

Eckford Township Monthly Meeting April 20, 2020

Supervisor B. Rapp called the regular monthly 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, absent was Trustee K. Lawrence, no others in attendance.

CLERKS MINUTES:

A copy of the minutes has been provided to board members prior to the meeting.
Trustee Cornell moved we accept the March 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented; support was given by Treasurer Baylis.

All in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of the Minutes for the Organizational Budget Meeting held on April 14th, 2020. Treasurer Baylis move we accept the minutes for the organizational budget meeting as written, Trustee Cornell supported. All in favor, **MOTION CARRIED**

TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand	310,454.74
February Income	18,715.72
Fire Department total	35,709.10
Total Fire Dept and Checking	334,431.75
April 23, 2020 Expenses to be paid	13,340.03
1 st Quarter John Hancock balance	78,152.79

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

Treasurer Baylis asked to make the following budget amendments;
\$1,000 from Drains to Inspections
\$250.00 from Drains to Board of Review
\$100.00 from Drains to Marengo Fire Truck

Motion was made by Supervisor Rapp to transfer \$1,350.00 from Drains to the following budget categories Inspection \$1,000, Board of Review \$250.00 and \$100.00 to Marengo Fire Truck. Supported by Trustee Cornell. 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. 2 runs in Eckford Township EMS call 9890 22 Mile road, Athol Hazen and EMS call 21357 D Drive South, Lansing Powers.

MARSHALL AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

To date all ambulance personnel are healthy. To date we have a \$100,000 loss of revenue due to the Covid-19 crisis. Lease agreement with Tekonsha signed. They would like to refurbish another rig within the next year. Budget meeting in May. Eckford runs to date 8 in February, 9 in March. Overall, down 96 calls for the year.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS:

Dave Malloch, was absent due to COVID-19 concerns. Report was given by Supervisor Rapp who reported no zoning activity.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Update given by Supervisor Rapp:
Trial for Stewart & Huling delayed till June 11, 2020 due to Covid-19.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

No meeting, no report

LIBRARY REPORT:

No meeting, no report

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

CLERKS COMMUNICATIONS:

A separate list of communications is attached to this agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roads with the Covid-19 crisis, we will wait to hear from the Roads Dept before we make any decisions. 19 & G Drive are may be mandatory for 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

Raise in pay for Deputy Treasurer wage from \$10.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour. Motion to raise Deputy Treasurer wage to \$12.00 per hour made by Clerk Blight. Support given by Trustee Cornell. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

New accounting software; each board member was given an information sheet about the different Fund accounting software that would be better suited for the Township, than what we currently use. (Quickbooks). The two favorite choices that the Clerk & Treasurer found are BS&A Software and payroll at a cost of \$23,000 and Redwing Center Point Software and payroll at a cost of \$3,540. After much discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Rapp to purchase the Redwing Center Point Software and payroll. Support by given by Trustee Cornell. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

At our May meeting we will review the 20-21 budget. Our budget hearing will be June 22, @ 7 pm before the regular monthly meeting.

Authorized Subdivision Agreement with Calhoun County. This agreement is for the Assessor Pictometry Program we purchase for the Assessor from Calhoun County.

Newsletter for June tax mailings, Supervisor Rapp, Treasurer Baylis, and Clerk Blight will write articles for this.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business,

Treasurer Baylis moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm.



Le Anne Blight
Eckford Township Clerk

APPROVED



Bruce Rapp
Eckford Township Supervisor

