

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 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 March 9, 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, Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, and Brad Kelley. These minutes will not be approved until the April 13, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately nine others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger and Duane Putnam; County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Board of Review Member Tony Adkison, Deputy Clerk Angela Adkison, City Council Member Brian Green, and Zoning Official Mark Wilkin.

During the Public Comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave an update on County issues that included the commissioners working on updating the kennel ordinance.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the March 9, 2015 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, Pendrick, and Austin. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the February 9, 2015 Board Minutes and March 2, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes as written; the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$813,560.01 as of February 28, 2015; and the payment of the bills paid in March in the amount of \$34,661.24 covering e-bills 546-555 and checks numbering 14143-14194.

Also in the consent agenda were the Flat River Library reports, Planning Commission report, the Zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 70 hours reported for February, the Fire report showing 2 incidents, and the Greenville Transit report showing 203 runs for the month. There was no building report available.

Deputies Douglas Houser and Charlie Mahar were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of February. The Sheriff report showed a total of 2,765 patrol miles, with 170 patrol hours, 62 traffic stops, 10 traffic citations, 141 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report stating the Sisters of Sobriety (SOS) would like to open a home for 6-7 women who are recovering from alcohol and/or drug addiction. There are some other homes in the region similar to this and they have had great success.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to amend Zoning Ordinance #79, Chapter 3 and Section 3.14 Seasonal Sales Markets/Farm Markets/Yard Sales, adding the following:

### C. Yard Sale: General Merchandise

1. Yard sales of any type must not be a commercial venture (i.e., earning a living).
2. Yard sales in any zone by any land owner are limited to a 3-day period.
3. Sales **must** be conducted between the hours of 8 am and 7 pm.
4. The land owner must ensure there are 15 consecutive days between the end of one yard sale and the beginning of another.
5. All unsold merchandise must be removed immediately upon the conclusion of the sale; all large sold items must be removed within 24 hours.
6. No merchandise involved in a yard sale may be placed on public right-of-ways, including streets and sidewalks.
7. Signage must follow the Sign Ordinance outlined in Chapter 10.
8. Access to the sale will not constitute a traffic hazard or visual distraction.
9. Adequate off-street parking must be available to accommodate the use.
10. The site shall be maintained in a safe and clean condition.

### D. Yard Sale: Vehicles and Equipment Items

1. No more than 4 motor vehicles may be displayed in the front yard of a non-commercial zoned property. In addition, no more than 2 other related equipment items (i.e., campers, trailers, snowmobiles, boats, etc.) may be displayed for sale in the front of any property that is not zoned commercial.
2. Vehicle (or equipment item) sales must not be a commercial venture, i.e., earning a living.
3. Vehicle (or equipment item) sales are limited to a 30-day period.
4. The landowner must ensure 60 consecutive days have passed between the end of one vehicle (or equipment item) sale period and the beginning of another.
5. All unsold vehicles (or equipment items) must be removed immediately upon the conclusion of the sale; all large sold items must be removed within 24 hours.
6. No vehicles (or equipment items) may be placed on public right-of-ways, including streets and sidewalks.
7. Signage must follow the Sign Ordinance outlined in Chapter 10.
8. Access to the sale will not constitute a traffic hazard or visual distraction.
9. Adequate off-street parking must be available to accommodate the use.
10. The site shall be maintained in a safe and clean condition.

*Note:* Any items being displayed for more than 30 days, or items being put back on display sooner than 60 consecutive days have passed, will be considered in violation of Zoning Ordinance 79.

### E. Fees and Enforcement

This also included adding the definition of Yard sale in Chapter 2, Section 2.2

**YARD SALE** – The term “yard sale” means a basement sale, garage sale, rummage sale, yard sale, attic sale, flea market sale, lawn sale, estate sale and other sale of tangible personal property, including, but not limited to, clothing, household items, general merchandise, tools, garden implements, toys, recreational equipment, vehicles,

*used or second-hand items usually found in the home, or other similar personal property, which is advertised to the public.*

Ayes: 5, Roy, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, and Pendrick

Nays: 2, Ruwersma and Austin

Motion carried

There was some discussion about creating a policy of how Eureka Township meetings are conducted. This will be brought up at a future meeting.

There was also some discussion of purchasing eight tables and two benches for the pavilion area. Supervisor Roy will check into a grant for these items.

The City of Greenville will be hosting the third annual Tri Greenville Triathlon at the Baldwin Lake on May 30, 2015, which will impact several Montcalm County Roads.

Supervisor Roy mentioned that there will be a Special Election held in Eureka Township on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, with only one item on ballot.

Trustees Pendrick, Kelley, and Posekany volunteered to work at the Eureka Township Cleanup Day along with Supervisor Roy on Saturday, May 9, 2015, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Also Supervisor Roy will check with a recycling company from Lakeview about picking up tires during the Cleanup Day.

Articles for the spring newsletter will be collected by Michele Bigelow until May 30, 2015.

The next MTA Dinner /Meeting will be held April 21, 2015, with Reynolds and Winfield Townships hosting. This will be their auction and all townships are encouraged to get items to be auctioned off.

Supervisor Roy explained how Consumers Energy will be in the Greenville area in the next few weeks to install upgrade meters called smart meters. The smart meter will daily send energy usage to Consumers Energy eliminating inaccurate readings.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve to contract with the Road Commission for Montcalm County in 2015 for three applications of chloride on local roads in Eureka Township based on the following: 21.26 miles @ 1,650 GPM x 3 applications x \$.1461/gallon for a total of \$15,375.00. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, Pendrick, and Austin. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the 2015 Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Drew Discher from the recycle drop off at Stanton was present to give a 30-minute presentation about the recycling in Montcalm County. He explained the process of the recyclable materials sorting of the waste products collected at the sites. Eureka Charter Township is looking into having permanent recycling across the street on the vacant lot.

It would cost approximately \$2,000.00 to prepare and construct a recycling site. The fee would be \$700.00 per month for pick-up, which would be \$8,400.00 per year. A suggestion would be to put it on the winter tax bill of \$20.00 per household. The first week of May a grant may be awarded to help with the initial cost.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to budget 2,500.00 to construct a recycling site at Eureka Charter Township with the money coming out of the building and grounds fund, contingent on the grant money being approved. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma stated that the 2014 Audit will be conducted by Abraham & Gaffney, PC, on April 20 and 21, 2015, at the Eureka Township Hall. Clerk Ruwersma will be present both days to take care of any questions or situations.

The Board of Review will be meeting Wednesday, March 11, 2015, from 2 pm to 5 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm; and Thursday, March 12, 2015, from 9am to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm, all sessions at the Eureka Charter Township Hall.

Clerk Ruwersma stated that an election meeting will be held before next month's meeting at 6:30 pm, April 13, 2015, to appoint election inspectors and discuss other matters in preparation for the May 5 Election. Ruwersma also mentioned that she appointed Angela Adkison as the new Deputy Clerk for Eureka Charter Township.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve Michele Bigelow as the election assistant for the May 5, 2015 Special Election. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy informed the Board that he contracted with SBS Portals Information & Records Associates, Inc. to scan and index approximately 720 maps from the archive room for approximately \$997.80. The maps have been boxed up and will be picked up on Friday, March 13, 2015, and returned in a few weeks.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:58 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
March 18, 2015