

ECKFORD TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING JULY 19TH, 2021

A monthly meeting of Eckford Township Board was held on Monday July 19th, 2021 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. Absent Trustee B. Maksimchuk. Others in attendance, Martha Frohm, Bill & Lois Haeske, Dwight Devenney and Savannah Ritchie.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21ST, 2021 MINUTES: A copy of the June 21st, meeting minutes was emailed to each board member for their review before tonight's meeting. Treasurer Baylis moved to accept the June 21st, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written. Support was given by Trustee Cornell.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Dwight Devenney and Savannah Ritchie they live at 9193 22-Mile Road would like actions taken on the Newsome property that is South of their property on 22-mile road. The Rickey Newsome property squatters are doing destruction to the Devenney property. Supervisor Rapp will contact D. Malloch the Code Enforcement Officer about this issue. Board wants Code Enforcer to also proceed with a Blight ordinance violation.

TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand June	359,483.96
June Income	44,188.96
Fire Department total	12,849.54
June Disbursements	31,393.91
July Expenses to be paid	13,424.20
John Hancock balance	83,148.52

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

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Baylis moved that we amend the Fiscal budget amount in the roads account by \$100,000.00, and we transfer 50,000 from Capitol to a new line item called COVID. Support was given by Trustee Cornell. This will increase expenditures from \$353,700 to 428,700 and decrease estimated balance on hand to \$330,336.

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

HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT: Supervisor Rapp attended the meeting. Paid bills due. And still in discussion about how the townships split the cost of the fire authority.

MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Blight was absent but sent the call information. 3 calls in the last month.

MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS' AMBULANCE REPORT: Started a new fiscal year & closed out the last one. Mark Burke will do consulting at a rate of \$75.00 per hour as needed to support the new director, Nick Smith.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Mechanical permits- Goetz 11211 22 Mile Road, Sloan 8001 Stuart Lake Road, Ranger 22840 B Drive South, Hayward 20862 B Drive South and Siebert 11700 22 Mile Road. Electrical permits- Tatter 11494 Stuart Lake Road. Plumbing permit-Hagemyer 9861 23 Mile Road and Building permits- Huges 21155 B Drive South Ag barn and Malloch 11295 22 Mile Road roof mounted solar array.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Spoke with person at Newsome house on 22-mile road and he asked for 30 days to address getting power hooked up. Give him until August 10, 2021. If no power on that date, will start process of having him removed. Blackburn property J Drive South- sent violations notice certified mail and it was returned as undeliverable. D. Malloch has visited the property numerous times and unable to ever locate anyone there. Seeking board approval to cite for the violations to include blight, junk vehicle and noxious weed. Attorney fees and clean up costs will be high. Supervisor Rapp will contact the Calhoun County Treasurers office and find out if its in any risk of foreclosure.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Given by M. Frohm. Kiessling gravel pit inspection was held on July 12th 2021. Only saw one item of question, a pile of stone and lamented counter tops. Board does not want this to become a dump location. Board suggested the Planning Commission Chair send Kiessling's a letter to inform them that we do not want this pile to become a dumping ground. Planning Commission is reviewing the ordinance book for preparing for a new printing.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Given by M. Frohm. The library's fiscal year ended June 29th. The library is open 100%, but only open on one evening a week. Monday evening is the chosen night. The library is holding events in the community outdoors, this makes it easier for social distancing. These events are well attended.

COMMUNICATIONS: 2 FOIA requests both for 2020 election. Board of review is on July 20, 2021.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Trustee Cornell has pulled the hand pump at East Eckford Cemetery and has taken it to the repair shop.

NEW BUSINESS:

Calhoun County Moonshot broadband survey.

Clerk Blight moved we reinstate our membership with MTA. Support was given by Treasurer Baylis. Vote was taken.

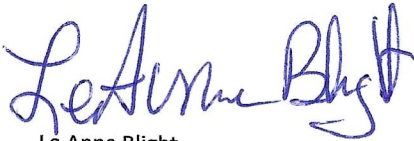
All in Favor. **MOTION APPROVED**

Wilder Creek is looking into opening a public park on the east end of the property. Would include a parking lot, picnic tables, and some kind of restrooms. You would not be able to access the membership part to the park. The goal is to be able to use some of the Calhoun County Parks milage money.

Medical Marihuana Ordinance- information only from Albion Township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES From the June 21st Fiscal Budget Hearing Trustee Cornell move we approve the minutes from the June 21st Fiscal Budget Hearing. Support was given by Treasurer Baylis. Vote taken. All in Favor. **Motion Carried**

Having no further business, Treasurer Baylis motioned that we adjourn @ 8:03 pm.



Le Anne Blight

Eckford Township Clerk

Date Approved:

8-16-2021



Bruce Rapp

Supervisor

