

ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2019

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

Visitors present: Bruce Hasbargen, Ernie Beitel, Reed Olson, Craig Gaasvig, all from Beltrami County were in attendance along with 32 residents of Eckles Township. Matthew Liedke from the Bemidji Pioneer was also in attendance. See guestbook for others in attendance.

Deputy Chair, Cory Wilson 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. Motion carried unanimously.

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The Road Review was set for 9:30 a.m. on October 27, 2019. Meet at the Eckles Community Center.

Mark Fuller from Freeberg & Grund informed the board that Nature Road Project has been completed. The last gravel test passed and there is a warranty for one year.

Public Hearing for the residents in Scotchpine was held. All of the residents had received their letters indicating the hearing was tonight. Motion by Supervisor Milender to move forward on the project for financing to be paid by the residents not to exceed \$100,000.00. Seconded by Beth Hendricks.

Supervisor Cory Wilson indicated he had put up 7- ton road signs on both Deerfield and Porta Plata. Supervisor Mel Milender indicated he saw erosion on the corners on Sullivan Road. He indicated the township has to make sure the turf is established before we accept future roads.

Bruce Hasbargen gave a very good informational meeting regarding County Road 9. He indicated that it is a county road not a township road. There were several people concerned because the road was not the same as before. Hasbargen informed everybody it was done for safety. He said the road is proactive by using the rumble strips. It is low cost with a high benefit. He indicated County Road 9 is a high-speed road, low accidents, high density of residents. The reason for the no passing is for safety as well. Some of the residents indicated there is no room for walking or bicycles. All of the residents along 9 will to get new mailboxes. They will be relocated because they stuck out too far. County 9 is the most dangerous road in the county because more people are living out here and they drive too fast. Biggest factor is speed, there were 9 reckless reports on this road in 40 days. We have an estimated 1 out of 6 people on drugs while driving this road. It is the Statewide Goal to have Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths (TZD's).

Shooting Sports Report – Cory missed the meeting, therefore no report. However, Gary Coan said somebody had a big speaker on really loud while the Lumberjack kids were there and he wants it turned off if they turn it up too loud.

The clerk received a letter from the City of Wilton informing Eckles that 120 acres of land will be annexed. A Hearing will be held on November 4th, 2019 at 6:30. This property is owned by John and Grace Garland.

Motion by Beth Hendricks, seconded by Darren Bumgardner to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Cory Wilson
Deputy Chairman