

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 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 August 11, 2014, 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, Brad Kelley, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the September 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately six others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, City Councilperson Fran Schuleit, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, *Daily News* reporter Curtis Wildfong, and Deputy Charlie Mahar.

During the first public comment, City Councilperson Schuleit commented on the great Paving job the road commission did on the southwest section of the road around Baldwin Lake. County Commissioner Tom Lindeman gave a brief report on County issues and explained the Montcalm Economics Alliance.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the August 11, 2014 Agenda and Consent Agenda with the correction in the Eureka Charter Township Special Meeting Minutes to read *effective* immediately instead of *active* immediately concerning the appointment of Mark Wilkin as the new zoning official. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried with correction.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the July 14, 2014 Board Minutes and July 24, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as written and the payment of the bills for July in the amount of \$60,466.23 covering e-bills #471-479 and checks numbering 13785-13841. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$839,812.61 as of July 31, 2014.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from the newly appointed Zoning Official Mark Wilkin showing 12 hours for July; a planning commission report, the Flat River Library report, and the Greenville Transit report showing 140 runs. There were no building or fire reports available. Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report.

Deputies Douglas Houser and Charlie Mahar were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of July. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,577 patrol miles, with 179.5 traffic patrol hours, 82 traffic stops, 52 total complaints handled, and 3 arrests.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief siren report. He stated that a few residents do not want the siren near their homes or animals, so Roy is meeting with Mr. Luke Miller again to discuss another location. He also gave a report about the target shooting in Eureka Township. Deputy Houser checked it out and the people were using appropriate targets and were not in violation.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Eureka and Sidney Townships will be Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at 7:00 pm, and will be catered by Sage's Meat Processing & Catering Service. This is the annual meeting and there will be an auction. Board Members are encouraged to get donations for the auction.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to agree for Eureka Charter Township to contribute a one-time contribution of \$400.00 to the Montcalm County Conservation District. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve Eureka Charter Township to agree to a three-year commitment with a one-time contribution of \$3,000.00 to the Montcalm Economics Alliance. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 1, Pendrick. Motion carried. (Pendrick agreed with the Alliance but wanted to contribute over the next three years, instead of all at once.)

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to move forward with the decision for intersection warning signs to be installed on M-91 in advance of the intersection at Baker Road. Motion carried.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to appoint Randy Klepper as the new Planning Commission Member, replacing Mark Wilkin, who had to resign after being appointed as the new zoning official, with Klepper's term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried.

Trustees Kelly, 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.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve to contract with Shook Asphalt Co. Inc., to pave the gravel lot north of the existing parking lot at the Eureka Township Hall for \$4,680.00. Other quotes were from Taylor Asphalt Paving and Excavating for \$6,710.00; and B & E Coating Services for \$7,222.00. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

There doesn't seem to be a need for a yearly contract with a pest control company, so no action was taken to contract with SureShot Pest Control, LLC.

During the Second Public Comment and Board Comments, Clerk Ruwersma mentioned there will be an election meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014, at 6:45 pm, before the regular meeting.

Trustee Austin had some questions about stray dogs and dogs being neglected in the neighborhood. Deputy Mahar was available to answer his questions. Austin also had some questions about how the ceiling of the pavilion is going to be finished and about how the electrical was installed. Supervisor Roy answered his questions and is in the process of getting quotes for the finishing of the ceiling and wrapping of the posts.

Zoning Official Wilkin asked about picnic tables. Supervisor Roy will check into this and we will discuss it at the next meeting. There was also discussion about having cement slabs made by the pavilion for a port-a-john and a trash receptacle.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:16 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
August 14, 2014