

ECKFORD TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING May 17th, 2021

A monthly meeting of Eckford Township Board was held on Monday May 17, 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. Others in attendance, D. Malloch Zoning Administrator, Martha Frohm, Bill & Lois Haeske, Eric Vincent and Homer Village Board Member Brent Michael. Chief Blight from Marengo Township arrived late.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19th, 2021 MINUTES: A copy of the April 19th, meeting minutes was emailed to each board member for their review before tonight's meeting.

Trustee Cornell moved to accept the April 19th, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Support was given by Trustee Maksimchuk.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand April	358,998.78
April Income	24,393.81
Fire Department total	33,847.72
April Disbursements	26,511.99
May Expenses to be paid	10,026.23
John Hancock balance	81,449.10

Trustee Maksimchuk moved we accept the Treasurers report as read. Support was given by Trustee Cornell.

Vote was taken, all-in favor. **TREASURERS REPORT APPROVED.**

BUDGET AMENDMENT: Clerk Blight moved that we amend the budget amount in the Sexton account by \$2,500 from the Capitol Account. And increase the 911 Dispatch account 200.00 from the Capitol account also. Support was given by Trustee Cornell.

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

HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT: General fund balance \$83,877. Truck fund balance \$85,776.69. And the CD Balance is \$62,463.56. Still in discussion about the splits.

MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Given by Chief Blight: 3 calls in the last month.

MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS' AMBULANCE REPORT: Given by Trustee Cornell, meeting will be held Thursday May 20, 2021.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Issued 3 permits. Mechanical permit for W. Monk 571 Stuart Lake. Building Permit for E. Monaweck @ 20786 B Drive South. Building permit for J. Nowak 19452 Homer Road. Discussion was held about the AMSA fee structure and should we continue with it.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: D. Malloch will contact Albion City to find out how they handle evictions, in reference to the Newsome property.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Commission did not meet. Next scheduled meeting is July 13th 2021.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT: Given by M. Frohm: The Marshall District Library will begin its summer reading program on June 1st. It will continue until July 23rd. Also, this summer there will be teen programs @ Ketchum Park and story times twice a week for preschoolers through second grade to be held at Capitol Hill School.

Upcoming adult programs will include June 14th at Wilder Creek Conservation Club at 6:30, a craft program at Ketchum Park Tuesday June 22 at 6:30, and "True Stories of Mayhem in Michigan" on ZOOM on June 29th. All gatherings will follow state and local guide lines.

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COMMUNICATIONS: Online training for Township officials.

UNFINISHED BUSINES:

Auditor-after much thought & discussion let's stay with the auditor we have.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Maksimchuk moved that we appoint M. Frohm and R. DeJong to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term starting in July 1st, 2021. Support was offered by Trustee Cornell.

Vote taken – All in favor- **APPOINTMENT APPROVED.**

Treasurer Baylis moved that we appoint Eric Vincent to complete Jean Vandenberg's term that expires in June of 2022. Support was offered by Trustee Cornell.

Vote taken-All in favor- **APPOINTMENT APPROVED.**

The Sexton would like a \$200 a month raise, for the next budget year. Trustee Maksimchuk moved that we offer the Sexton a \$100 raise. Support was offered by Trustee Cornell.

Vote taken All in favor- \$100 a month raise for Sexton starting in the new budget year was **APPROVED.**

Received a new contract from 3-D Appraisal (Township Assor). The contract states a raise in payment for the fiscal year 21-22. of \$100 a month, raising annual amount to \$16,200. And also, a raise in payment for the fiscal year 22-23 in the amount of \$50 per month, raising annual amount to \$ 16,800. Trustee Maksimchuk moved we except the new contract from 3-D Appraisal. Support was offered from Trustee Cornell.

