

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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 Monday, October 13, 2014, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call found the following Board Members present: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Trustees Jeremy Austin and Brad Kelley. Trustees Marty Posekany and Elaine Pendrick were absent. These minutes will not be approved until the November 10, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately six others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Les Lillie and Linda Weger, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and Deputy Charlie Mahar.

During the first Public Comment Commissioner Lindeman gave an update concerning County issues and on the County budget.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the items on the October 14, 2014 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 5, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the September 8, 2014 Board Minutes as written with the correction of the spelling of Brad Kelley's last name, and the payment of the October bills in the amount of \$93,781.01 covering e-bills 489-499 and checks numbering 13891-13938. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$793,049.22, as of September 30, 2014.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 85 hours for September; the Greenville Transit report showing 261 runs; the Flat River Library report; and the Building reports showing 8 permits for June, 2 for July, 6 for August, and 1 for September. There was no fire report.

Deputies Charlie Mahar and Douglas Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of September. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,774 patrol miles, with 358.5 total hours, 51 traffic stops, 15 traffic citations, 89 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Supervisor Roy asked the Board how it wanted Mr. Wilkin to handle zoning violations – by complaint only basis or to go out looking for violations.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve that the Zoning Official continue to handle zoning violations on a complaint basis only with a short term inspection of the neighborhood when he is in the area. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve to give Nick Meyers a refund of \$190.00, which is two-thirds of the \$285.00 Special ZBA Hearing fee that he paid for the meeting that was scheduled for October 2, 2014. Because the problem was present before he purchased the building, and it should have been previously resolved, it was the Board's choice to give the refund. Mr. Meyers did not ask for a refund, and the neighbors on each side of him did not contribute to this meeting. Ayes: 5, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the bid from G & D Electric, Inc. for the electrical work to be done at the pavilion for \$3,140.00. Ayes: 4, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, and Roy. Nays: 1, Kelley. Motion carried. Two other quotes came from Fritz Electric and Hamblin Electric LLC.

Supervisor Roy reminded the Board about the previous request from the Friends of Fred Meijer River Valley Rail-Trails regarding Eureka Township giving a donation of \$5,000.00 to help complete the trail between Greenville and Belding which will cost \$500,000.00.

Clerk Ruwersma then read a letter from Mr. Tom Faussett, addressed to the Board, asking the Board to consider denying any funding to the Rail-Trails Organization until a fair and equitable agreement is reached between all parties involved. The Board decided not to support the organization until they resolve the issue with the residents. A letter will be sent to the organization concerning this.

After the Proposed 2015 Budget was discussed and changed, Ruwersma stated that the Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2014, during the November Board Meeting at 7:00 pm, to entertain comments concerning the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

A completed copy of the revised Proposed 2015 Budget will be available for Public Review on November 1, 2014, at the Eureka Township Hall, M-F, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Montcalm and Fairplain Townships will be Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 7:00 pm at the Montcalm Township Hall. The Road Commission will be speaking and will also be paying for the meals of any elected officials attending this meeting.

Supervisor Roy stated that two MTA Workshops are scheduled for later in the month and the Michigan Township Association Annual Conference will be held January 27-30, 2015, in Grand Rapids. Let the Clerk know if you are interested in going to any of these.

Supervisor Roy reported that the Township Cleanup Day held on Saturday, September 13, 2014, was again a success. All four trash dumpsters were filled and metal was brought for the Greenville Steel dumpster. He also stated there were 55 tires dropped off.

During Board and Public Comment there was some discussion concerning the changes that will take place after the November 4 Election. Clerk Ruwersma will advertise for the following positions that will soon be open: one position on the Zoning Board of Appeals, five positions for the Board of Review, and two as members of the Planning Commission. There may also be one position open on the Eureka Township Board as a Trustee.

After no other public comments, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:10 pm.

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