

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015
Approved

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 12, 2015, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call found the following Board Members present: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Trustees Elaine Pendrick, Jeremy Austin and Brad Kelley. Trustee Marty Posekany was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the November 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately seven others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, Library Representative Ann Roberts, and Greenville Mayor pro tem Fran Schuleit.

During the first Public Comment Commissioner Lindeman gave an update concerning County issues stating the County is thinking of overriding the Headlee Amendment.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the items on the October 12, 2015 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the September 14, 2015 Board Minutes as written with the correction of the Budget Hearing being held on October 12, 2015, instead of November 9, 2015; and the payment of the October bills in the amount of \$62,758.53 covering e-bills 620-629 and checks numbering 14493-14537. It also included the Treasurer's reports showing an ending balance of \$841,645.37 as of August 30, 2015; and \$794,094.42 as of September 30, 2015.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 60 hours for September; the Greenville Transit report showing 214 runs; the Flat River Library report; and the Fire report showing 2 incidents. There was no Building report.

Deputies Charlie Mahar and Brandon Allen were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of September. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,580 patrol miles, with 337 total hours, 114 traffic stops, 26 traffic citations, 122 property inspections, and 4 arrests.

At approximately 7:14 pm, Supervisor Roy opened the Public Hearing concerning the Proposed Cemetery Ordinance #86. After much discussion and a few changes, the public hearing was closed at approximately 7:35 pm.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the Proposed Cemetery Ordinance #86 with the few changes. Motion carried.

At approximately 7:36 pm, Supervisor Roy opened the Public Hearing concerning the Proposed 2016 Budget. After some discussion and one change, the public hearing was closed at approximately 7:45 pm.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the Proposed 2016 Budget with the one change. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy mentioned that two more *no*'s came in concerning the Baldwin Lake lighting request. His recommendation was to not install a new light around Baldwin Lake at this time. He also stated that there was no news from the City on the Baldwin Lake Sewer.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to re-appoint Mr. John Kerschen as the Eureka Charter Township representative to the Greenville Area Community Foundation Board for a three-year term, ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Belvidere and Cato Townships will be Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be John Anderson speaking about cemetery software and maps.

The City of Greenville recently asked if the Township would like to form a committee with them to discuss the future Police Protection for Eureka Charter Township. In the meantime, Supervisor Roy will contact Sheriff Barnwell about renewing the present contract.

Supervisor Roy stated that the Michigan Township Association Annual Conference will be held January 19-22, 2016, in Detroit. Let the Clerk know if you are interested in going. Also the Montcalm Conservation District's 67th Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 6:45 pm, at Maxfield's Restaurant in Edmore.

Supervisor Roy stated the portable restroom on the grounds will be removed at the end of the month. Clerk Ruwersma will be putting an ad in the paper for the appointments for terms expiring in December on the Zoning Board of Appeals and on the Planning Commission.

After a few public comments, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:13 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
October 14, 2015