

Eckford Township Monthly Meeting

February 17, 2020

Supervisor B. Rapp called the meeting of the Eckford Township Board to order at 7pm. with the pledge to the flag. Treasurer Baylis gave the invocation. Others in attendance were Clerk L. Blight, Treasurer T. Baylis, Trustee W. Cornell and Trustee K. Lawrence, D. Malloch, M. Frohm, W. Haeske L. Haeske. Marengo Fire Chief A. Blight. Also in attendance was Prosecuting Attorney Dave Gilbert.

CLERKS MINUTES:

A copy of the minutes has been provided to board members prior to the meeting. Trustee Lawrence did not receive his until the meeting. Trustee Cornell move to accept the January 20,2020 Meeting minutes. Treasure Baylis supported. **Motion Carried.**

TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand	260,55.76
January Income	21,208.05
Fire Department total	24,216.73
Total Fire Dept and Checking	290,002.64
February Expenses to be paid	16,959.10

Drain at large lower is \$6,117.00 this is 3,000 lower than 2019.

Summer Taxes yet to collect \$28,678.46

Winter Taxes yet to collect \$116,512.19

Trustee Lawrence moved to accept the Treasurers report and Trustee Cornell supported. **Motion carried.**

HOMER FIRE BOARD:

Savings	\$121,004.23
Truck Fund	\$ 60,934.06
Total	\$181,938.23

Trustee Cornell asked about the building lease, Supervisor Rapp said that the lease is a 10-year lease and the city wanted to change the lease term to 1 year. This request to change the lease was in an effort to cut costs. One fire run for the month in the Homer Fire Department area.

MARENGO FIRE:

Report given by Chief Blight. No activity.

MARSHALL AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

Report given by Trustee Cornell,

Meeting was on January 16th. Performance review for this year's budget is on target for revenues and expenses. New hydro load power system was installed in one of the ambulances rigs. In the process of taking bids on Tekonsha fire house renovations. Ambulance cost portion of building renovations would be \$125,000. Week of February 24th will start budget meetings for new fiscal year. Calls for this fiscal year are lower than this time last year.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS:

Report given by Zoning Administrator Dave Malloch,
2 Building permits issued, first is the Gwin residents 11500 18 ½ Mile for a remodel, second permit is a ??? at the Neuffer residences 7821 22 ½ Mile road. Next items is processing of Plumbing & Mechanical permit for the Gwin residences. And process of electrical permit for the Thatcher residences at 22726 H drive south.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Update given by Dave Malloch:
Pre-trial court date for Stewart, and the Hulling residences on the blight issues is set for February 25th.
Dave will meet with Lawyer on that date.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Report given by M. Frohm, no meeting was held in February.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Report given by M. Frohm, The Library has a supply of Federal & State taxes forms you can pick up. Book sale brought in \$835.00 and that money will be used towards programing. The library has a program where they will deliver books to those who cannot get to the library themselves.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Prosecuting Attorney Gilbert came and shared with us an update of what his office is working on, and inform us about the New inspire program for juveniles.

CLERKS COMMUNICATIONS:

A separate list of communications is attached to this agenda.
Dispatch Authority report gave the amount of \$572.00 for our new quarterly payment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roads: January 15, 2020 at 1 p.m. Meeting with CCRD results. Our next Meeting with CCRD March 23, 1p.m. to finalize road projects for 2020. Treasurer Baylis suggested that we put a mileage of 3 MIs for 10 years on November 2020 ballot. This would bring in \$150,000 per year, plus our \$80,000 that we normally spend for road work. Treasurer Baylis feeling the mileage would help us fix the roads at a faster pace than our \$80,000 can do alone. The mileage would allow the residents to decide if they want to fix the roads or allow the CCRD to put some roads back to gravel. Trustee Cornell & Trustee Lawrence would like to see what the State of Michigan decides to do with the roads before the township asks for a mileage. With our \$80,000 for 2020 we discussed, chip & Seal 19-mile road & chip & seal G drive south this year or the CCRD will be considered a failed road in 2021 if nothing is done in 2020. This issue is tabled until March board meeting.

Replacement of one of the printers. Board received information on three different printers. Treasurer Baylis moved for a motion to spend up to \$1,000 on a printer. Trustee Lawrence offered support. Roll call vote Supervisor Rapp, Yes. Trustee Cornell, Yes. Clerk Blight, Yes. Trustee Lawrence, Yes. Treasurer Baylis, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Reminder of Board of Review, organizational meeting March 3, 2pm
Monday, march 9th 2-5 pm & 6-9 pm. & Tuesday, March 10, 9-2pm & 1-4 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

A new Marengo township Fire Protection Agreement was sent to us for the 2020-2021 year at a cost of \$12,123.00. With a truck fund donation of \$6,000.00. The cost for 2019-2020 agreement year was \$11,900, with a truck fund donation of \$3,500. It was moved to give Marengo \$12,000 for fire protection and \$3,500 donation to the truck fund this motion was made by Trustee Lawrence with support from Treasurer Baylis. **Motion Carried.**

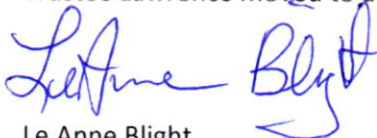
Jennifer @ Road Commission is having a gravestone maintenance workshop June 6th 9-5.

Public Accuracy Testing of the voting equipment on Monday February 24th @ 6p.m.

An informational letter from the Department of Agriculture concerning an odor and manure runoff complaint for Hollo Farms LLC. It was investigated and Hollo Farms was found to be in compliance.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Lawrence moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm.



Le Anne Blight
Eckford Township Clerk



Bruce Rapp
Eckford Township Supervisor