

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014**  
**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 December 8, 2014, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that all Board Members were present except Trustee Elaine Pendrick, which included the following Board Members present: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, and Marty Posekany. Trustee Elaine Pendrick was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the January 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately seven others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Duane Putnam, Linda Weger, and Randy Klepper; County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Zoning Board of Appeals Member Tony Adkison, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and Deputy Doug Houser.

During the first Public Comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave an update concerning County issues. Trustee Posekany gave an update on the recent Planning Commission Meeting stating that the PC members were all in agreement to keep Wednesdays as their meeting night.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the items on the December 8, 2014 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the November 10, 2014 Board Minutes as written and the payment of the bills for December in the amount of \$84,648.16 covering e-bills 510-520 and checks numbering 14003-14050. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$706,714.61 as of November 30, 2014.

The consent Agenda also included the zoning report from Zoning Official Mark Wilkin showing 101 hours for November; the Greenville Transit report showing 265 runs; and the Flat River Library report. There were no fire or building reports available for the month.

Deputies Doug Houser and Charlie Mahar were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of November. The sheriff report showed a total of 6,659 patrol miles, with 178 patrol hours, 50 traffic stops, 11 traffic citations, 102 property inspections, and 8 arrests.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief update on the Fred Meijer River Rail-Trail issue. Last month a letter was sent to the Friends of the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail-Trails stating that the Township is not in favor of the access restriction that is currently in place for some Township residents, and that the Township cannot financially contribute to the cause until an agreement is reached with all parties involved. The State Trails Planning

Specialist replied to the letter stating that the land is clearly the DNR's and that they would consider any requests for crossings. A list of the concerned property owners (Barb and Otto Damer and Tom Faussett, both residing on Fletcher Road) was given to Carolyn Kane, and she stated that she will start working through the process with the DNR sometime in January.

Last month Zoning Official Wilkin informed the Board about the M-57 Development LLC gravel pit that did not comply with recent requirements. Mr. Russell Eggers did pay the surety bond of \$26,800.00 in November 2013, and did submit a reclamation plan as required. However, the ordinance required the start of the reclamation process within 18 months from the date the ordinance went into effect, which was August 18, 2014. The 120 days to complete the reclamation expires on December 18, 2014. As far as we know, he has not started the reclamation process.

After some discussion, Trustee Austin moved with a second by Treasurer Hanson to have the Township attorney write up a consent judgment for Mr. Russell Eggers concerning the M-57 Development LLC (the old Rydahl Gravel Pit), granting him an extension of time to re-claim his property with the following requirements: that everything be completed by June 15, 2015, with the land showing a 10% progress each month, and a surety bond being secured by January 12, 2015. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the newly submitted 2015 Hartlab Insurance Policy, with the increases, for a total of \$6,225.00. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the following for the 2015 calendar year:

**Banks:** Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank, Isabella Bank & Trust, Chemical Bank Montcalm, Choice One, Cutwater Investments Management

**Monthly Board Meeting dates, time, and place:** The second Monday of each month, 7:00 pm, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI

**Maintenance:** (1) Linda Ruwersma to clean the Township Hall with each worker being responsible for their own office and Linda will clean the remaining part of the Hall

(2) Cutting Edge Lawn Mowing Service for lawn care at the Eureka Charter Township Cemetery, the Hall, and the lot across Jordan Road on S. Greenville Road

**Attorney:** Bloom Sluggett Morgan

**Audit:** Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. for the 2014 audit Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the following appointments for the Board of Review, each for a two-year term, running through December 31, 2016: Randy Klepper, Wes Ruwersma, and Linda Weger; first alternate Tony Adkison, and second alternate Michele Bigelow. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to re-appoint Duane Putnam to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2017. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to re-appoint Linda Weger to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2017. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to re-appoint Duane Putnam as the Planning Commission liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the 2015 General Appropriations Act. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the Proposed 2015 Fee Schedule as written with several changes to the wages and also to the fees. (An approved 2015 Fee Schedule will be distributed to the Board Members next month and will also be put on the Township's website.) Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to make a budget transfer of \$3,000.00 from Planning Commission Expense Fund 101-721-730, transferring \$3,000.00 into Other Township FICA Fund 101-850-715. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve a donation of \$10,400.00 to Tingly & Associates for eight center-corners @ \$1,300.00 per center-corner, through the Montcalm County Remonumentation Program, with no State match, for the completion of the following in 2015: 8-H, 8-J, 8-L, 4-J, 4-L, 6-L, 6-J, and 10-J. Ayes: 6. Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Evergreen and Bushnell Townships will be Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 7:00 pm.

The Annual Eureka Township Christmas Party will be held Monday, December 15, 2014, at 6:15 pm at the Eureka Township Hall.

The Annual Michigan Townships Association Conference will be held January 27-30, 2015, in Grand Rapids. Those interested need to let the Clerk know ASAP.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to approve to purchase a TASER, a digital camera with carrying case, and an "Active Shooter Response Kit", for the Montcalm County Sheriff Department, with the money coming out of the Eureka Township Sheriff Fund, and the equipment to be used solely by the deputies that are assigned to patrolling Eureka Township. Ayes: 6. Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma distributed a letter from Mr. Tim Reno proposing a quality of life idea in conjunction with the City of Greenville concerning building a Splash Pad somewhere in the area.

Maureen Burns was sworn in as the Eureka Charter Township representative on December 3, 2012, to a four-year term as Trustee on the Flat River Library Board expiring December 31, 2016. The library contacted the Township stating that, according to their bylaws, a member is to be sworn in by January 14, 2015, for a four-year term ending December 31, 2018. Clerk Ruwersma will check into this to see if the appointment in 2012 is sufficient and will report back next month.

With nothing being said at the Second Public Comment, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:20 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
December 15, 2014