

ECKFORD TOWNSHIP of CALHOUN COUNTY

December 16, 2019

Supervisor Rapp called the regular meeting of the Eckford Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Clerk Hinkley, Treasurer Baylis, Trustee Cornell, Trustee Lawrence, D. & Loren Malloch, M. Frohm, A. & L. Blight, B. & L. Haeske, S. Hinkley, Kevin Decker of Decker Insurance Agency and Commissioner T. Miller.

ABSENT: None

Supervisor Rapp led the group in the pledge and Treasurer Baylis gave the invocation.

CLERK MINUTES

A copy of the minutes were sent to the board by Clerk Hinkley. Treasurer Baylis made a few changes to the December 9, 2019 minutes. Chip & Seal #2 add after North to the end of the skip paving, #3 should be 20 1/2 Mile Road not 21, Paving #5 should be 20 1/2 instead of 20. A motion was made by Trustee Cornell to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting and the December 9, 2019 Special Meeting with changes. Supported by Trustee Lawrence. **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Treasurer Baylis gave the financial statement for December.

RECEIPTS	\$ 1,696.25
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 10,295.63
BILLS TO PAY	\$ 62,165.28

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Trustee Cornell seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

HOMER AREA FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Given by S. Hinkley, they changed the meeting to the 17th this month because the holiday. The budget should be passed at this meeting with no problems. They are looking into paying the insurance for the whole year upfront to save them about \$500, instead of paying monthly. Our township portion may go up again next year because we have had a steady increase of calls. So next year our 5 year average may increase our bill from this year's amount.

MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief A. Blight, there were 3 or 4 runs in November. We are up to 16 runs for the year.

MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS AMBULANCE AUTHORITY

Given by W. Cornell, there will be no December meeting. They are still working on getting the State to receive matching funds from the Federal Gov. for Medicaid. They declined to be a part of the TIFFA Zone south of Hughes Street, where Alwyn Downs Golf Course is, which has been sold for a housing development project. Eckford had 8 runs in Sept. and 7 in October. The new ambulance should be here in April 2020.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Given by D. Malloch, there were 2 permits this month, one on H Drive South for Darian O'Dell for a complete remodel and a deck. And the second one was for J. Malloch, on 22 Mile Road, for a solar panel project.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Given by D. Malloch, the Newsome property on 22 Mile Road has been mowed. Someone has moved into the house to fix it up. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Hulling have been cited for Blight and Weed violations. He will continue to work with Mr. Mull and Mr. Butler as they are continuing to make progress. The guy who is living at the Creighton property on Division Drive has been hard to make contact with. He will check with the bank to see about getting him to vacate and clean up the property.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Given by M. Frohm, the PC will meet on January 13, 2020.

LIBRARY REPORT

Given by M. Frohm, the library will be closed on December 24, 25 & 26, 2019. They will also be closed on December 31, 2019 and January 1, 2020, for the holiday season. They will have a used book sale on January 24 & 25, 2020. Proceeds will go to programming. The auditors were at the last meeting. Everything looks wonderful.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Kevin Decker from the Decker Insurance Agency, went over our township insurance policy for 2020. We discussed a new option of purchasing a Cyber protection policy. Whether we should increase our amount of replacement costs for the town hall if there should be a total loss of the building and content. Many good questions and information were shared. Kevin will look into a couple of pricing options and get back with the township.

Commissioner Tommy Miller, shared that the 509 Policy did pass at the last board meeting. He was not in favor of it because there were not protections for what it is promising to produce. The Parks & Rec. Millage will be on the August ballot. He did vote to have it placed on the ballot to let his constituents vote on whether they want it or not, as he has had some for it and some against it.

COMMUNICATIONS

Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority sent their 2020 budget to share with the township.

OLD BUSINESS

Roads, Treasurer Baylis shared that Kori at the CCRD wanted a list of the roads we would like to do for 2020. He will get quotes for the meeting on January 15, 2020, at 1 p.m., that we will have with them to discuss our options for 2020.

Clerk Computer, is finally in stock and Chris will be meeting us tomorrow to get things moved from the old computer to this new one.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-4 PA116 Terrance & Penny Sievers-Removal, was read by Supervisor Rapp, there is a house and 1 barn plus the 2 sheds that were on the property before the property was put into the PA116. Trustee Cornell made a motion to grant the removal of the PA116 for Terrance & Penny Sievers. Clerk Hinkley seconded the motion. **CARRIED** A roll call vote was taken; AYES: B. Rapp, K. Hinkley, K. Lawrence, W. Cornell, T. Baylis
NAY: NONE

Appointment of Le Anne Blight as the Eckford Township Clerk, Trustee Cornell made a motion to appoint Le Anne Blight as Eckford Township Clerk to fulfill the rest of the term until November 20, 2020. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

A roll call vote was taken; AYES: W. Cornell, T. Baylis, K. Lawrence & B. Rapp

NAY: NONE ABSTAIN: K. Hinkley

Appointment of Alison Yarger to the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Le Anne Blight. Clerk Hinkley made a motion to appoint Alison Yarger to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion.

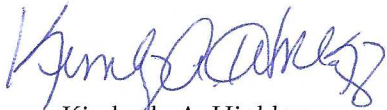
CARRIED A roll call vote was taken; AYES: T. Baylis, K. Hinkley, W. Cornell, B. Rapp & K. Lawrence

NAY: NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Was made at 7:58 p.m. by Trustee Lawrence and seconded by Clerk Hinkley.

Respectfully submitted by,



Kimberly A. Hinkley
Eckford Township Clerk



Bruce Rapp
Eckford Township Supervisor

APPROVED