



## ECKFORD TOWNSHIP of CALHOUN COUNTY

### •January 17, 2011

Supervisor Rapp called the regular meeting of the Eckford Township Board to order at 7:30 p.m. Others in attendance were T. Baylis, K. Lawrence, W. Cornell, K. Hinkley, A. & L. Blight, D. Masternak, R. & L. Dunn, J. Dobbins, Chris Miller and Doug Damon. ABSENT: NONE

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

#### •CLERK MINUTES

A motion was made by W. Cornell to accept the Clerk minutes of the December 20, 2010. K. Lawrence seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

#### •FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	\$ 15,489.11
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	\$ 14,214.50
<b>BILLS TO PAY</b>	\$ 12,269.89

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

T. Baylis stated that we will have to adjust the inspections line budget. W. Cornell asked if it was because of the Eaton's inspections. T. Baylis stated yes. She will call the auditor to see what his direction would be for us.

Chris Miller from Homer School Board came to share about the upcoming Bond issue on the February 22, 2011 ballot. He shared a pamphlet that explains the plan the school hopes to approve with the voters and build the community a new high school and middle school.

#### •HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT

Given by B. Rapp, the Homer Fire Budget for 2011 needs to be approved by the board. K. Hinkley made a motion to approve the Homer Fire Budget for 2011. The motion was seconded by W. Cornell. **CARRIED**

#### •MARENGO TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT. REPORT

Art Blight came and brought us the 2010 fire report. Eckford had 6 runs for the year. They are going to try to change the radios they have to the new system if it will be possible. There are still some grant money available as a possibility. Hopefully, their new tanker will be available in middle March.

#### •MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS AMBULANCE REPORT

Given by W. Cornell, Eckford had 6 runs in November and 4 runs in December. They are up 640 runs for the year all together. They are looking at budget issues with the money made from Enbridge and Marshall City looking at building a new building since MFFA rent from the City of Marshall.

#### •ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Given by R. Buskirk, as of January 17, 2011, there were one (1) building permit issued this month.

## **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, There was one (1) Conditional Use permit this month for Halloo Farms which was approved. R. Wicklund attended the last meeting and they discussed the Lake District and changing Eaton's to Industrial. He will charge about \$500 which will include 2 meetings. They will see if the charges will be under \$1000 they will probably hire Mr. Wicklund.

## **•LIBRARY REPORT**

Given by L. Dunn, the library will be kicking off the Geek Nation wide campaign that is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gates. There are many new programs coming up in the next couple of months. Please come check them out. In February there will be a small reading contest month. Lynda is also ready to be reappointed for a her last 3 year term.

K. Lawrence made a motion to reappoint Lynda Dunn to the Marshall District Library for a term of 3 years. K. Hinkley seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

## **•CITIZENS COMMENTS**

J. Dobbins shared that WCCC will be hosting a Predator Hunt Conference but no hunting at Wilder Creek. In two years the club has gone from 6 members to over 300 family memberships. In the spring they will be breaking ground on the new outdoor pavilion.

## **•OLD BUSINESS**

Double Permit fees has been explored by K. Hinkley. She has called MTA and they have been a great resource of information on options. K. Hinkley gave a handout of options and the board will continue to decide what they want to do.

## **•NEW BUSINESS**

Cemetery Reclamation, K. Hinkley has been asked to use plots in the West Eckford Cemetery that were given to another family that is no longer alive. K. Hinkley has contacted MTA about the process of doing this. She has been given great insight and has purchased a book to explain this process. This process not only is time consuming but we do not know how much money the process could cost the township. K. Hinkley will call the person who has asked about this and let them know that at this time it will probably not be an option.

Conditional Use Permit for Halloo Farms K. Lawrence made a motion to accept the Conditional Use Permit for Halloo Farms and W. Cornell seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

City of Marshall has contacted B. Rapp about hiring a motor carrier officer. They have offered to give the township 20% of the revenue collected from the tickets written to semi's for infractions occurred in our township. The board was not in agreement to go ahead with this offer from the Cit of Marshall. They did not want to target their own residents with this sort of enforcement at this time.

K. Hinkley asked the board if she could attend the CMC Clerk's conference in March. This is the second part of a three part conference. K. Lawrence made a motion to allow K. Hinkley to attend the CMC conference. W. Cornell seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

•**ADJOURNMENT**

K. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by K. Hinkley. **CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly Hinkley  
Eckford Township Clerk

Bruce Rapp  
Eckford Township Supervisor