

ECKFORD TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY 17, 2022

A monthly meeting of Eckford Township Board was held on Monday January 17, 2022 at the Eckford Township Hall. A quorum being present the meeting continued. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor B. Rapp. Other board members in attendance, Treasurer T. Baylis, Clerk L. Blight, Trustee W. Cornell, Trustee B. Maksimchuk and Zoning Administrator D. Malloch. Community members in attendance, Martha Frohm, Chief Art Blight, Jon Swartz, Tim Musser, Mr. & Mrs. Washburn, Savannah Ritchie and Dwight Devenney.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2021 MINUTES: A copy of the December 20, 2021 meeting minutes was emailed to each board member for their review. Trustee Maksimchuk moved to accept the December 20, 2021 regular meeting minutes with one change under new business, eve will be replaced with eaves. Support was given by Trustee Cornell. Vote was taken, all-in favor. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS: With the retirement of our building inspector Steve Buller, Tim Musser was present to answer questions inform the Board of his interest of the position. Jon Swartz was also informing the Board that he is also interested in the position. Savannah Ritchie and Dwight Devenney wanted an update on the Squatter on 22- mile road, the Newsome property.

TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand December	372,104.98
November December	42,803.8
Fire Department total	5,104.78
December 2021 Disbursements	65,062.48
January 2022 Expenses to be paid	15,943.74
John Hancock balance	82,920.63

Trustee Maksimchuk moved we accept the Treasurers report as read. Support was given by Trustee Cornell.

Vote was taken, all-in favor. **TREASURERS REPORT APPROVED.**

HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT: Fire Board meeting December 21, 2021-Truck fund \$105,781.38, General fund \$84,446.84 and CD \$63,508.56. 345 call as of December 21, 2021.

MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: One run in last 30 days.

MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS' AMBULANCE REPORT: Next meeting January 20, 2022. Eckford 14 runs in November and 11 runs in December. Board will be assessing if need to raise rates. 2,893 runs up 213 over last year.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: 2 Building permits issued,

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Dave has not received a return call from the Calhoun County lawyer concerning the Newsome property. The Board gave the Code Enforcement Officer permission to pursue legal action pertaining to the Newsome property. Can cite the squatter with a Blight warning. 1 complaint filed for unregistered vehicle. Contacted owner, and they will remove it before February 1st.

PLANNING COMMISSION: A Regular Meeting was held Monday January 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm. The planning commission delivered their final list of conditions to the board in January for the board's approval concerning the Tol Gravel Pit. Planning Commission will meet in February to review ordinance for event spaces.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Library is not offering in house programs at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS: Planning and Zoning Training offered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tol Gravel Pit-The Planning Commission presented a Recommended Resolution 2022-1 to the Board (see attached) and a vote was taken **All in Favor** to except the Planning Commissions Recommended Resolution 2022-1 with one addition, to the first bullet point This Conditional use permit is limited to the land owner receiving all permits from the State of Michigan and Calhoun County before this conditional use permit is in effect.

NEW BUSINESS: The Clerk has to send out new voter ID card to all registered voter in Eckford Twp. At a cost of \$451.93 plus postage, from Printing Systems Plus. For Clerk to print and mail it will cost \$788.42 plus postage. Board agrees to have Printing System Plus send them out.

John Hancock fund lost about \$2,000 in 2021.

Campbell Auditing new contract for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Cost of \$3,600.00.

Shatzel Family plot in West Eckford Cemetery. (Old section) unknown family has 6 lots. Clerk will date plots as of 1/1/2022.

DMCI Broadband is willing to talk with the Board about locate a tower in Eckford, to see if this is an affordable option to use ARPA money.

Decker Insurance informed us that we could apply for a grant that would provide security for the East Eckford Cemeteries.

Having no new business, Treasurer Baylis motioned that we adjourn @ 8:07 pm.

Le Anne Blight

Eckford Township Clerk



Bruce Rapp

Supervisor

Date Approved:

2-21-2022



Planning Commission Recommended Resolution 2022-1

At a regular meeting of the Eckford Township Planning Commission, of Calhoun County in Michigan held at the township hall of said township on the 10th day of January at 6:30 o'clock P.M. eastern standard time.

PRESENT: M. Frohm, R. DeJong, N. Binkowski, E. Vincent, B. Maksimchuk and Zoning Administrator D. Malloch. Supervisor B. Rapp.

ABSENT: NONE

Community Members in attendance: Nancy Shaffer, Carol Shaffer, Wayne Cornell, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Washburn.

The following conditions were approved by the Planning Commission and will be recommended to the Eckford Township Board at their regular monthly meeting on January 17th 2022.

- (1) The Gravel Pit will follow the Township Ordinances as written in Section 10:13. Moved by R. DeJong and Support by E. Vincent **MOTION CARRIED.**
- (2) Recommendation of the Planning Commission to require a \$10,000 per acre bond. Moved by E. Vincent and Support by N. Binkowski. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- (3) No gravel trucks or extracted mined material to be transported from Eckford Township location onto 18-mile road. Moved by N. Binkowski and Support by R. DeJong. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- (4) Ground Water testing to be completed prior to mining operations for adjoining property owners. Paid for by owner/producer and completed on an annual basis thereafter. (Guidance by Health Department). Moved by R. DeJong, Support by N. Binkowski. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- (5) Bond Provided at the time of property purchase with proof of coverage provided to the Township on an annual basis, thereafter. Moved by E. Vincent, Support by N. Binkowski. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- (6) Proof of liability insurance provided at time of property purchase. Moved by N. Binkowski, Support by E. Vincent. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- (7) Conveyor location berm height will be extended to 15 foot high. Location of higher 15 berm to extend 100 yards to each side. 100 yards to North and same to the East. Moved by E. Vincent, Support by N. Binkowski. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- (8) Hours of Operation: No Sunday or Holiday Production. Weekday hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday hours of operation 7 a.m.- 12 p.m. Moved by R. DeJong, Support by B. Maksimchuk. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- (9) Term of Conditional use is to be 3 years with Annual Inspections. Moved by R. DeJong, Support by N. Binkowski. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- (10) Residents Complaints will be addressed by the Township Board. If a complaint requires attorney consultation and it generates a Legal Fee or expense it will be paid by the owner and or the producer. Moved by N. Binkowski, Support by E. Vincent. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- (11) All of the above is contingent on permits being issued from State of Michigan and Calhoun County.

The Planning Commission voted to send this resolution containing these items to the Township Board.
Roll call vote taken

ADOTED:

M. Frohm - Yes

B. Maksimchuk- Yes

R. DeJong- Yes

E. Vincent - Yes

N. Binkowski-Yes

State of Michigan
County of Calhoun



Submitted by: Richard DeJong

Date:

1-10-22

Eckford Township Board Vote

B. Rapp - Yes Clerk Blight - Yes Treasurer Baylis - Yes

Trustee Maksimchuk - Yes Trustee Cornell - Yes

all in favor 1-17-2022