

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018
Unapproved

Supervisor Rodney Roy, at the Eureka Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI, called the Regular Meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Board to order on Monday, October 8, 2018, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that five Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Rodney Roy and Clerk Linda Ruwersma; Trustees Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, and Brad Kelley. Trustee Jeremy Austin was absent. Treasurer Cindy Hanson was late arriving at approximately 7:20 pm. These minutes will not be approved until the November 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately seven others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger and Les Lillie; PC Recording Secretary Cindy Lillie, Deputy Mike Kotenko, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, and Zoning Official Mark Wilkin.

During the first Public Comment Commissioner Lindeman stated the Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2018. He also stated the commissioners did not meet today because it was a holiday and will meet tomorrow.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the items on the October 8, 2018 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 5, Ruwersma, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the September 10, 2018 Board Minutes as written and the payment of the October bills in the amount of \$125,705.99 covering e-bills 1007-1017 and checks numbering 16191-16230. It also included the Treasurer's reports showing an ending balance of \$995,968.31 as of September 30, 2018.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 52 hours for September; the Greenville Transit report showing 233 runs; the Flat River Library report; and the fire report showing 6 incidents. There was no building report available.

The sheriff report was given by Deputy Kotenko and showed a total of 3,606 patrol miles, with 220.5 total hours, 41 traffic stops, 12 traffic citations, 189 property inspections, and 3 arrests.

Supervisor Roy gave an update on the Adopt-A-Highway Program. He stated that he has done everything on our part and is still waiting to hear back from the State of Michigan.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Day and Ferris Townships will be Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 7:00 pm.

Last month Zoning Official Wilkin explained the need for an Emergency Service Officer (ESO) regarding illegal burns in Eureka Charter Township. Supervisor Roy gave an update on the issue stating the City does not want to be responsible for this, but we can assign someone from the Township to try to be at the illegal burn and issue the ticket. The judge stated it would have to be changed from a civil infraction to a misdemeanor and have the fire department write up the report for it to hold up in court. Deputy Kotenko was present to comment on this issue also. Treasurer Hanson arrived during the illegal burn discussion at approximately 7:20 pm. After a twenty-minute discussion, it was decided to leave things as they are with no ESO.

The Township received eight resumes for the secretary position so far. Supervisor Roy, Clerk Ruwersma, and Trustee Posekany volunteered to be on the committee to interview some of the candidates and will arrange a time to meet to look the applications over.

At approximately 7:35 pm, Supervisor Roy opened the Public Hearing concerning the Proposed 2019 Budget. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed at approximately 7:40 pm.

Trustee Posekany then moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the Proposed Budget for 2019 with a few changes as printed with a revenue of \$970,049.00 .and total expenses \$959,500.00. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

At approximately 7:41 pm, Supervisor Roy opened the Public Hearing concerning the Karner Drive Special Assessment. There are twelve parcels involved and in the recent survey the Board received eight yes votes for a ten-year assessment. After some discussion the public hearing was closed at approximately 7:45 pm.

Trustee Kelley then moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve another Public Hearing for next month at the November 12, 2018 Regular Meeting concerning renewing the Karner Drive Special Assessment. Motion carried.

After some discussion for a date for the Township Christmas Party, the date was decided for Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve a Police Protection Agreement with Montcalm County for the following: 2019 - \$75,000 per Deputy for a total of \$150,000; and for 2020 - \$79,000 per Deputy for a total of \$158,000. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma will be putting an ad in the paper for appointments for the following positions that all expire on December 31 of this year: Zoning Board of Appeals-one position; Board of Review-five; Library Board-one; and Planning Commission-two. This will also be posted on the website.

*The 2018 total millage for Eureka Charter Township should have been set at 3.0419 mills (0.8001 for permanent operating, 0.9918 for police protection, 0.7500 for fire protection, and 0.500 for roads). The assessor gave the Clerk the corrected sheet and this was corrected on September 24, 2018, before the September 30, 2018 deadline, so it will not need to be amended.

During the second public comment a resident asked about having more information on the website.

Clerk Ruwersma mentioned that in the future the payroll checks will be issued on the first Friday of each month.

After Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report, Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve a Public Hearing concerning the Demolition Ordinance at the November 12, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:08 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
October 15, 2018