

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 14, 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 July 14, 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 August 11, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately sixteen others were in attendance including Deputy Clerk Michele Bigelow, Planning Commission Members Linda Weger and Les Lillie; County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, and *Daily News* reporter Curtis Wildfong.

During the first Public Comment Commissioner Lindeman gave a brief report on County issues. Attorney Kathleen M. Dunne was present to introduce herself as a candidate on the August 5, 2014 Ballot for the position of 64B District Court Judge.

Mr. Bob Hemmingsen, the Advisory Board President, from the Greenville Optimist Camp, located at 825 South Street, in Greenville, was present advertising the 50th year of the camp. He explained the opportunities for special needs children that are offered at the camp. A Pancake Meal will be served from 10 am to 3 pm on July 26, 2014, at the camp.

Steve Wyckoff from the Montcalm Conservation District & USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service was present to explain what the District does and what they offer free of charge to those in Eureka Township and Montcalm County.

Also during Public Comment, Dale Larsen who lives by the TSC in the north end of the Township was present to complain about the dirt bikes running by his house on the weekends. It was stated by another resident that they are unlicensed dirt bikes and are also ridden in Montcalm Township. The Supervisor stated he will get Deputy Houser to check this out.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the July 14, 2014 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, Posekany, Ruwersma, Hanson, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the June 9, 2014 Board Minutes and the June 19, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as written; and the payment of the bills for the month of June paid in July in the amount of \$61,496.88, covering e-bills 457-470 and checks numbering 13733-13784. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$842,604.72 as of June 30, 2014.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 78 hours for June; the Greenville Transit report showing 204 runs; and the fire report showing 7 fires for the month. There was no building report available.

Deputies Charlie Mahar and Doug Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of June. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,617 patrol miles, with 154.5 patrol hours, 52 traffic stops, 11 traffic citations, 101 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to rescind the motion to gravel resurface West County Line Road from M-57 (Carson City Road) to Baldwin Lake Road (1.25 miles) for \$15,132.00. Motion carried. The Road Commission asked the Township to hold off until next year because Oakfield Township and Kent County have agreed to will help out with this project next year.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to contract with the Road Commission to seal coat with fog seal, Baldwin Lake Road from Slawson Lake Road to East Baldwin Lake Road, (0.7 miles), for \$12,796.00. Ayes: 7, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, Posekany, Ruwersma, Hanson, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera, which has been used as a demo, splitting the cost with the City of Greenville, the Township cost being \$3,500.00. This money would come out of the fire maintenance fund. Ayes: 7, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, Posekany, Ruwersma, Hanson, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to purchase a fourth siren from West Shore Service, Inc., for a cost of \$9,500.00. The location of the siren is suggested for the Burgess Lake area. This money will all be taken out of the police safety fund. Ayes: 7, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, Posekany, Ruwersma, Hanson, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to allow the Assessor and Deputy Assessor to leave at noon on the days they would like to meet for lunch, and then go do field work, instead of staying until 1:00 pm. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the language in Zoning Ordinance 79, Section 3.1 Required Area or Space, D4 and also in Section 15.2 Nonconforming Lots of Record, B4 both to read as follows: ***Individually do not meet the lot width or frontage of 100 feet or other dimensional requirements of this Ordinance and are less than 20,000 square feet.*** Ayes: 7, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, Posekany, Ruwersma, Hanson, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy explained to the Board and the audience that Mr. Tom Faussett recently resigned from his position as Zoning Official of Eureka Charter Township. It was advertised and three resumes came in from Mark Wilkin, Heather Lange, and Robert

Mulholland. Because the only candidate present for an interview was Robert Mulholland, a special meeting to interview more candidates was suggested, and the interview did not take place.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to hold a Special meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2014, at 7:00 pm, to interview any potential candidates for the Zoning Official Position. Motion carried.

During the second public comment, someone asked if the Montcalm Alliance could be put on the agenda for next month.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission Report stating there were three public hearings at the past meeting and explained the results.

There was also much discussion about the safety factors and the noise issue of the many people target shooting in the Township. Supervisor Roy will check into this.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
July 24, 2014