

# ECKFORD TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2023

A monthly meeting of Eckford Township Board was held on Monday October 16, 2023 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 and Trustee Cornell. Absent was D. Malloch Zoning Administrator.

**APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES:** A copy of The September 18, 2023 meeting minutes was email before tonight's meeting to each board member for their review. Trustee Cornell moved to accept the September 18, 2023; regular meeting minutes as written. Support was given. Vote was taken, all-in-favor. **MINUTES APPROVED**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** R. Nevins asked about the Blackburn property on J Drive South. R. & A Deryke ask about what could be done about the proposed power lines cutting through the township. Commissioner T. Miller informed the board on the issues at Calhoun County. Calhoun County Clerk Hinkley asked if the Board Members have questions about the agreement for the Early Voting Center that the County will manage.

**LIBRARY BOARD REPORT:** By C. Bagi, The Library is looking for cost savings by hiring an in house cleaning person. Also the Library has 26 computers available for patrons to use in the library. Along with Hotspots to checkout for home use.

## TREASURERS FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Cash on Hand September	526,981.59
September Monthly Income	9,436.59
Fire Department total	2,420.53
September 2023 Disbursements	18,297.10
October 2023 Expenses to be paid	19,881.71
John Hancock balance	70,328.93
Parks Millage Fund	10,336.63

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

**HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT:** By Supervisor Rapp: 218 calls year to date.

**MARENGO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** 1 call in Eckford in the last 30 days.

**MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS' AMBULANCE REPORT:** By Trustee Cornell: Eckford calls 3-August and 4-September. Income is down by \$46,000.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** D. Malloch: Not present emailed report. Building permits- 18634 D Dr. S. -Belcher detached garage. 19345 D Dr. S.- Wolk House demolition. Electric permit 20450 Division Dr.- Robinson, generator install.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** D. Malloch- Spoke with Jeff Lindsey 9014 18 Mile Road, in response to complaint of excavation business operated from this location. Gave him a conditional use permit application. Next, gave John Kiessling a conditional use permit application to continue gravel mining.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Meeting was held at Kiessling Gravel Pit. No quorum present an official meeting was not held. Information was shared. Pile of counter tops smaller, and now there is a pile of crushed up counter tops.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** TACC- Battle Creek City, Springfield, Marshall City and Albion City are the areas that opted in for the Transportation Authority of Calhoun County.

Notice given about ITC meeting in area. (Transmission Infrastructure Project) date October 24, 2023 at Countryside Venue 12 pm – 2 pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Roads meeting at Township Hall October 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Roads decision due by December 15, 2023

**NEW BUSINESS:** Approval of Clerk Blight to sign Agreement for Early in Person Voting Services with Calhoun County Clerk's office. Trustee Cornell offered a motion that gives Clerk Blight the authority to sign all documents that involve the Calhoun County Early Voting Center. Support was given. Vote was taken, all-in-favor. **Clerks Authority Approved.**

Having no further business, Treasurer Baylis motioned that we adjourn @ 7:27 pm.

Le Anne Blight

Eckford Township Clerk

Bruce Rapp

Supervisor

Date Approved:

11-20-23

