

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 14, 2019**

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

Visitors present: Russ Gustafson, Chase Vogt, Mark Fuller, Thore Thorson, John Schocker, Terry & Maryann Hanson, Dale Wilson, Fred Kelm, Mike Schlemper, Reed Olson, Mike Johnston, Eric Vandermeer, Dennis Zeto, Dennis Berglund, Ervin Blom, Wade Thoring, Scott Thoring, Gary Coan, and Roger Anderson.

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 Beth Hendricks to approve the Consent Agenda after pulling the assessment from the County for Ditch 35. We need to know why the Township is being charged for this. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to approve the agenda with some additional items for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

The quotes for grading and road material were due no later than 11:00 a.m. this morning. The clerk received one at the meeting tonight. She read the clause put in the advertisement to prove that it had been advertised that way. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Aaron Dougherty to not accept the late quote.

Motion by Aaron Dougherty, seconded by Beth Hendricks to accept Fred Kelms quote for gravel at \$11.00 a yard. Braun Intertec will do random spot testing. Motion carried. Cory Wilson abstained.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Aaron Dougherty to accept John Shocker's quote for grading and snowplowing township roads. John agreed to plow Eckles Township before any other township he may have a contract with. John was chosen because he has been an efficient, competent contractor with the township. Motion carried unanimously.

Reed Olson addressed the board regarding a change of ownership of the Solway School Forest on Buttercup Lane. In 1956 Solway ISD asked to have that land, however it never was put in their name. There is approximately 60 acres which is going to the School District. The land is going to be removed from DNR ownership.

Cory Wilson informed Reed that in the past we were able to purchase culverts through the county. Now the county wants to charge us a handling fee for buying them. Reed will follow-up.

Mark Fuller and Mike Johnston presented the board with a petition to have Scotchpine paved. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Aaron Dougherty to accept the petition. This will be discussed at the Work Session on June 3, 2019.

Don Hazeman and Mel Milender met with Freeberg and Grund this afternoon for a pre-construction meeting for the Nature Road project. They discussed the clearing and mowing Dale Wilson needs to do before he can start the actual reconstruction of Nature Road. Dale will take down any of the fences that may be in the right of way. Dale will be having all the landowners sign off on a sheet that he and the board are not responsible for any of the new fences are erected. Century Link was at the meeting also and informed everybody that all the Century Link cables can be removed or cut during construction. The lines are dead, so if Dale does cut one Century Link will send a release to Dale. They will put a new line in after construction.

The board encourages any of the residents to call any of the board members if they have any concerns or complaints about the work being done. Dale will start on the north end and work south. He is going to inform the homeowners when he will be working. A road closed sign will be installed for local traffic only.

Cory Wilson gave a shooting sports report tonight.

Cory Wilson informed the board he spoke with Donovan Lundin. He will be mowing the cemetery before Memorial Day. Cory indicated there is some brush under the fence and if anybody would be so kind and help clear that brush, he would be very appreciative. There are also some little poplar trees that need to be cut so they do not disturb the fence.

Cory Wilson also informed the board he will draft a letter to go out to all the residents of Deerfield Estates and 1<sup>st</sup> addition informing them their mailboxes will be moved and asking each one to have their correct home address on their mailboxes so the county employee will know where to put it in the addition.

Cory Wilson also gave a short road clean-up report. The weather did not cooperate. However, some residents picked up garbage and brought it to the dumpster. This is an ongoing event. Clerk was asked to send a thank you to Randy and Mary Forseth for providing the dumpster again.

The board wants to have Joe McKinnon from MNDOT present an update on County Rd 9 and Hwy 2.

Motion by Aaron Dougherty, seconded by Beth Hendricks to purchase Calcium Chloride from Envirotech again this year. Cory is going to ask them to do some dust control in front of his place. He will pay for it personally.

There was some discussion in the manner Century Link recently installed some new lines. Cory informed the board that when the last permit was given to them, they were instructed to bore all driveways and repair the roads if they damaged them. If they don't, all violations need to be addressed.

Cory Wilson asked Mark Fuller what timeline he could do a topographic survey on Jackpine Road east of CSAH 9. A resident who lives on that road wants to build another home on his property. This will be addressed at our next meeting.

Motion by Beth Hendricks seconded by Aaron Dougherty to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman  
Chairman