

ECKFORD TOWNSHIP of CALHOUN COUNTY

July 15, 2019

Supervisor Rapp called the regular meeting of the Eckford Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Treasurer Baylis, Clerk Hinkley, Trustee Cornell, Trustee Lawrence, J. Schragg, B. Haeske, M. Frohm, L. Blight and D. Percival .

ABSENT: NONE

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

CLERK MINUTES

A copy of the minutes have been sent to the board by Clerk Hinkley. A motion was made by Trustee Cornell to approve the corrected minutes of the June 17, 2019 Regular Meeting and the June 17, 2019 Budget Meeting, supported by Trustee Lawrence. **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Treasurer Baylis gave the financial statement for June.

RECEIPTS	\$ 43,286.55
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 37,578.81
BILLS TO PAY	\$37,571.84

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

Treasurer Baylis shared that the Auditor will complete the F65 Report for the State of Michigan.

HOMER AREA FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Given by B. Rapp, total of both the checking and Truck Fund accounts along with the CD account there is a total of \$177,874.35. There were 5 runs in June.

MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Report

MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS AMBULANCE

Given by W. Cornell, they are up 209 runs fiscal year to date. Eckford had 7 runs in June and 3 runs in May.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Given by D. Malloch, he issued two (2) permits last month. One for the Biggs residence for a pool and one for the Parker residence for an addition.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Given by D. Malloch, there has been no progress on the Newsome, Stewart, Butler and Mull properties. D. Malloch will start the next step per our ordinance against these property owners.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Given by M. Frohm, they met on July 8th. There is no need for a tiny house ordinance, as most township's are using their zoning minimums for square footage to regulate these types of homes. They will be scheduling the Kiessling Gravel Pit inspection for September.

LIBRARY REPORT

Given by M. Frohm, the last meeting was their annual budget meeting. The Millage Committee for the library is having a big push for the renewal of their millage question in August.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bill Haeske shared how much better 18 & 18 1/2 Mile Road is since the County Road Dept. paved these roads.

Trustee Lawrence went to the County Board of Commissioners and they have done nothing about our Orchard Drive request to privately pave it. He did call Commissioner Miller to discuss it. County Road Dept. Manager Midgley did talk to him after the meeting about possibly paving Orchard Drive at a cheaper rate.

Don Percival came to request a variance for his tiny house on 21 Mile Road.

Trustee Cornell shared that he went to the library to have them help him with some technical issues on his smartphone.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Hinkley shared that EGLE sent us a copy of the Holloo Farms permit to withdraw a large amount of water.

OLD BUSINESS

Roof Bid- Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve the quote to put metal roofing on the rest of the township hall roof at a cost of \$3833. Trustee Cornell seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

Street Lights around Stuart Lake, the City of Marshall increased our bill from \$99 a month to \$117 a month. The attorney said our original ordinance is still good, so all we have to do is approve an increase. Trustee Lawrence made a motion to Increase the Lake Lights by 10% per year for the next two years. Trustee Cornell seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

Roll Call Vote, AYE: K. Lawrence, K. Hinkley, T. Baylis, B. Rapp & W. Cornell
NAY: None

CCRD appointment: Alison Yarger's appointment to represent the Eckford Township Board at the Supervisor's meeting. The board would like a report from the meetings. Alison Yarger will have no authority to vote on issues for the board. Trustee Lawrence made a motion appoint Alison Yarger to attend the Supervisor's meetings to represent the township. Treasurer Baylis seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

Roads update, Treasurer Baylis stated she wanted to see what the County Road Dept. has for our township's 5 year plan. She shared that Homer Road from E Drive South to B Drive South needs to be paved. B Drive South from Homer Road to 22 Mile Road needs to be paved as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Tami Allen our website IT person has increased her fees from \$15 an hour to \$20 hour. Treasurer Baylis made a motion to approve Tami Allen's increase in pay to \$20 an hour for website work. Motion seconded by Clerk Hinkley. **CARRIED**

Fiscal Dates for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year were read by Clerk Hinkley. Trustee Lawrence made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Dates. Trustee Cornell seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

Clerk Hinkley shared that the township received a subpoena for all of the permits that have been completed by our Building Inspector Steve Buller. Clerk Hinkley will call our township attorney for direction.

Supervisor Rapp & Building Inspector Steve Buller met with a company to talk about our permit processes. Supervisor Rapp called Farm Bureau to ask if they knew what this companies purpose is and it looks like they sell the information they gather to insurance companies.

Inspectors--Clerk Hinkley shared we need to streamline the permitting process and fees. So please bring thoughts and ideas to next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Was made at 8:01 p.m. by Trustee Lawrence, seconded by K. Hinkley.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly A. Hinkley
Eckford Township Clerk

Bruce Rapp
Eckford Township Supervisor

APPROVED