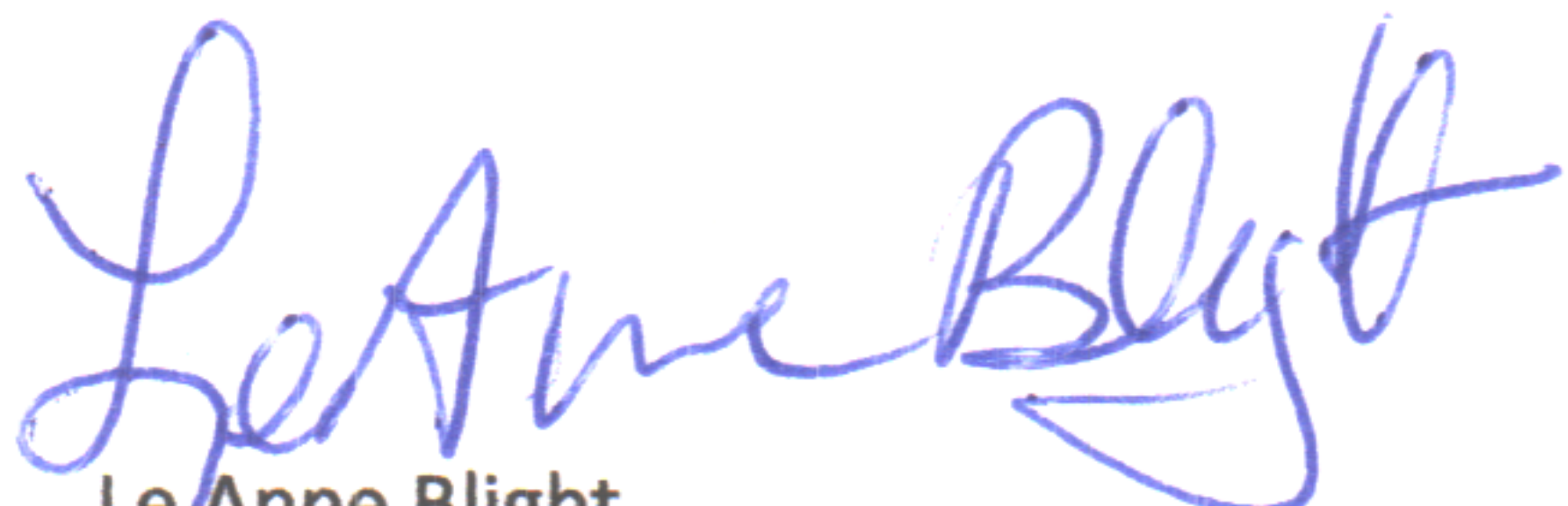
Vote taken All in favor- **CONTRACT APPROVED.**

It was brought to the board's attention that an alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals would be helpful. Trustee Maksimchuk made a motion to appoint Bill Haske to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a 3-year alternate. Trustee Cornell offered support.

Vote taken All in favor **APPOINTMENT APPROVED.**

John Powers is requesting removal of 2 acres of property in a PA116 agreement #13-32841-123121 Trustee Maksimchuk offered a Resolution 2021-3 removing parcel number 13-09-300-006-02 from the PA116 agreement. Support was offered by Trustee Cornell. Roll call vote taken. Supervisor Rapp Yes, Treasurer Baylis Yes, Clerk Blight Yes, Trustee Cornell Yes, Trustee Maksimchuk Yes. Resolution adopted.

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

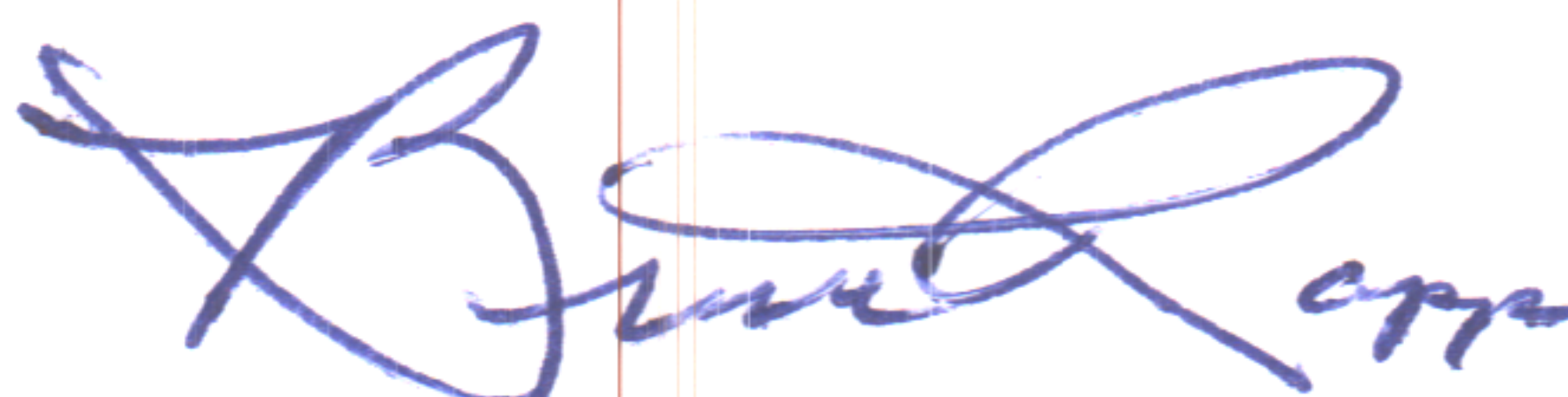


LeAnne Blight

Eckford Township Clerk

Date Approved:

6-21-2021



Bruce Rapp

Supervisor

