

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 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 August 10, 2015, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that all Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the September 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately eight others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Secretary Renee Fountain, Greenville Mayor pro tem Fran Schuleit, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and Deputy Doug Houser.

During the first public comment, Deputy Houser mentioned that there is a wasp nest near the south door at the hall.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the August 10, 2015 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the July 13, 2015 Board Minutes as written and the payment of the bills for July in the amount of \$88,162.40 covering e-bills #598-610 and checks numbering 14397-14443. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$919,014.58 as of July 31, 2015.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Zoning Official Mark Wilkin showing 64 hours for July; the Flat River Library report, and the Greenville Transit report showing 172 runs. There were no planning commission, building, or fire reports available.

Deputies Douglas Houser and Charlie Mahar were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of July. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,203 patrol miles, with 168.5 traffic patrol hours, 56 traffic stops, 45 total complaints handled, and 5 arrests.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief report on the Baldwin Lake Agreement between the City and Township. The Baldwin Sewer Agreement Joint Public Hearing was held on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 7:00 pm at the Greenville Community Center. At this meeting the attorneys explained the draft agreement and answered questions concerning the legality of the process. Another meeting will be set sometime in the near future and will most likely be at the Eureka Township Hall.

Supervisor Roy also gave a report on the M-57 Development, stating that a trial date is pending, but all involved would rather settle out of court.

The Eureka Township Police Protection Contract will need to be renewed by the end of the year. Recently Mark Reiss from the City of Greenville asked Supervisor Roy if the Township would consider contracting with the City of Greenville instead of with Montcalm County for Police Protection. There was some discussion about this, but Roy did not have a cost breakdown or much information.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve to allow Supervisor Roy to pursue getting information from Mark Reiss about contracting with the City for Police Protection. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Home and Richland Townships will be Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at 7:00 pm, and will be held at the Vestaburg Church of Christ.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief report about the Playground Equipment Grant. He stated that it was submitted by the deadline and a decision will be made in October.

Supervisor Roy is still the Township's Montcalm County Economic Alliance Member, as no one else has shown committed interest in the position.

Supervisor Roy reported that a letter will be sent out in the near future to those at the southwest end of Baldwin Lake, asking for their opinion about the installation of a street light near the intersection of Baldwin Drive and Baldwin Lake Drive.

Supervisor Roy volunteered to work at the September 12, 2015 Cleanup Day. Four dumpsters from Knight Transfer Services will be delivered and also one dumpster for the metal from Greenville Steel. Tires will also be collected. Volunteers are welcomed to help.

A proposed Eureka Township Cemetery Ordinance #86 was distributed to the Board to review. A public hearing will be set for the next Board meeting, Monday, September 14, 2015, to entertain any public comment about the newly drafted ordinance.

Supervisor Roy will be checking into getting the old stones in the Eureka Charter Township Cemetery refurbished.

During the Second Public Comment and Board Comments, Commissioner Lindeman gave a report about county issues. He stated the County budget is very tight and that the County is checking into the condition of the water in Flat River.

Deputy Houser has recently announced his retirement from the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office, which is effective September 5, 2015, after 25 years of dedicated service. A retirement party is planned for September 2, 2015, in Stanton.

The Michigan Townships Association Conference will be held in Detroit, January 19-21, 2016. Let the Clerk know if you are interested in attending.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report. The Standalone Accessory Building Agreement will be brought before the board next month, along with the amendment to Ordinance 79 concerning Standalone accessory buildings.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a seconded by Trustee Pendrick to approve setting the 2015 total millage for Eureka Township at 3.0568 mills (0.8068 for permanent operating, 1.0000 for police protection, 0.7500 for fire protection, and 0.5000 for roads). Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
August 13, 2015