

# ECKFORD TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

A monthly meeting of Eckford Township Board was held on Monday March 15, 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 and Trustee B. Maksimchuk arrived 15 minutes late. Others in attendance, D. Malloch Zoning Administrator, Chief Art Blight, Nancy Binkowski, Martha Frohm, Bill & Lois Haeske and Calhoun County Board Commissioner Tommy Miller.

**APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 MINUTES:** A copy of the February 15<sup>th</sup>, meeting minutes was emailed to each board member for their review before tonight's meeting.

Trustee Cornell moved to accept the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Support was given by Treasurer Baylis.

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Commissioner Miller updated us on what's happening at the county level.

## **TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Cash on Hand January	344,037.44
February Income	59,253.61
Fire Department total	51,708.58
February Disbursements	41,884.65
March Expenses to be paid	29,118.11
John Hancock balance	84,037.78

Trustee W. 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:** Trustee Cornell moved that we increase the Roads Account by \$150.00 this money is to be moved from Audit Account. Support was given by Clerk Blight.

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

**HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT:** Discussion begun on how the townships splits for expenses are decided. The board will have a work session just for the expense split. Still in discussion about the splits.

**MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Given by Chief Blight: 1 call in the last month.

**MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS AMBULANCE REPORT:** Given by Trustee Cornell, meeting was held after our board meeting last month. Ambulance Board approved the purchase of nine cardiac monitors. Remount ambulance rig is back but not in service yet. Ambulance service is increasing their rates about \$25.00 per ride. Ambulance Authority is checking into new auditors, Siegfried Crandall. Runs December 8, January 5, and 9 in February.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Building & Zoning permits: Anglin for a pole barn @ 7971 22 ½ mile road. Goetz residents 11211 22-mile road, solar project. Mechanical permit @ 20374 Division Drive DeRyke residents. Electrical permit @ 6472 23 Mile Road Tacket residents. And electrical permit @ 18752 B Drive South Winchell residents.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Huling still in process with the Lawyer. We need to check with Calhoun County Land Bank to find out if a property ends up in a tax sale, does the township gets the costs of the clean up back? (the cost that the courts put on the property taxes). D Malloch will look into the clean up of the Blackburn property.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Planning Commission sent a letter to the board with requirements that need to be met before they will consider a hearing about the conditional use permit for the Tol Gravel Pit. (notes attached).

**LIBRARY BOARD REPORT:** Given by M. Frohm: The Library is in phase 3 which means patrons can spend one hour in the Library as opposed to ½ hour. They are still operating at 25% capacity and Monday is the only evening they are open. Programming is still online. Curbside pick-up continuing. Staff continues to quarantine returned items and sanitize each item before reshelving. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library now has more than 200 children

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registered. All townships-Eckford, Fredonia, Marengo and Marshall- have internet access points set up with Eckford being used the most.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Lauren from County call, Township Officials are eligible for a Covid 19 vaccine by appoint only on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. At the YMCA in Battle Creek, if interested call her at 269-969-6463

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Investments- Treasurer Baylis heard from the Lawyer that communicated with the Auditor. And the result of the conversation is that our John Hancock account is not a problem, we do not need to make any changes.

Roads: Trustee Cornell made a motion to approve the skip paving on 23 ½ Mile from L Drive South to J Drive South 1.01 Miles at a cost to Eckford Township of \$41,233. Support was given by Trustee Maksimchuk.

All-in-Favor **MOTION APPROVED**

## NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Rapp will remove the mailbox on the railing of the front porch.

Supervisor Rapp will check on adding stones in the parking lot.

First Budget meeting date is Monday April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at Township Hall.

Board of Review update: 4 people came to ask for adjustments to their property taxes.

Treasurer Baylis moved we appoint Nancy Binkowski to the position of Deputy Clerk. Support was given by Trustee Maksimchuk.

Vote taken, all-in-favor **MOTION CARRIED**

Plumbing permit application update: Trustee Maksimchuk moved we approve the new Plumbing Permit Application with lower fee's. Trustee Cornell offered Support.

Vote taken, all-in-favor **MOTION CARRIED**

Having no further business, Treasurer Baylis motioned that we adjourn @ 7:45 pm.



Le Anne Blight

Eckford Township Clerk

Date Approved:

4-19-2021



Bruce Rapp

Supervisor

