

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

Present: Dennis Zeto, Don Hazeman, Ervin Blom, Mel Milender, Cory Wilson, Mary Lou Milender, and Sandy Burgoon.

Visitors present: Terry Hoie, John Schocker, John Grommersch, Thore Thorson, Don & Stephanie Mahowald, Clarence Trego, Theresa Hopkins, Tammy Theisen, Angie Murray, Deja Quint, Fred Kelm and Gary Coan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting were read. Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Cory Wilson to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2014 was read.

Beginning Balance:	\$339,420.42	General Savings:	\$1,007.01
Receipts:	1,484.27	Legal Fees Savings:	332.73
Disbursements:	60,469.88	Total of CD's	\$227,728.59
Ending Balance:	\$280,434.81		

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Ervin Blom to accept the Treasurer's Report. Subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills presented: Checks #4575 through #4592 in the amount of \$104,878.58 were approved for payment. Motion by Mel Milender seconded by Cory Wilson to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Checks number 4581 and 4583 were voided due to printer errors.

The residents in Forest Edge Addition who do not get their roads snow plowed by the township were invited to tonight's meeting to discuss their options. They were informed that the road must be upgraded to township standard before the township will assume responsibility. If they decide to bring the roads up to standard, the township will need to approve the work being done before these roads will be accepted. If they decide to hire a contractor to plow their roads, they should have a legal document drafted by an attorney and signed by everyone involved to prevent any future problems with their road not getting plowed. This option would be strictly between the homeowners and the contractor.

John Grommersch approached the board about Hawks Nest. Dan Kohler owns the empty lots at this time. He was referred to the original road agreement signed by developer and the township.

Dennis Zeto contacted John Lundberg regarding the trees in the ROW on Coyote Road. John does not want the trees so Mel Milender will contact somebody to cut them down for firewood.

The Road Review has been scheduled for Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. Anybody interested in going should meet at the Eckles Community Center and Ervin Blom will drive his bus for the tour.

Weed Report: Don Hazeman indicated that the worst infestation seems to be on Blom Road. Pat Conley is willing to spray the weeds next year. He contacted Don after Roy Abraham had already been hired.

Rural Fire Association Report: Mel Milender informed the board that the city of Bemidji doesn't want to continue to discuss the fire district without a way to assess fees to non-taxable properties of the RFA and the school and county are opposed so they have discontinued their meetings on pursuing the fire district concept. He also informed the board that both the clerk and the treasurer have resigned.

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Dennis Zeto
Chairman