



ECKFORD TOWNSHIP of CALHOUN COUNTY

June 20, 2011

Supervisor Rapp called the regular meeting of the Eckford Township Board to order at 7:44 p.m. Others in attendance were Treasurer Baylis, Clerk Hinkley, Trustee Lawrence, Trustee Cornell, R. Buskirk, A. & L. Blight, R. & L. Dunn and D. Masternak. ABSENT: NONE

•CLERK MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Cornell to accept the Clerk regular minutes of the May 16, 2011. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

•FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

RECEIPTS	\$ 11,683.91
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 17,430.36
BILLS TO PAY	\$ 35,716.10

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: Clerk Hinkley made a motion to take \$4844.00 from Planning Consultant Fee, transfer \$519.00 in the Software Support Fees expense, \$764.00 in the FICA expense account, \$185.00 into the Utilities expense account, \$80.00 into the Hall expense wage, \$172.00 into the Hall expense account and \$3,124.00 into the Inspections expense account. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

•HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT

Given by Clerk Hinkley, the Homer Fire Dept. the fund balances are General Fund \$115,453.33, Truck funds of \$103,341.16 and total of funds was \$218,794.49. Chief Swope has contacted some department's about a local fire authority. Clarendon Twp. has voted by a majority of the board that they do not want a full-time chief even if it doesn't cost them anymore money. Chief Swope stated that the chassis is ready to be viewed in S. Dakota and would like to take as many others who were on the committee to preview it. The HFB allocated \$1000 to pay for as many committee members as possible that can go to S. Dakota. It was shared that there is about \$72,165.13 in the "Rainey" day fund from the money that is left over each year from the budget.

FREDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Lawrence shared that the Fredonia Fire department has received a grant for all new radios.

•MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS AMBULANCE REPORT

Given by Trustee Cornell, they have had two (2) meetings this month as they approved the new budget of \$2,600,700.00. Their healthcare they will have to pay 20% so they will raise the employee pay to help them with the cost. The new ambulance is in but not on the road yet. The old ambulance was sold to lifespan. They may hire an architect to draw up plans for a new building. There were 4 runs in May and 1 run in April.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Given by R. Buskirk, as of June 20, 2011 there were 3 building permits.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Given by R. Buskirk for M. Farmer,

Building Complaints:

None

Complaints: David Chichester property, 843 Orchard Drive--**pending**

Robert Farmer property 110 Ogden St.—**pending**

The June 1, 2011 deadline for Mr. Farmer is here and gone with no changes to his property and Mike is taking the next steps.

Jason Blackburn property, J. Drive S.—**pending**

The Board wants Mike to give Mr. Blackburn a final warning and 30 days to have his property cleaned up.

A copy of the full report is on file.

•PLANNING COMMISSION

Given by D. Masternak, the Zoning Ordinance corrections are going well. They will continue and work on the Master Plan at the next meeting. They want to have both ready to do one (1) public hearing.

•LIBRARY REPORT

Given by L. Dunn, the Summer Reading program is under way. If you read or listen to 10 books you get a nice bag and you are eligible to win the grand prize.

•CITIZENS COMMENTS

Glenn Lindsey from Cornerstone Inspection Svcs. came to share about his inspection services he would like to offer to the township for their building permits.

Chief A. Blight shared that there were two (2) runs in Eckford Township for the Marengo Township Fire Dept.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Hinkley stated that she received a letter from the Drain Commissioner about the Huckleberry Drain and it looks like the new improvements will be coming to our township for the drain.

•OLD BUSINESS

Bids for work that the township board would like to have done to the townhall will be put in the advisor this week to re-side the town hall where they aluminum siding still is and put up new vinyl siding, wrap windows and shutters. Also to paint railings and doors.

Supervisor Rapp shared that he has received one letter so far about Building Inspector F. Ballard not doing inspections for our residents after many discussions. T. Baylis stated that it is time for a change.

The Eckford Township board will meet on Monday, June 27, 2011 at 6 p.m. to discuss the possible release of Frank Ballard as Building Inspector for Eckford Township and the possibility of hiring Cornerstone Inspection Svcs.

•NEW BUSINESS

Fredonia Township Fire Department Fire Contract for 2011-2012. The contract was read by Supervisor Rapp. Trustee Cornell made a motion to accept the Fredonia Township Fire Department Contract for 2011-2012. Treasurer Baylis seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

Zoning Ordinance 2-4, D 2., ZA R. Buskirk shared that this section has not been being done by the current building inspector. ZA Buskirk wanted to know if we should change this to have her do it or have the building inspector start doing this as our ordinance states. We will discuss this more at our next Monday night meeting.

Clerk Hinkley shared that the Calhoun County MTA meeting will be Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 7 pm for all board members to attend.

Supervisor Rapp stated that he talked to Kevin Henning from the CCRC about doing some skip paving on D. Drive S. with the \$10,000 we want to budget for our fiscal 2011-2012 year. He said that the CCRC would be glad to match it.

Appointment of Jean Vandenburg to the Eckford Township Planning Commission to replace Robert Dunn who graciously stepped in when we needed an extra person while we searched for a new member. Treasurer Baylis made a motion to appoint Jean Vandenburg to the Eckford Township Planning Commission until June 2013
Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

2011-2012 Eckford Township Fiscal Budget, Trustee Cornell made a motion to accept the proposed budget as shared in the public hearing. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

A role call vote was taken: YEA K. Hinkley, T. Baylis, W. Cornell, B. Rapp and K. Lawrence

NAY—NONE

Resolution 3-2011 Eckford Township Supervisor Salary was read by Supervisor Rapp. Treasurer Baylis made a motion to accept Resolution 3-2011 to increase the supervisor's salary by \$40 a month with the new fiscal budget year 2011-2012. Trustee Cornell seconded the motion. **CARRIED** A role call vote was taken: YEA—K. Lawrence, T. Baylis, W. Cornell and K. Hinkley

NAY—NONE Abstain—B. Rapp

Clerk Hinkley shared that she will be meeting with the Risk Management on Thursday, July 14, 2011 to discuss Eckford Township's assesment.

•**ADJOURNMENT**

Clerk Hinkley made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly Hinkley
Eckford Township Clerk

Bruce Rapp
Eckford Township Supervisor