



ECKFORD TOWNSHIP of CALHOUN COUNTY

•APRIL 11, 2011

Supervisor Rapp called the special meeting of the Eckford Township Board to order at 5:35 p.m. Others in attendance were Treasurer Baylis, Clerk Hinkley, Trustees Lawrence & Cornell, Zoning Adm. Buskirk and Building Inspector F. Ballard. ABSENT: NONE

Supervisor Rapp started by asking F. Ballard how he figured commercial rates for our township. F. Ballard gave each member a copy of the building rate codes he goes by which is from the AMSA group that was established by Battle Creek City and surrounding townships. T. Baylis stated that we would like to use our fee schedule for residential and commercial. F. Ballard stated that there are extra liabilities that exist with commercial building that wouldn't be covered in using a residential fee schedule.

ZA Buskirk stated that the Zoning Ordinance needs to be changed to give her better direction in the inspection of building sites. She will work on the changes that need to be made and present them to the planning commission and then the board of trustees.

Supervisor Rapp stated that he would like to see non-profits and churches be exempt from being charged for building permits or at least be given a break in the charges which are usually charged at a commercial rate. That maybe they could be charged at least the residential rates. F. Ballard wasn't too sure about that because again of the liabilities that come with those building permits.

The subject of what the charges for Wilder Creeks building permit for the pavilion was discussed and F. Ballard stated that he could probably cut the permit fee by 1/3 to help the club out. F. Ballard also explained that if an entity doesn't have a set commercial fee schedule then the State's would apply for charges. The board will go over the fee schedule that was given by F. Ballard and see what direction the board would like to take for the township to cover our fees but to promote a good building atmosphere in the township.

Supervisor Rapp adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly Hinkley
Eckford Township Clerk