

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

Present: Don Hazeman, Mel Milender, Cory Wilson, Beth Hendricks, Sandra Burgoon and Mary Lou Milender.

Visitors present: Margot Kelsey, Kenneth Selzler, Don Wilson, Dale Wilson, Dale Siemers, Thore Thorson, John Schocker, Missy Hannem, and Gary Coan.

Chairman, Don Hazeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Supervisor Milender, seconded by Supervisor Wilson to pass the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Hendricks to accept the Regular Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

Margot Kelsey from the Northern Minnesota Addiction Wellness Center being located in Eckles near Wilton informed the board of the 32- bed inpatient facility which should be ready for operation in mid-March. Her intent is to have the inpatients stay for 30-45 days working with drug counselors. The goal is help people help themselves. If they attempt to get into this facility and are not sober, they need to go through other treatment first. The patients will not be allowed off the premises without a responsible adult accompanying them. Once discharged, they are not allowed to come back in unless they go through the treatment system again.

Motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Milender to approve the Budget which was set on January 29th at the Budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD REPORT:

Supervisor Wilson received an email from Bruce Hasbargen, County Engineer. He may propose some changes on County 9. Members of the board met with MNDOT. We are concerned how the traffic on our roads will be impacted. Especially #9, Eckles and Nature.

Supervisor Milender discussed Jackpine Road east of #9 to include the entire road order files starting in 1917. Land owners on the east north ¼ mile are on state and trust land. Currently we have a 4 rod ROW, was recorded in 1993. After discussing this issue with the MAT attorney, he suggested we get an approval letter from the landowners before we rebuild the road on the centerline. Supervisor Milender will draft a letter for the residents.

Supervisor Wilson asked Supervisor Milender to look at bonding for utilities requesting permits to place utilities in the ROW. One of the utility companies apparently did not clean up after they drilled and we would like them to be held accountable. This will be discussed at the work session.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dennis Berglund mailed a letter to Chair Don Hazeman regarding tarring roads in Eckles Township which was tabled until the Annual Meeting.

The clerk received a copy of a letter from the City of Wilton addressed to Joe McKinnon, MNDOT's District 2 Project Manager. It appears the mayor is speaking for the Township of Eckles as well when he quoted Minnesota State Statutes. The City of Wilton may extend its regulations and legislative authority two miles outside of its corporate limits, in any direction in an unincorporated town that has no zoning regulations. What that means is that the "no Man's Land" between the Cities of Wilton and Bemidji, up to and including County Road 9 would fall under the Legislative Authority of the City of Wilton and is being discussed with the Town of Eckles. The City Attorney stands ready with other legal remedies, which according to the Mayor, are also being discussed with the Town of Eckles, and with other major stakeholders. This was tabled.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Work Session March 2, 2020 @6:00 p.m. at ECC

March regular meeting: March 17, 2020

Board of Review Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m. at ECC

Motion by Supervisor Hendricks, seconded by Supervisor Milender to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender
Township Clerk

Donald Hazeman
Chairman