

# ECKFORD TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 17, 2020

A monthly meeting of Eckford Township Board was held on Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Eckford Township Hall. A quorum was present. 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. and Trustee W. Cornell. Absent: Trustee K. Lawrence. Others in attendance were Chief Art Blight Marengo Fire Department, George Swan, Bill Haeske, Bill's grandson and James Schragg.

## APPROVAL OF THE JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2020. Monthly Meeting

A copy of the July meeting minutes was emailed to each board member prior to tonight's meeting for their review.

Trustee Cornell moved to accept the July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Support was given by Treasurer Baylis.

All in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

## TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand	311,324.40
July Income	7,456.89
Fire Department total	7,317.58
July Expenses paid	13,439.95
August Expenses to be paid	13,606.93
2 <sup>st</sup> Quarter John Hancock balance	81,292.02

Treasurer notes: Eckford Township received an unexpected \$5,000 gift from Fire Keepers Casino in June.

Trustee Cornell moved to accept the Treasurers Report and pay August invoices due. Support was given by Clerk Blight.

All in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

## CITIZENS COMMENTS:

George Swan has asked Supervisor Rapp to approve a mail order gun business out of his pole barn. Mr. Swan needs the Townships approval before proceeding to acquire the next level in the approval process. The board members ask Mr. Swan many questions. Mr. Swan reassured the Board Members that he will not have a show room on site, it will be all mail order. The current Zoning will not allow a gun shop. Mr. Swan was made aware of the zoning. Mr Swan needed Supervisor Rapps approval, and before Supervisor Rapp gave his approval he requested the boards feedback. None, of the board members had an issue with Mr. Swans desire to proceed with this endeavor.

## HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT:

Bruce or Steve did not attend this meeting.

## MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

2 calls since the last Board Meeting. 1 Accident at Division & 23, and the other was 1 Homeless person sleeping in the ditch. Marengo received delivery of the new pumper fire truck it had ordered.

## MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS AMBULANCE REPORT:

No meeting this past month.

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Issued a permit for a basement water proof system for K. Harris. At 20561 F Drive South, Mr. Sanchez building a garage without a permit. D. Malloch is working with Mr. Sanchez about this problem. At 19870 F Drive South they are building a structure without a permit D. Malloch is in the process of contacting the owners about this issue.

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Huling & Stewart court cases are still scheduled for September by zoom. It appears Mr. Stewart is selling his place on B Drive, *R. Scott*  
Malloch asked the board if he should proceed with both of these court cases. Board would like Dave to proceed with both court cases.

## LIBRARY BOARD REPORT:

Martha was unable to attend this board meeting. Martha gave a verbal report to Clerk Blight that the Library is still in phase 3 of Covid opening.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

Elections went well 403 total voters= 201 absent voters, 202 in person voters.

Audit date September 22, 2 pm.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Variance cost does not need to be changed. Clerks error.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Power wash front of the township hall. Trustee Cornell will power wash the front porch of the township hall for a fee of \$150.00. He will get this done in the middle of October or before the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, election.

Can we get the flag pole fixed before the next election? Supervisor Rapp will purchase parts needed. Supervisor Rapp asked Art Blight, Bill Haeske to help him fix the flag before the next meeting.

FYI-Randy Bushee (plumbing inspector) wants to move to a 1099 contract worker. Clerk Blight will get Randy's proof of insurance before we move him to a 1099 contract worker.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.



Le Anne Blight

Eckford Township Clerk

Approved Date:

*9-21-2020*