

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 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 September 8, 2014, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy Clerk Michele Bigelow stated that all Board Members were present except Clerk Linda Ruwersma, who arrived late at 7:30 pm. Those present included the following: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, Elaine Pendrick, and Marty Posekany. These minutes will not be approved until the October 13, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately six others were in attendance including Deputy Clerk Michele Bigelow (taking the minutes for Clerk Ruwersma), Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, City Council member Fran Schuleit, and the Daily News reporter Curtis Wildfong.

During the first Public Comment Commissioner Tom Lindeman gave a brief update on County issues. He mentioned that the County budget is done and that various members from Eureka Charter Township are attending the upcoming training for accessing and using system for viewing parcels. He also stated that he had given the Township a letter covering economic assistance.

Wilkin expressed his gratitude for everyone's patience as he learns his new role as Zoning Official. Supervisor Roy complimented Wilkin on his progress and ability to work well with others.

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

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the August 11, 2014 Board Minutes as written and the payment of bills for September in the amount of \$53,732.62, covering e-bills 480-488 and checks numbering 13842-13890. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$791,909.80 as of August 31, 2014.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 80 hours for August; the Greenville Transit report showing 177 runs; the Flat River Library report; Planning Commission report; there were no Building or Fire reports.

Deputies Douglas Houser and Charlie Mahar were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of August. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,686 patrol miles, with 191.5 patrol hours, 54 traffic stops, 17 traffic citations, 106 property inspections, and 3 arrests.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief report on the pavilion. He stated that there is still work to be done on the roof and wrapping of the poles. Ralph Masonry is coming soon to finish the cement work. Roy received quotes on getting electrical hooked up to pavilion – ceiling mounted LED lights controlled by switches that are within the hall. Another flood light will also be added to the end of the building to light up the parking lot. Wilkin announced that he has received positive feedback on pavilion.

Roy also reported that the siren is installed but still needs to be hooked up. He is working with Consumer's Power on this. The Baker Road sign being installed on M-91. Work is underway.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Hanson to approve setting the 2014 total millage for Eureka Township at 3.0568 mills (0.8068 for permanent operating, 1.0000 for police protection, 0.7500 for fire protection, and 0.5000 for roads). Ayes: 6, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve Secretary Renee Fountain as an election assistant prior to and for the November 4, 2014 General Election. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to hold a Budget Public Hearing during the November 10, 2014 Township Board Meeting, to hear public comment on the proposed 2015 Eureka Township Budget. Motion carried. A sample proposed 2015 Township Budget was distributed to the Board and Supervisor Roy asked them to review it and bring back next month for more discussion. Hanson indicated that the 2014 Fire Maintenance expense line is so high because the siren installation was taken from that account.

Supervisor Roy gave an update on the Baldwin Lake sewer discussion that he had with the City and the Baldwin Lake Association. The association members would like to give their input and hear the discussion, but they aren't able to make the final decision. Both Supervisor Roy and City Manager George Bosanic left today's meeting with an agreement to contact their individual lawyers to determine how to move forward. Hanson expressed interest in attending a future meeting to learn more about the sewer discussions.

Trustees Kelley, Austin, and Posekany along with Supervisor Roy volunteered to work at the September 13, 2014 Cleanup Day. Four dumpsters from Knight Transfer Services will be delivered and also one dumpster for the metal from Greenville Steel. Tires will also be collected, and residents will need to pay \$1.50 per tire at the time of drop off. Supervisor Roy asked Larry's Tire Removal to pick up the tires no later than Tuesday, September 23, 2014.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Montcalm and Fairplain Townships will be Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm. A representative

from the Montcalm County Road Commission will be speaking, but the location has not yet been determined.

Clerk Linda Ruwersma arrived at approximately 7:30 pm.

Wilkin discussed pool ordinance and letters he wrote and delivered to 6 residents who had pools that do not have a fence around them. Residents appreciated him delivering the letters.

During the Second Public Trustee Kelley asked about his sign request at Stakes Road, and he mentioned there is a disassembled trailer near the trailer park on M-91.

After Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:48 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
September 18, 2014