board.

Supervisor Milender addressed the board about the road exchange he would like to see between Eckles Township and the County. His proposal was to have Eckles Township relinquish 1.25 miles of Balsam Road (west end) east of CSAH 9 and ask the County to trade it for Scribner Road (Cty Rd 515). Both of the roads have a 66ft ROW according to the County GIS mapping. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Darren Bumgardner to move forward with a with a formal request to the County. This will include approval to write letters to Beltrami County, Northern Township, and the City of Bemidji.

Two quotes for the road materials were presented tonight. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Beth Hendricks to accept DEW quote due to the significant cost difference from the other quote. Supervisor Wilson and Supervisor Bumgardner abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Beth Hendricks to work with First National Bank with the funding of Scotchpine Court. Along with this same motion was the approval of the resolution and the Notice to Proceed. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Johnson approached the board with his request to spread the chloride on the township roads.

Supervisor Wilson indicated a resident from the township called him and asked to not have chloride applied on Sullivan Road this year. Cory is thinking we should apply chloride to Winding Drive this year maybe instead of Sullivan.

RURAL FIRE REPORT:

There will be controlled burn of an old house located on Nature Road when conditions are favorable.

The board discussed the continuation of the Annual Meeting scheduled for June 8. Due to the Governor's emergency order it was changed to August 10th. Notice will be posted.

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

The board then had a closed meeting to discuss interviews and appoint a new Treasurer.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Beth Hendricks to hire Debra Larson as our new Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Darren Bumgardner, seconded by Beth Hendricks to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman
Chairman