

ECKFORD TOWNSHIP of CALHOUN COUNTY

November 18, 2019

Supervisor Rapp called the regular meeting of the Eckford Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Clerk Hinkley, Treasurer Baylis, Trustee Cornell, Trustee Lawrence, D. Malloch, M. Frohm, L. Blight, B. & L. Haske, J. Schragg and Judge Jason Bomia.

ABSENT: None

Supervisor Rapp led the group in the pledge and Treasurer Baylis gave the invocation.

A Moment of Silence was held for resident and friend Jim Peck who recently passed away unexpectedly.

CLERK MINUTES

A copy of the minutes have been sent to the board by Clerk Hinkley. A motion was made by Trustee Cornell to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019 Regular Meeting and supported by Trustee Lawrence. **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Supervisor Rapp gave the financial statement for October.

RECEIPTS	\$ 4,039.90
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 9,984.67
BILLS TO PAY	\$ 10,295.63

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Trustee Cornell seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

HOMER AREA FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Given by B. Rapp, 2020 Fire Dept. Budget will be discussed under New Business

MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

There will be a report for December

MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS AMBULANCE AUTHORITY

Given by W. Cornell, Eckford had 8 runs in September and 7 in October. The 3 new stretchers for the ambulance that mechanically load into the ambulance were \$64,851.00. The State of MI has a plan to get more matching funds from the Federal Government for medicaid costs. The City of Marshall has another TIFFA for South Kalamazoo Avenue and the MFFAA don't think they will participate in it with them.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Given by D. Malloch, there was 1 permit this month on H Drive South for Darian O'Dell for a complete remodel and a variance for the home.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Given by D. Malloch, Mr. Cunkle has taken care of his permits with the building inspector and his plans have been approved. Mr. Creighton's property, the man staying there has been contacted and he stated he has 6 months before he has to leave the property. The other open cases in the township will have final letters posted, certified letters will be mailed and others will have the court process started.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Given by M. Frohm, the PC met last Monday night. They are researching beneficial lower or upper limits of Solar farms.

LIBRARY REPORT

Given by M. Frohm, the library will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after. December 3rd Santa will be at the library from 6:30-7:30. They have started a homeschooled kids program. The last few months they have had staff members come in and "perform" what they do at the library for the board members. It has been very enlightening. They will be looking at the budget next month.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The Honorable Jason Bomia who was recently appointed by Governor Whitmer in September came to introduce himself. He is a 20 year resident of the county. He is married with 3 children. He will be going out to the townships to get to know the citizens of Calhoun County.

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Roads, we need to discuss which roads need to be a priority for 2020. We will meet on December 9th at 6:30 to discuss our road plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Source has a program to obtain another 5 years of warranty for our election equipment and let us pay for it over a 5 year period. Trustee Lawrence made a motion to purchase the 5 year extended warranty for the two (2) election machines and pay for it for over a 5 year period, for \$385 a year. Treasurer Baylis seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

The Homer Area Fire Authority budget for 2020 was presented. The budget is the same as it was for 2019. Treasurer Baylis made a motion to accept the Homer Area Fire Authority budget for 2020. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

Supervisor Rapp read a letter from Clerk Kimberly Hinkley of her resignation from the Eckford Township Board effective January 1, 2020. Clerk Hinkley shared with a heavy heart, that with her campaign for Calhoun County Clerk she feels not only the importance of fulfilling her term but also not being available for the wonderful people of Eckford Township as I should be in 2020. Therefore, it would be in the best interest of all to step down. A huge Thank You to my wonderful board members, that I have served with for the last 15 years. This isn't just a board, everyone has been like family. Thank you for allowing me to serve the great people of Eckford Township.

Clerk Hinkley also asked, that you would consider appointing her Deputy Clerk, Le Anne Blight, to fulfill my position for the remainder of my term. She also will be running for the Clerk position in 2020. Please consider this appointment and we will bring this up for a vote at our December meeting.

Next months meeting will be our Christmas gathering.

ADJOURNMENT

Was made at 7:43 p.m. by Trustee Lawrence and seconded by Clerk Hinkley.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly A. Hinkley
Eckford Township Clerk

Bruce Rapp
Eckford Township Supervisor

APPROVED