

ECKFORD TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 15, 2022

A monthly meeting of Eckford Township Board was held on Monday August 15, 2022 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 B. Maksimchuk. Absent was Trustee Cornell and D. Malloch Zoning Administrator. Community members in attendance M. Frohm, W. Haeske, L. Peck Chief A. Blight and Mr. & Mrs. Wagley.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 18, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: A copy of the July 18, 2022 meeting minutes was email before tonight's meeting to each board member for their review. Trustee Maksimchuk moved to accept the July 18, 2022 regular meeting minutes as written. Support was given by Treasurer Baylis.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 28, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES: A copy of the July 28, 2022 Special meeting minutes was email before tonight's meeting to each board member for their review. Treasurer Baylis moved to accept the July 28, 2022 Special meeting minutes as written. Support was given by Trustee Maksimchuk.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS: NONE

TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand July	505,070.75
July Monthly Income	4,665.71
Fire Department total July	13,130.05
July 2022 Disbursements	15,337.24
August 2022 Expenses to be paid	10,755.80
John Hancock balance	75,000.00
Parks Millage Fund	6,676.29

Clerk Blight 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: We should see a credit on our next quarter invoice.

MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No activity in the last 30 days.

MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS' AMBULANCE REPORT: No meeting in August month.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Two variance requests hearings August 23- David Kellogg at 21144 Division Drive, rear yard setback. And Dennis Maksimchuk 23744 Division Drive front yard setback. Processed 2 building permits 19425 Homer Road Brace Creek Farms for a pole building and 10833 22 Mile road Kilgore residence storage building with rec room. And issued 2 electrical permits.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Mr. Newsome plead responsible on 7.19.22 in court for violating township blight ordinance and junk vehicle ordinance. Court costs were waived and Mr. Newsome was ordered to pay \$1000 direct to Eckford Township for attorney fees not later than 8.31.22. Blight and vehicles are ordered to be removed no later than 8.31.22. I spoke with Newsom's nephew who is cleaning the property up. Cars were removed 8.14.22. D. Malloch observed a lean to being built on a barn at 18778 B. Drive South without a permit. Made contact with the owner on 8.10.22 who stated the lean to had been there for years and asked if I had proof that it wasn't. He accused his neighbor of reporting him and called her a very derogatory name. He continued to deny that the structure was recently built and would not take a copy of the building permit application. He was not cooperative with the Code Enforcement Officer. As of 8.14.22 he had removed the roof and deck and the only thing still remaining were the posts. They may have been removed by now as well. Responded to a lawn and weed complaint on 7.18.22. Resident stated she would dget it mowed. As of 8.14.22 it has been mowed.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting in June. Next meeting September 12 at 6 pm at Kiessling gravel pit.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Summer reading program is completed and 400 people of all ages participated. And it was a success.

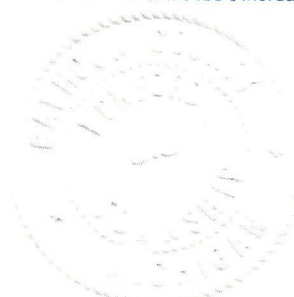
COMMUNICATIONS: Mobile recycling trailer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Orchard Drive- We received a bid for road work on Orchard Drive from the Calhoun County Road Department in the amount of \$134,473.80. Talked to Commissioner Tommy Miller and send him a copy of the bid for his input.

NEW BUSINESS: Parks plan: A discussion was held about partnering with other groups that have parks bordering Eckford Township. Clerk Blight will contract Brooks Nature Center about possible projects.

Cemetery- should we raise grave costs and raise opening and closing charges? If the sexton wants his fee's increased for opening or closing the graves he needs to send it to the board in writing.

Zoning Board of Appeals board- Not changes need to be made.



ECKFORD TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 15, 2022

Having no new business, Trustee Maksimchuk motioned that we adjourn @ 7:27 pm.

Le Anne Blight

Eckford Township Clerk

Bruce Rapp

Supervisor

Date Approved:



9-19-22

