

ECKFORD TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 2020

A monthly meeting of Eckford Township Board was held on Monday November 16, 2020 at the Eckford Township Hall. A quorum being 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 K. Lawrence. Others in attendance were Chief Art Blight Marengo Fire Department, Branden Maksimchuk, Martha Frohm, Bill Haeske, and James Schragg.

APPROVAL OF THE October 19, 2020. Monthly Meeting

A copy of the October meeting minutes was given to each board member just before tonight's meeting for their review. Trustee Cornell moved we accept the October 19, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Support was given by Trustee Lawrence.

All in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand	315,414.85
October Income	31,562.91
Fire Department total	3,246.66
October Disbursements	21,014.46
November Disbursements to be made	11,623.44
John Hancock balance	82,894.10

A motion was made by Trustee Cornell to accept the Treasurers report as given. Support was offered by Trustee Lawrence. All in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT: Given by Supervisor Rapp

No report,

MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Given by Chief Blight

6 calls in Eckford in the last 30 days. Most calls are medicals. Total calls in Eckford Township for the year to date 27.

MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS AMBULANCE REPORT: Given by Trustee Cornell

The next meeting will be held on Thursday November 19. The focus of this meeting will be about hiring a person to replace Mark Burke. He is retiring at end of June 2021. Interviews of 3 people, 1 from in house and 2 from outside the organization. Other items of business is an addendum for the retirement plan and review income statement.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR and CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORTS: Given by Supervisor Rapp.

D. Malloch emailed the report to Supervisor Rapp before the meeting. Zoning report issued a permit at 20 ½ mile road, Allen property for a pole barn. And at the DeRyke residence on Division drive issued a permit for a pole barn. Code enforcement complaint of Dorsett on 24 -mile road illegally connection to Consumer Energy Power line and no permit was applied for or issued. Casey Hall is working with Consumers Energy on this issue. Complaint of lawn mowing and associated clippings blown into roadway at 19- mile road. Have monitored and haven't noticed any issues.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Given by Martha Frohm

Met November 9, and looked over the solar ordinance, & gave copy of ordinance to Supervisor Rapp.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Given by Martha Frohm

The library is running short staff due to Covid-19. And on Wednesday the library will be shutting done for 3 weeks because of the Governors orders.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

MTA offering online classes for incoming elected officials.

Bruce received a letter from the County Road Commission stating that they have a new invoicing system. And we will receive monthly invoice from them for work they have completed in the township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Parks: Parks and Recreation department want to know who is the contact person. Clerk Blight was nominated.

Clerk Blight will ask parks department for guide lines for receiving fund from the mileage.

Investments: The Eckford Township board tabled this till all read the auditor's report.

Road Commission Clerk Blight contacted them about scheduling a meeting for 2021 road work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Blight is actively looking for a deputy clerk. Board agreed to pay deputy clerks hourly wage to prospects when they work at the township as assistants to the clerk.

Need a person to replace Branden Maksimchuk on the planning commission. Supervisor Rapp will ask Linda Warner if she would be interested in the position.

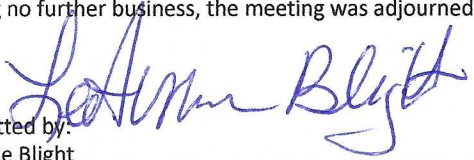
It has been brought to the board's attention that the large tree in the back of the building needs to be taken down.

The feed wire from the electric pole is running through it and we do not want any problems because of this wire shorting out. Supervisor Rapp will get an estimate on this.

The Sexton Dan Baylis wants to know if the board would like to replace the back fence in the West Eckford Cemetery? This would take place in the spring of 2021.

The board would like to thank Keith Lawrence for the 12 years of service to Eckford Township Board.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.


Submitted by:
Le Anne Blight
Eckford Township Clerk

Approved Date:

