

# ECKFORD TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

A monthly meeting of Eckford Township Board was held on Monday August 16th, 2021 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 and Trustee B. Maksimchuk. Others in attendance, Martha Frohm, Bill Haeske, Sara Smith, Dwight Devenney and Savannah Ritchie.

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 MINUTES:** A copy of the July 19<sup>th</sup>, meeting minutes was emailed to each board member for their review before tonight's meeting. Trustee Cornell moved to accept the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written. Support was given by Trustee Maksimchuk.

Vote was taken, all-in favor. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Dwight Devenney and Savannah Ritchie asked where are we in the Newsome property problem? See Code Enforcement report. Savannah Ritchie also asked about steps to take to change the speed limit on 22 Mile Road.

## **TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Cash on Hand June	372,335.91
July Income	6,325.84
Fire Department total	8,236.98
July Disbursements	13,424.10
August Expenses to be paid	14,142.53
John Hancock balance	83,148.52

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

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

**HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT:** Given by Supervisor Rapp. Checking account \$95,332.01, savings account \$95,778.89, CD \$62,463.56 for a total of \$253,574.76. Looking into moving the CD to some other kind of high interest account. Eckford in the last month had 2 runs and 27 total runs for the year to date.

**MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Blight reported that Eckford had 1 run in the past month of wires down.

**MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS' AMBULANCE REPORT:** No Meeting was held.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** 1 roof mount solar pending on B drive Binkowski, Electric permit for S. Raysin @ 23174 H Drive South. Zoning Administrator received paper work for the conditional use permit for a gravel pit on 18 mile road. Dave will review this and contact planning commission about next steps.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Blackburn property on J Drive South- Shall we pursue legal action. The Board approved for the Code Enforcement Officer to take next legal steps to get this cleaned up.

Newsome property. The squatter did not acquire electric by the deadline. Board has approved next steps for citing ordinance violation and getting the property into compliance. D. Malloch will talk to Mr. Newsome about the property and will also talk to the person who is living in the house.

**PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.**

**LIBRARY BOARD REPORT:** Given by M. Frohm. The Library is open and staff will wear masks in public areas. The Library is continuing with outdoor activities that are well attended. Used book sale September 10 & 11.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:** Citizen Planner Programs

U of M Center for local state & urban policy, evaluation of job performance of Governor and Mi. Legislatures

MTA meet & greet in Coldwater Sept. 28 10 am

Retirement reception for dispatch Authority Executive director Richard Feole

Broadband survey

Solid Waste Data

**UNFINISHED BUSINES:** East Eckford Pump is repaired & will be installed by Trustee Cornell

Update about the Kiessling gravel pit letter. Martha Frohm clarified about the pile of countertops at the gravel pit. It is a temporary pile waiting on the grinder to come and then they mix it in the gravel. No letter needed.

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## NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW MINUTES From the July 20, 2021 Board of review Supervisor Rapp read the minutes of the Board of Review.

Treasurer Baylis made a motion we accept the minutes from the July 20, 2021 Board of Review. Support was offered by Trustee Maksimchuk.

Vote was taken, all-in-favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Salary resolutions 2021-5 was offered by Trustee Maksimchuk. And support was from Trustee Cornell.

Vote was taken, all-in-favor **RESOLUTION CARRIED.**

**Supervisor Rapp, abstained.**

Clerk Salary resolutions 2021-6 was offered by Treasurer Baylis. And support was from Trustee Maksimchuk.

Vote was taken, all-in-favor **RESOLUTION CARRIED.**

**Clerk Blight, abstained.**

Treasurer Salary resolutions 2021-7 was offered by Trustee Maksimchuk. And support was from Trustee Cornell.

Vote was taken, all-in-favor **RESOLUTION CARRIED.**

**Treasurer Baylis, abstained.**

Trustee Salary resolutions 2021-8 was offered by Supervisor Rapp. And support was from Treasurer Baylis.

Vote was taken, all-in-favor **RESOLUTION CARRIED.**

**Trustee Cornell, abstained.**

Trustee Salary resolutions 2021-9 was offered by Supervisor Rapp. And support was from Treasurer Baylis.

Vote was taken, all-in-favor **RESOLUTION CARRIED.**

**Trustee Maksimchuk, abstained.**

Refinish floors @ a cost of for basic finishing \$1,150.00 or \$1,700.00 to remove all imperfections. Board approved the basic refinishing the floors in the Township Hall at a cost of \$1,150.00.

Other hall maintenance paint doors, paint front porch, bushes in front and cleaning after floor is finished.

Supervisor Rapp will contact Calhoun County about cleaning out the culvert under the driveway.

Myers PA116 Resolution 2021-10. Treasurer Baylis moved that we accept the Resolution 2021-10. Support was given by Trustee Maksimchuk.

Roll call vote, Trustee Maksimchuk-Yes, Trustee Cornell-Yes, Treasurer Baylis-Yes, Clerk Blight-Yes, Supervisor Rapp-Yes.

**RESOLUTION CARRIED.**

MtA Classes is offering online classes for all Township personnel. Supervisor Rapp motioned we sign up for MTA Plus Package of online classes for a cost of \$1,000.00 for all Township personal to take advantage of. Support was given by Treasurer Baylis.

Vote taken, All-in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Having no further business, Trustee Maksimchuk motioned that we adjourn @ 7:50 pm.



Le Anne Blight

Eckford Township Clerk

Date Approved:



Bruce Rapp

Supervisor

