

# ECKFORD TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2024

A monthly meeting of Eckford Township Board was held on Monday February 19, 2024 at the Eckford Township Hall. A quorum being 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 Maksimchuk, Trustee Cornell, and D. Malloch Zoning Administrator.

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 15, 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES:** A copy of The January 15, 2024 meeting minutes was email before tonight's meeting to each board member for their review. Trustee Cornell moved to accept the January 15, 2024; regular meeting minutes as written. Support was given by Trustee Maksimchuk. Vote was taken, **all-in-favor. MINUTES APPROVED**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Commissioner Miller spoke about happenings at the County. Calhoun County Prosecuting Attorney Gilbert spoke about safe storage act that went into effect on February 13, 2024. Resident R. Williams spoke about the ITC Transmission Line.

**LIBRARY BOARD REPORT:** By C. Bagi, The Library has Federal Tax Forms available.

## TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand January	544,775.19
January Monthly Income	23,174.03
Fire Department total	22,192.20
January Disbursements	17,443.14
February Expenses to be paid	124,208.80
John Hancock balance	75,127.49
Parks Millage Fund	6,884.85

Trustee Cornell moved we accept the Treasurers report as read. Support offered by Trustee Maksimchuk. Vote was taken, all-in favor. **TREASURERS REPORT APPROVED.**

**HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT:** By Supervisor Rapp: No meeting.

**MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Blight absent & dropped off Marengo Annual Report- 2 runs in last 30 days.

**MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS' AMBULANCE REPORT:** By Trustee Cornell: Started working on next year's budget.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** D. Malloch: 5 building permits issued -831 Orchard Drive-Huggett, 22962 B Drive South-Priebe, 11055 24 Mile Road-Welch, 20011 E Drive South-Myers, 381 Stuart Lake Road-Allen

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** D. Malloch- No activity.

**PLANNING COMMISSION Report:** By M. Frohm: The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on February 12, @ 6:30 pm for the Kiessling Grave Pit and Holloo Farms Conditional Use Permits. M. Frohm the Chairperson of the Planning Commission gave the Township Board its recommendations.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Michigan Township Participation Plan Board of Director's, Pickle ball courts and splash pad, Calhoun County Early Vote Center

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Decker Grant, cost to install new parking lot lights is \$7,000 the grant is \$5,000 is the Board willing to pay the money over and above the grant? Supervisor Rapp will get another bid for parking lot lights.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Website Conversion-Motions was offered by Treasurer Baylis to convert our website to a different core program, Wix.com. Support was given by Trustee Maksimchuk. **Vote-taken. All in Favor: Motion Passed**

Budget Meeting- Monday, March 25, @ 6:00 pm.

Kiessling Gravel Pit-Planning The Planning Commission recommendation to the Township Board is to allow the Mining of Gravel at the Kiessling Pit with the conditions as follows. Hours of operation are 7am to 5 pm Monday thru Friday, 7am to Noon on Saturdays No Sunday or Holiday hours allowed. A 10-foot berm on East Side only and a \$3,000 per acre Bond on all 35 acres. Trustee Maksimchuk offered a motion to grant the Conditional Use Permit with the fore mentioned conditions. Support Trustee Cornell. Roll Call vote taken- Rapp-Yes, Blight-Yes, Baylis-Yes, Cornell-Yes and Maksimchuk-Yes. **Conditional Use Permit PASSED**

Holloo Farms Conditional Use Permit-Motion by Trustee Maksimchuk to grant Holloo Farms a conditional use permit for housing of Farm Employees. Support Trustee Cornell. Roll Call vote taken- Rapp-Yes, Blight-Yes, Baylis-Yes, Cornell-Yes and Maksimchuk-Yes. **Conditional Use Permit PASSED**

Matt Reynolds Township Hall backyard tree- A motion was offered by Treasurer Baylis to hire Matt Reynolds to remove the Tree in the Corner of the Townships back yard, at a cost of \$2,025.00. Support given by Trustee Maksimchuk. **Vote-taken. All in Favor: Motion Passed**



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Zoning Board of Appeals hearings -The ZBA would like to hold hearing on location. The Zoning Administrator will check with the legal department.

New Laptop for Treasurer-Trustee Maksimchuk offered a motion to spend \$1200.00 on a new laptop to replace the Treasurers laptop. Support offered by Clerk Blight. **Vote-taken. All in Favor: Motion Passed**

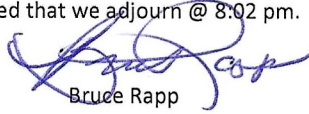
Roads-Eckford Township has \$50,000 more we can spend on roads. Treasurer Baylis will get Chip & Seal bids from County.

Having no further business, Treasurer Baylis motioned that we adjourn @ 8:02 pm.



LeAnne Blight

Eckford Township Clerk



Bruce Rapp

Supervisor

3-18-24

Date Approved: