

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2020

Present: Don Hazeman, Cory Wilson, Mel Milender, Darren Bumgardner, Mary Lou Milender, and Debra Larson.

Visitors: Andy Wells Sr., Chris Gilbertson, John Gilbertson, Steve Yoder, Spencer Black, Thore, Andrew Wells IV, John Schocker, Fred Kelm, Joe Beer and Gary Coan.

Chairman Hazeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to add Balsam Road exchange to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD REPORT:

A discussion was had regarding Cartway Road. Mr. Gilbertson would like to see the township repair the east end of the road. He was informed the township only has 33 feet to work with. The residents on Cartway Road will not give the township 66 feet. Supervisor Wilson asked Mr. Gilbertson to speak with the residents to see if they will work with the township.

Chairman Hazeman informed the board the MN Department of Agriculture is offering grants \$5,000.00 to assist with weed control. Hazeman applied and our application is on their list for consideration. Hazeman will contact Dick Moore to check with the beetles to see if they have helped with the noxious weeds which are getting out of control.

Supervisor Hendricks was informed from the Highway Department that the bike path meeting is scheduled for September 23 @6:00 p.m. at the Hwy Dept. on Adams Avenue. Hendricks was also able to contact another Deerfield neighbor, Mike Hamilton to be at this meeting.

Balsam Road Exchange – We have not seen anything from the County regarding a resolution. Until the board sees the resolution, we will not make any decisions. All landowners will be notified if and when the board receives information.

General Maintenance: A culvert was replaced on Blom Road. Maintenance gravel was placed on Grant Creek Road, Jackpine Road west of 89, Radar Road west of Coyote Rd., Swordfish Lane, Moidore Drive and Smiley Drive. Supervisor Wilson removed more old signs, posted a 25-mph sign before Smiley Drive and will also replace stop signs when they are delivered.

SHOOTING SPORTS:

Supervisor Wilson received the Bylaws; however, they did not indicate the shooting hours. Wilson will get more information from Mary Forseth. He also wants to make sure a member of the town board stays on the board of directors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received a Notice of Hearing for a proposed annexation. Hearing is scheduled for September 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Wilton, Council Chambers. The area proposed for annexation is on Wooden Cross Road, owner is Daryl Bohn. Supervisors, Hazeman, Milender and Bumgardner indicated they would attend.

The county sent the Township Road Mileage Certification and Map Corrections to be completed and signed.

CARES Act Funds:

Discussion was held as to where the funds would be best used. One was for assistance with the Eckles Community Center to get cell phone Booster and Wi-Fi in the building. Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Bumgardner to authorize and pay for the wi-fi for one year. Supervisor Wilson would like to see a web cam upgrade of the IT. Second was for the clerk and treasurer to get new computers. Motion passed.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Darren Bumgardner to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman
Chairman