

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2019

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

Visitors present: Terry & Maryann Hanson, Dale Wilson, Fred Kelm, Brian Olson, Mark & Amber Fuller, Mike Johnston, Thore Thorson, Gary Coan and John Schocker.

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 Cory Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion Cory Wilson, seconded by Beth Hendricks to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Brian Olson, Beltrami County Solid Waste manager, was invited to our meeting to inform the residents of what they could and could not put in the dumpsters. Free items are: Household waste, Car tires, Radios & computers, Appliances, Household hazardous waste: paint/stain, fluorescent bulbs, ballasts, and oil filters, and batteries Not free: Demolition debris (\$12.00 per yd.) By-pass material (\$24.00 per yard) Furniture, treated wood, non-burnable items, Large tires (semi/tractor) semi- truck tires \$10.00 each & tractor tires \$65.00 each. If a resident recycles, things will get recycled. If it is in regular bin, it will not get recycled. Cory Wilson asked if it was possible to have the site open later in the day and was told the County is looking at two or three nights it will be open until 7:00 p.m. The hours now are 8:00 - 5:00 M-F and 8:00 to 1:00 on Saturday. When we do our spring clean-up, we should not co-mingle the items or we will be charged. If we can put appliances in one big container and furniture in another etc. it will be much better for the county.

The residents of Scotchpine Court approached the board with more questions regarding paving their road which is less than a ¼ mile. Supervisor Milender informed them in order to secure the rate, we must have the up to date estimate. Mark Fuller from Freeberg & Grund will send out the quotes.

Supervisor Wilson informed the board another resident asked how to go about getting their roads paved if the residents pay for the project. Wilson informed them they had to start with a petition.

ROAD REPORT:

Supervisor Wilson informed the board that all mailboxes in Deerfield Estates have been moved for the 2nd time.

Supervisor Wilson asked our road contractor how long it would take to grade 50 miles of township roads. He said it would take three days 10-12 hours a day. A minimum of 36 hours.

A resident from Deerfield Estates is concerned about the speed people drive on Feelinrite Road. The township will send a letter to the Sheriff's Office to request speed enforcement on it for a while.

Supervisor Wilson is concerned about the weight limit on the tarred development roads. Feelinrite going into Sullivan should be restricted due to all the contractors going in and out. It was a board decision to keep it at 7 ton. Maybe set it down at break-up, by putting a flag over the sign. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to post signs on Feelinrite and Kona. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Beth Hendricks to put a 5- ton sign on Puerto Plata and Forest Edge. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Wilson had a resident contact him about the way the water drains NE of Tranquility as the water comes up to his property. Supervisor Wilson asked Mark Fuller to review it because the development was reengineered after they started building in the development.

Palomino Road should have a 25mph speed limit sign erected.

There are Norway trees in the ROW on Flat Balsam. Supervisor Wilson is trying to find out who owns the property.

We need 10 swing posts for Nature Road. Supervisor Milender will pick them up and see that the contractor gets them.

Maryann Hanson is displeased with the way NAR Landscape Services left the shoulders in Deerfield Estates. She feels that the township should get some of our money back from him.

RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Supervisor Milender indicated the Rural Fire Association is working on the budget with the City of Bemidji. They feel it should not go up more than 5%. All authorized on-call slots are full.

CEMETERY REPORT:

Both Russ Gustafson and Dennis Halverson are resigning as the cemetery sextons at the end of this year. We will be looking for a sexton that can fill their places.

Reminder that the District 12 meeting and election is being held at the Eagles Club on August 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Beth Hendricks to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Don Hazeman
Chairman