

ECKFORD TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING December 21, 2020

A monthly meeting of Eckford Township Board was held on Monday December 21, 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, Trustee W. Cornell and Trustee B. Maksimchuk. Others in attendance, D. Malloch Zoning Administrator.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2020 MINUTES:

A copy of the November meeting minutes was given to each board member by email for their review before tonight's meeting.

Treasurer Baylis moved to accept the November 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes as written. Support was given by Trustee Cornell.

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

APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR THE ROADS, HELD ON NOVEMBER 30, 2020:

Moved by Trustee Maksimchuk, and support by Treasurer Baylis.

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

TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand November	325,963.30
November Income	6,386.53
Fire Department total	3,247.06
November Disbursements	11,913.39
December Expenses to be paid	22,190.30
John Hancock balance	82,894.10

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT:

All board member received a copy of the Homer Fire Department budget. Treasurer Baylis moved we accept the 2021 Homer Fire Department budget. Support was offered from Trustee Maksimchuk.

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

MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No Report

MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS AMBULANCE REPORT: Given by Trustee Cornell

Due to Covid they have not hired a new director yet. Over all runs are higher than usual. And at this point in time revenues and expenses are on target.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Dustin Jennings permit for pole building @ D Drive South. Bob Allen permit for floor Joist replacement and alterations @ 8001 Stuart Lake Road. Ray Davis permit for addition @ 1207 Orchard Drive. Spiekerman Mechanical permit @ 11581 22 Mile Road. Dorsett Electrical permit @ 10103 24 Mile Road. VanderBerg Electrical permit @ 7071 Stuart Lake. Deryke plumbing permit @ Division Drive

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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Huling property, clean up started today. When clean up is done we need to file all expense's that were incurred for cleanup and legal fees and take them to the courts, for them to be assessed to the property taxes. Code Enforcement Officer D. Malloch will request a statement for all expense we paid for legal services from Mika Meyers.

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT:

Supervisor Rapp informed the Board that the library has an internet hotspot at the Eckford Community Center For the community to use.

The Library Board met December 8th via Zoom. Ian Rees, the library auditor, joined the meeting to report that everything was as it should be with the audit. The library has gone back to phase 2 which mean the library is not open but is staffed. Curb service is available. Just call and place your request for books, movies etc. An employee will deliver them to your car. For patrons who need to use a computer for essential services, a time can be set up for them to come in with a 30-minute time limit. Holiday closings: December 24 and 25 also 31 and January 1, 2021.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Clerk is looking into FirstNet internet to see if it will be faster than Verizon. And at the same price as Verizon.

Election Grant update: Purchased new laptop, printer, ink, 2 tables, 2 enter signs and 2 exit signs. Equipment cost of \$2,279.19. With the remainder of money left I paid hazard pay to each inspector. \$14.94 per hour of time worked. For a total of \$2720.81

UNFINISHED BUSINES:

Parks Guidelines- Clerk Blight has gathered information and feels it is in the Townships best interest to accept the money from the county & hold. We can look into helping another park by purchasing items for them with our funds. Brooks nature walk? Homer bike trail?

A motion was made by Trustee Cornell to accept the millage funds from Calhoun County Parks and Recreation Commission. Support was offered by Trustee Maksimchuk.

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

Investments- Any thoughts about the John Hancock fund after reading the auditor's report. This item is tabled. Trustee Cornell will contact MTA and ask their view on this issue.

Tree update Clerk Blight will contact Consumers Energy and/or Greg Moore to find out who is responsible for the trimming of the tree.

Linda Warner for planning commission did she say yes? L. Warner was not approach about the planning commission. Trustee Cornell will get this done before next meeting.

Cemetery fence the materials for new fence will cost \$500.00 plus labor. There are a few large trees in the West Eckford Cemetery that need to be cut down, before they damage headstones. Supervisor Rapp will talk to Sexton Baylis and get more details concerning the fence. Also, Supervisor Rapp will look at the trees that need to be trimmed.

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Road Project for 2021:

The Board decide to move forward on the following roads.

18 1/2 Mile B DR South to West Twp. line-chip & seal Eckford 30% cost \$9,148.36.

H Drive South West Twp. line to 18.5 Mile road- chip & seal Eckford 30% cost \$4,087.21

18 Mile – D Drive South to 18.5 Mile-chip & seal Eckford 30% cost \$1,218.12

D Drive South- 22 Mile to the East-HMA, 36A Eckford 50% cost \$15,938.25

D Drive South – 22 Mile to the East- chip & seal Eckford 30% cost \$4,388.71

J Drive South- 20 Mile to 20.5 Mile-chip & seal Eckford 30% cost \$4,829.42

18 Mile Road HMA2.0 with underseal split with Fredonia, Eckford cost 25% -\$49,384.00

24 Mile-D Drive South to the North-chip & seal Eckford 30% cost \$1,459.25

Eckford total for above projects \$90,453.32

Motion was made by Treasurer Baylis to move forward with the above Road Projects for 2021. Support was offered by Trustee Maksimchuk.

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

More road work that Treasurer Baylis will request an estimate on will be on 23 ½ mile from J to L Drive South also, 19 mile road from the end of the chip & seal we did in summer of 2020 to L Drive South.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wow Franchise Agreement- The Board Member agreed we should sign the agreement.

Laura Johnston want to know if she can sell 2 cemetery lots that are in her name. The ordinance is unclear to the clerk about this. The Board Member were sent an PDF of the page in the ordinance that deals with this issue. All Board Members agreed that Mrs. Johnston can either use the lots or give back to the Township. Clerk Blight will contact Mrs. Johnston about this issue

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.



Le Anne Blight

Eckford Township Clerk

Approved 1-18-2021

