



ECKFORD TOWNSHIP of CALHOUN COUNTY

•April 18, 2011

Supervisor Rapp called the regular meeting of the Eckford Township Board to order at 7:30 p.m. Others in attendance were Treasurer Baylis, Clerk Hinkley, Trustee Lawrence, Trustee Cornell, D. Masternak, R. Buskirk, L. Blight, Carl Proach and friend, R. & L. Dunn and G. Yarger. ABSENT: NONE

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

•CLERK MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Cornell to accept the Clerk regular minutes of the March 21, 2011 & the Special Meetings of April 7, 2011 & two meetings on April 11, 2011. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

•FINANCIAL STATEMENT

T. Baylis, Treasurer gave the financial statement for March with

RECEIPTS	\$ 3,324.13
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 12,843.48
BILLS TO PAY	\$ 25,892.75

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills. Trustee Cornell seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

Amendments to the budget: Trustee Lawrence made a motion to take \$3100.00 from Capital and put \$1500 in the Drain at Large, \$600 in the Hall Expense and \$1000 to the Inspector category. Trustee Cornell seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

•HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT

Given by Supervisor Rapp, the Homer Fire Board met with members of the boards of each the entities that make up the Homer Fire Dept. to discuss the possibility of hiring a full-time fire chief. There was much discussion and proposals from the HFD board and from the floor. They asked each entity to go back and make a decision as to whether they could afford to be a part of hiring the full-time chief.

Treasurer Baylis shared that she would like to see other departments come together and share a chief. Clerk Hinkley shared that things are coming to a shared services time in our governments. Trustee Cornell stated that he would like to see some shared services as well. So the Eckford Township Board will send a letter to the HFB and it will state the following:

Whereas Eckford Township fully supports the HFD and their mission but at this point unless there is some shared cost of expenses with other local fire departments we cannot support the chief position and the proposed fire chief budget at this time.

•MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS AMBULANCE REPORT

Given by Trustee Cornell, Eckford had 6 runs in Feb. and 5 in March. There were 985 runs in the first quarter up from 877 in 2010. They are working on budget changes like fuel expense costs. They are looking at buying a new cot and they are looking at the building committee report.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Given by R. Buskirk, as of March 21, 2011 there were 4 building permits.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Given by R. Buskirk for M. Farmer,

Building Complaints:

None

Complaints:

Robert Farmer property 110 Ogden St.—pending

Jason Blackburn property, J. Drive S.—pending

A copy of the full report is on file.

•PLANNING COMMISSION

Given by D. Masternak, they met with R. Wicklund and looked at the proposal update for the Master Plan. They are looking at not doing a lake district but doing an overlay of the Medium Density district. They will be discussing this at the next meeting.

•LIBRARY REPORT

Given by L. Dunn, they have elected new officers for the library board. The treasurer's position will be served by Lynda Dunn. They are many new programs to take advantage of in April and May. There will be a library renewal millage on the May 3, 2011 ballot. Please support the library!

•CITIZENS COMMENTS

Carl Proach presented the board with a map of the State of MI with each county in MI represented by a picture of the courthouse in that county. Mr. Proach has these available for sale. The township board will discuss this and let Mr. Proach know if they would like to purchase one for the town hall. *The board discussed to purchase the small poster for the town hall for display.*

G. Yarger wanted to make sure that he understood the ordinance section for wood stoves as he is getting ready to put one in.

•OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery update from what the lawyer advised the board with the questions from Carolyn Carty on the cemetery plots that she would like to have transferred to her. The attorney advised that she have the family members sign affidavits and file it with the probate court. Then she can give a copy to the township and have the two plots she is requesting.

•NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Hinkley shared the information that was sent to her with the township board about the Re-apportionment of the districts in Calhoun County since our population has decreased overall in the County. It will not effect our township we should stay in the 6th district.

The Calhoun County Drain Commission will have a meeting at Bruce's Barn to discuss changes to the Huckleberry Drain.

•ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Lawrence made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Seconded by Clerk Hinkley. **CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly Hinkley
Eckford Township Clerk

Bruce Rapp
Eckford Township Supervisor