

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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 February 9, 2015, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that a quorum was present which included the following Board Members: 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 March 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately seven others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, Deputy Doug Houser, Zoning Board of Review Member Tony Adkison, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and County Commissioner Tom Lindeman.

During the first Public Comment Commissioner Lindeman gave a brief update on some County issues and stated that a new building inspector has been hired for the county.

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

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the January 12, 2015 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$732,727.23 as of January 31, 2015; and the payment of February bills covering e-bills 536-545 and checks numbering 14100-14142 totaling \$30,344.82.

Also in the consent agenda were the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 90 hours for January; and the Greenville Transit report showing 212 runs for January, a fire report showing five incidents, and the Flat River Library report.

Deputies Charlie Mahar and Douglas Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of January. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,016 patrol miles, with 170 patrol hours, 47 traffic stops, 11 traffic citations, 131 property inspections, and 7 arrests.

Supervisor Roy gave an update concerning the Baldwin Lake Sewage System. He stated there is meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 2:00 pm to discuss what the City has accomplished concerning a contract.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the new Master Plan recommended to the Board by the Eureka Township Planning Commission. Motion carried.

There were some speed limit concerns on M-91 north of Greenville between the former Meijer building and Wise Road. Deputy Houser suggested not asking for a speed study, because normally the Michigan State Police will raise the speed limit instead of lowering it.

Mr. Todd Wells from Crystal Automation Systems located in the Stanton area gave a twenty minute presentation explaining that they are an internet provider with fiber connections. The FiberNet is a condominium style lease own plan. A base trunk line of fiber is being run between Greenville and Belding down M-91, and the company running the fiber will be taking care of any mess during the process.

The February Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Crystal and Bloomer Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 7:00 pm, at the Crystal Community Center with Representative Rick Outman as the host speaker.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report. Articles for the Eureka Township Newsletter are being accepted until May 30, 2015.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to accept the resignation of Michele Bigelow as the Eureka Charter Township Secretary effective February 26, 2015. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to advertise in the Daily News for a secretary for Eureka Charter Township to replace Michele Bigelow and hold a Special Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Interviews will be held at that time. Motion carried.

During the Second Public Comment, Treasurer Hanson reported that she was re-appointed by the County to the CIS Oversight Committee in Stanton.

Those present that went to the Michigan Townships Association Conference were thankful to the Township for sending them and they stated they learned a lot.

Trustee Austin commented on how we handle our meetings and asked if we have a Meeting Policy for when the audience is allowed to speak, etc. This will be checked into.

After a few more comments, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:23 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
February 12, 2015