



ECKFORD TOWNSHIP of CALHOUN COUNTY

•March 21, 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. Hinkley, K. Lawrence, W. Cornell, D. Masternak, R. Buskirk, A. & L. Blight, J. Sunday, Mr. & Mrs. Carty, G. Riker and R. & L. Dunn. ABSENT: NONE

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

•CLERK MINUTES

A motion was made by T. Baylis to accept the Clerk minutes of the February 21, 2011.

W. Cornell seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

Clerk Hinkley shared a huge thank you to the board for allowing her to attend the MAMC Conference last week. Clerk Hinkley stated that she learned many new things and is excited to try and implement some of those new things to help make her office run more smoothly.

•FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

RECEIPTS	\$ 33,642.22
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 13,937.66
BILLS TO PAY	\$ 12,843.48

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

•HOMER FIRE BOARD REPORT

Given by Supervisor Rapp, the Homer Fire Board would like to meet on March 22 at 6 p.m. and have a special discussion about a possible fire chief position. They are asking all board members to attend in possible. Eckford has had 3 runs so far for 2011.

•FREDONIA TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT. REPORT

Chief Phil Damon shared his report for last year in Eckford. The report is on file.

•MARSHALL FIREFIGHTERS AMBULANCE REPORT

Given by Trustee Cornell, Eckford had 4 runs in Dec., 4 runs in Jan. and 6 runs in Feb. They are looking at the possibility of getting their own building instead of renting from the City of Marshall. Costs are being looked at for the pros and cons. They are replacing old defibrillators with new ones that were recently purchased. Because of fuel costs the budget is being looked at again.

•ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Given by R. Buskirk, as of March 21, 2011 there are no 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.

R. Buskirk will have M. Farmer send B. Farmer a reminder letter of the time line for demolition of his home.

•PLANNING COMMISSION

Given by D. Masternak, there was no February meeting. March meeting they will look at R. Wicklund's proposal of about \$500 for his consulting fees to update the Master Plan. The Planning Commission looked at the FEMA Floodplain and has recommended it to the Township for adoption. They will be looking at the Noxious Weed ordinance after the Master Plan is complete.

•LIBRARY REPORT

Given by L. Dunn, the library has sent out invitations to the township and residents to come to the library each Thursday of March to see what is happening at the library. There are many good classes for the month of April. The interim Director Angela Semifero will be coming to the April Neighborhood Watch meeting. The library board will be electing new officers for the coming year at their next meeting.

•CITIZENS COMMENTS

Carolyn Carty shared her concern about securing two (2) plots in the West Eckford Cemetery close to her mom that are already in someone else's name and has been deceased but not buried there. Clerk Hinkley will contact the attorney and see what steps can be taken and get back with Mrs. Carty.

Supervisor Rapp shared that there were two (2) property transfers one on 19 Mile Rd. and one on 18 1/2 Mile Road.

•OLD BUSINESS

NONE

•NEW BUSINESS

Budget Organizational Meeting will be April 11, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Our workday to clean up outside will be Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 9 a.m.

Resolution 1-2011 FEMA Floodplain was read by Clerk Hinkley. A motion was made by Trustee Cornell and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to adopt the FEMA Floodplain ordinance. A roll call vote was taken

YEA: K. Lawrence, W. Cornell, K. Hinkley, T. Baylis and B. Rapp---**CARRIED**

Board of Review given by Supervisor Rapp stated that it was the first time they had residents ask to have their taxes raised because of the housing industry and getting loans to refinance. The BOR took care of splits, repossessed homes and lien removals among the items for the March BOR.

New Construction Code shared to the board by Zoning Adm. Buskirk that needs to be adopted for the township as adopted by the State of Michigan. Treasurer Baylis made a motion to adopt the Department of Energy, Labor and economic Growth Construction Code. Trustee Lawrence seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

Planning Commission Consultant R. Wicklund. A motion was made by Trustee Lawrence to accept the proposed offer of R. Wicklund to help with the update of the Master Plan for a fee of \$500. Trustee Cornell seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

•**ADJOURNMENT**

Clerk Hinkley made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Lawrence **CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly Hinkley
Eckford Township Clerk

Bruce Rapp
Eckford Township Supervisor