

Eckford Township Monthly Meeting

March 16, 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, Trustee W. Cornell, Trustee K. Lawrence was absent, others in attendance M. Frohm, W. Haeske and Matt Hall State Representative Michigan House.

**CLERKS MINUTES:**

A copy of the minutes has been provided to board members prior to the meeting. Trustee Cornell moved we accept the January minutes as presented, support by Treasurer Baylis. All in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

**TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Cash on Hand	265,785.91
February Income	42,065.05
Fire Department total	25,745.15
Total Fire Dept and Checking	360,416.61
March Expenses to be paid	30,447.81
Delinquent tax amount	61,008.47

Trustee Cornell moved we accept the Treasurers Report. Support was given by Clerk Blight. All in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer Baylis asked us to amend the budget & move \$1,000 from Drains at Large to Inspections. Trustee Cornell so moved. Support came from Clerk Blight. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**HOMER FIRE BOARD:**

No report this month.

**MARENGO FIRE:**

Chief Blight dropped off the Marengo report before the meeting and did not stay due to COVID-19 gathering restriction. There was 1 run in March on D drive south, medical call.

**MARSHALL AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:**

First draft of new budget was put together. Budgeted \$70,000 for Tekonsha station renovation and bid came in at \$125,000. Ambulance approved to pay \$60,000 in June at the end of this budget year and \$65,000 in next budget year. Eckford calls 3 in January and 8 in February.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATORS:**

Dave Malloch, was absent due to COVID-19 concerns. Report was given by Supervisor Rapp. 3 permits were issued 1- Tackett at 6472 23-mile road, for a pole building. 2-Dorsett at 10103 22-mile road, for a pole building. 3-Wieth at 641 Stuart Lake Road, for a greenhouse.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

Update given by Supervisor Rapp:

Pre-trial conference for Stewart and Huling was held on February 25, for both of them. Neither land owner showed up in court. Formal hearing is scheduled for this Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Report given by M. Frohm. Solar farm ordinance revision was the topic of discussion. Tabled until the Planning Commission members can gather more information

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

Report given by M. Frohm. The Library is closed due to COVID-19 for the next 3 weeks with limited staff. The staff is taking this time to spring clean the library.

**State Representative for the Michigan House Matt Hall:**

Was invited to speak about the Governors plan for our local roads. Representative Hall explained the 3.4-billion-dollar bond over the next 4 years will be to fix state roads only. We will be paying this bond back for the next 25 years. No money will be spent on our local roads. Attached are the sheets of information Rep. Hall gave out.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

None

**CLERKS COMMUNICATIONS:**

A separate list of communications is attached to this agenda. Treasurer Baylis received an email from Calhoun County Senior Services asking Eckford Township to give out flyers with our summer tax notices about their millage that will be on the ballot. Treasurer Baylis suggestion was to include the information in the newsletter and not in the tax notices because she did not want our residents to think we are supporting the millage. All agreed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Roads: Our next meeting with the CCRD is March 23, 2020 at 1 pm. Attached is the worksheet Treasurer Baylis put together to show the roads and cost. We have \$47,500 left in our 2019 budget for roads and \$80,000 for 2020 budget. For a total of \$127,500.00 we can use toward roads. Treasurer Baylis moved that we chip and seal the following roads.

18-mile road, from C to D drive South  
18 ½ mile road, from Township line to B Drive South  
24 Mile Road D Drive to end of skip pave  
H Drive South, from Township line to 18 ½ mil road  
G Drive South, from Township line to 19-mile road  
19 mile road, to F Drive South 2-miles  
J drive South, 20 mile road to 20 ½ mile road

Support was given by Trustee Cornell.

All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

New printer is almost installed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

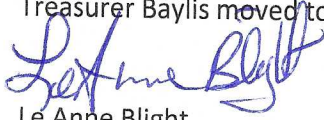
Treasurer Baylis moved that we transfer all dollars from the Super Share to the Wise Saver fund at Marshall Community Credit for the purpose of a better interest rate. Support was given by Clerk Blight.

Budget meeting set for Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

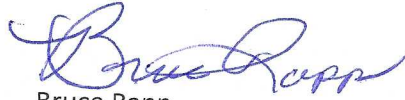
Having no further business,

Treasurer Baylis moved to adjourn at 7:59 pm.



Le Anne Blight  
Eckford Township Clerk

Approved



Bruce Rapp  
Eckford Township Supervisor