

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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 December 10, 2017, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that six Board Members were present which included the following: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Brad Kelley, Elaine Pendrick, Jeremy Austin, and Marty Posekany. These minutes will not be approved until the January 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately nine others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, County Commissioner-elect Brendan Mahar, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin.

During the first Public Comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave an update concerning County issues. This was his last meeting as commissioner for Eureka Charter Township.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the items on the December 10, 2018 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Austin, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the November 12, 2018 Board Minutes as written and the payment of the bills for December in the amount of \$38,723.25 covering e-bills 1031-1039 and checks numbering 16292-16327. The Treasurer report showed a balance of \$910,343.88 as of November 30, 2018.

The consent Agenda also included the zoning report from Zoning Official Mark Wilkin showing 57 hours for November; the Greenville Transit report showing 234 runs; the fire report showing 6 incidents; and the Flat River Library report. There was no building report available for the month, and the Planning Commission did not meet in November.

The sheriff report showed a total of 3,550 patrol miles, with 170.5 patrol hours, 33 traffic stops, 10 traffic citations, 113 property inspections, and 1 arrest.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the newly submitted 2019 Hartleb Insurance Policy with an increase, for a total of \$6,451.00. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Posekany, Austin, Pendrick, Hanson, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy distributed a suggested Township Road Project list for 2019. There were a few questions asked and some changes made. Supervisor Roy will get back with the Road Commission concerning the changes. The Road Commission will then give the Township the proposed contracts in the spring. The meeting with the Road Commission was Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 10:20 am, in Stanton.

At approximately 7:15 pm, Supervisor Roy opened the Public Hearing concerning the proposed Eureka Charter Township (Regulatory) Ordinance #89 Marihuana Establishments and Facilities. Audience members Brad Klosner, Ryan Klosner, and Rebecca Klosner spoke for approximately fifteen minutes in favor of having an establishment and small business in the Eureka Charter Township concerning Recreational Marihuana. After a lengthy discussion, the public hearing was closed at approximately 7:30 pm.

Zoning Official Wilkin explained that there is a 45-day window to opt out of this ordinance or the Township will never be able to opt out. If the Township opts out at this time, it can opt back in at any time. The Township does not know what LARA is planning in the future. After the Board discussed this further, Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the proposed Eureka Charter Township Ordinance #89 Marihuana Establishments and Facilities. This is opting out of having establishments and facilities at this time. Ayes: 7, Hanson, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, Austin, Ruwersma, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Home and Richland Townships will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 7:00 pm. The Road Commission for Montcalm County has agreed to pay for the meals of each elected township official attending the dinner.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the following for the 2019 calendar year:

Banks: Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank, Isabella Bank & Trust, Chemical Bank Montcalm, Choice One, Commercial Bank, and MIClass

Monthly Board Meeting dates, time, and place: The second Monday of each month, 7:00 pm, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI

Maintenance: (1) Linda Ruwersma to clean the Township Hall with each worker being responsible for their own office and Linda will clean the remaining part of the Hall
(2) Cutting Edge Lawn Mowing Service for lawn care at the Eureka Township Cemetery, the Hall, and the lot across Jordan Road on S. Greenville Road

Attorneys: Bloom Sluggett PC; and Mika Meyers. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Elaine Pendrick to approve the appointment of Randy Klepper and Brad Klosner to the Planning Commission, each for a three-year term, with the terms ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to approve to appoint the following to the Board of Review for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2020: Linda Weger, Wes Ruwersma, and Randy Beard; with Tim Hyde as first alternate and Evelyn Mosier as second alternate. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve to re-appoint Maureen Burns to the Flat River Library Board, with the four-year term ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick, to re-appoint Wes Ruwersma to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with the three-year term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the 2019 General Appropriations Act printed as follows: Estimated township general fund revenues for calendar year 2019, including an allocated millage of 0.8001 mills; voter-authorized millage of 2.2418 mills; totaling 3.0419 mills; and other revenues shall total \$970,049.00. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Posekany, Pendrick, Austin, Hanson, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the Proposed 2019 Fee Schedule as written with several changes to the wages and fees. (An approved 2019 Fee Schedule will be distributed to the Board Members next month.). Ayes: 7. Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Pendrick, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve Resolution 2018-004 to Establish the Township Supervisor's Salary, the Township Treasurer's Salary, and the Township Clerk's Salary each at \$17,000.00 yearly for 2019. Ayes: 7. Ruwersma, Pendrick, Posekany, Hanson, Kelley, Austin, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve Resolution 2018-005 to Establish Township Trustee's Salary at \$145.00 per meeting and \$110.00 per special meeting for 2018. Ayes: 7. Ruwersma, Pendrick, Austin, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to raise the Deputy Assessor's 2019 yearly salary to \$25,000.00. The Assessor salary will remain at \$250.00 per month. Ayes: 7. Ruwersma, Austin, Pendrick, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to raise the Zoning Official's 2019 yearly salary to \$25,000.00. Ayes: 7. Ruwersma, Pendrick, Hanson, Posekany, Austin, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved with a second by Trustee Pendrick for Rod Roy and Les Lillie to continue to be on the Road Committee. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved with a second by Trustee Austin for Brad Kelley and Elaine Pendrick to be on the Election Committee. Motion carried.

The Board of Review dates for 2019 will be announced in January.

After the Second Public Comment and Board Member Comment time, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:29 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
December 18, 2018