

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015**  
**Approved**

Supervisor Rod 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 May 11, 2015, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated all Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Rod Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, and Brad Kelley. These minutes will not be approved until the June 8, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately thirteen others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Les Lillie and Linda Weger; Deputy Doug Houser, City Council Member Fran Schuleit, Zoning Board of Appeals Member Tony Adkison, Deputy Clerk Angela Adkison, Library Representative Ann Roberts, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and County Commissioner Tom Lindeman.

During the first Public Comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave a brief report on County issues stating that the Hazardous Waste collection is June 13, 2015, from 9 am to 3 pm at the Montcalm County Career Center.

Zoning Official Wilkin reported that the zoning maps are now on disc to view from the computer. Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission Meeting update about the recent meeting including the public hearings and rezoning.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the May 11, 2015 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, and Posekany. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the April 13, 2015 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$939,716.19 as of April 30, 2015; and the payment of the April bills in the amount of \$47,410.86 covering e-bills 569-579 and checks numbering 14242-14293.

Also in the consent agenda were the Flat River Library report, the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 84 hours for April, and the Greenville Transit report showing 282 runs. There were 5 fire incidents reported for the month; no building report was available.

Deputies Charlie Mahar and Douglas Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of April. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,321 patrol miles, with 179 patrol hours, 63 traffic stops, 10 traffic citations, 143 property inspections, and 3 arrests.

Supervisor Roy gave an update on the eight picnic tables that are being made by the school. They will be eight feet long and will be completed by the end of May.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief report on the Pavilion Rental Guidelines and Agreement Form for renting the pavilion that he and Trustee Pendrick worked on. After some discussion, Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve Pavilion Rental Guidelines and Agreement presented at the meeting with a few changes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to rescind the road contract to gravel resurface West County Line Road from Carson City Road to Slawson Lake Road (1.25 miles) for \$20,211.00, because this was included with another contract approved last month. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, and Posekany. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve a road contract with the Road Commission for Montcalm County to place a 180# Bituminous overlay on Wise Road from West County Line Road to Johnson Road (.5 mile, splitting the cost with Montcalm Township) for a Township cost of \$20,656.00, on the condition that Montcalm will approve and pay for the other half. If Montcalm Township does not approve their half of the road work, this would be null and void. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, and Posekany. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve a road contract with the Road Commission for Montcalm County to spray brush along local roadsides to be determined by Eureka Charter Township and the Road Commission for a Township cost of \$2,000.00. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, and Posekany. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve a backup road contract if Montcalm Township does not agree to contract with the Road commission to pave Wise Road as follows: to machine wedge and seal Backus Road from County Farm Road to Kent Road (1 mile) for \$24,512.00. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, and Posekany. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Baldwin Sewer Agreement Joint Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 7:00 pm at the Greenville Community Center. At this meeting the attorneys will be explaining the policy and answering questions concerning the legality of the process.

Currently a lawsuit has been filed against the M-57 Development through circuit court, and the summer and winter taxes have still not been paid. The Township is waiting to hear back from the attorney.

The Township is still waiting to hear back concerning the grant for a Recycle Center at Eureka Charter Township Hall empty lot.

Supervisor Roy is still getting quotes for the sealing and re-striping of the township parking lot.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the re-zoning of the property at 6327 S. Johnson Road, from AG to SR, to allow for the operation of the Sisters of Sobriety Home. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy reported that articles for the newsletter are still being collected until May 30, 2015, and the Master Plan Booklets are done and here at the hall.

He also reported that Cindi Schwartz, a representative from Snack Time Service located in Grand Rapids, stopped at the hall last week asking if we would like to have a display with their snacks for sale on an honor system. It was decided that the Township would not like this at this time.

The next Montcalm Township Meeting/Dinner will be Tuesday, June 16, 2015, hosted by Day and Ferris Townships.

After some discussion the Board decided to continue to use the Montcalm County Website instead of the Township having its own Web Page.

The Michigan Township Association District Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in Lowell. Let the Clerk know soon if you plan to attend.

During the Second Public and Board Comment it was mentioned that the Township Cleanup Day scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015, was a huge success. The five dumpsters were set up on the Township's vacant lots across Jordan Road. Trustee Posekany volunteered to assist Supervisor Roy and all four dumpsters for trash were filled. The one dumpster for steel was also full. Approximately sixty tires were dropped off for a fee of \$1.50 each.

The yearly audit was conducted on April 20 and 21, 2015, by Abraham and Gaffney, PC. She stated that the Treasurer and Clerk did a fine job managing the Township's records.

Trustee Pendrick stated she is working on a grant to purchase some playground equipment for outside on the Township property.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:28 pm.

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