

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014
Approved

Supervisor Rod 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 May 12, 2014, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated all Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Rod Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, and Brad Kelley. These minutes will not be approved until the June 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately eight others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Mark Wilkin and Linda Weger; Deputy Charlie Mahar, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, and Curtis Wildfong from the *Daily News*.

During the first Public Comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave a report on County issues stating that there has been an increase in building activity and permits this month.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the May 12, 2014 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the April 14, 2014 Election Minutes and Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$878,966.24 as of April 30, 2014; and the payment of the April bills in the amount of \$38,241.30 covering e-bills 433-447 and checks numbering 13640-13685.

Also in the consent agenda were the Flat River Library report, the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 92.5 hours for April, and the Greenville Transit report showing 266 runs. There were 2 fires reported that occurred in and near the Eureka Township Cemetery area. No building report was available.

Deputies Charlie Mahar and Douglas Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of April. The sheriff report showed a total of 4,004 patrol miles, with 161 patrol hours, 52 traffic stops, 9 traffic citations, 100 property inspections, and 9 arrests.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve a contract with Hubbert's Home Improvements to provide materials and labor to build the pavilion at Eureka Township in the amount of \$12,942.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief update concerning the township roads and will get with Mark Christensen about the road around Baldwin Lake. The Board decided against paving Montcalm Avenue for now without asking for assistance from Oakfield Township.

Zoning Official Faussett gave a brief update concerning the recent zoning violations. He stated that Mr. Hirschy removed the doublewide on his property but was not be able to get the concrete removed. Hirschy agreed to have the concrete removed by June 1, 2014.

Mr. Faussett also reported that a civil infraction citation was issued to Mr. Chaffee concerning his illegal occupancy at 11644 S. Greenville Road, requesting a formal hearing with the with 64B District Court Judge. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2014.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the issuance of a fireworks permit to Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc., for an aerial display of approximately 2000 fireworks on August 16, 2014, at Klackle Orchards, 11466 W. Carson City Road, Greenville. Motion carried.

The principal from Grattan Academy recently asked the township about the buffer of trees between the township's vacant lot and the school property. They would like to have it removed. Faussett reported that the buffer is on township property and cannot be removed because of township zoning requirements.

Assessor Linda Miller recently resigned (via phone conversation with Supervisor Roy) from her duties as Eureka Township Assessor because of health reasons. Miller said she will submit a resignation letter in the near future.

Last month Eureka Township hired David Hodges from North Woods Lawn Service for lawn care in Eureka Township. Mr. Hodges recently burned leaves at the cemetery instead of bagging and hauling them away, and the Greenville Fire Department needed to go twice to the cemetery to put out fires.

Trustee Pendrick then moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve to dismiss North Woods Lawn Care Service for lawn services at the Eureka Township Hall, the vacant lot, and the Eureka Township Cemetery. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1, Roy. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve for the second bidder of choice, Cory Wilson, for lawn care services at Eureka Township Hall, the lot, and the Eureka Township Cemetery, beginning immediately. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission Meeting update about the recent public hearing, the master plan, and the non-conforming lots.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the re-zoning of the thirty lots listed in the planning commission packet on the following roads: South Greenville, Fairview, Eastern, and Fairway from GC to SR. Motion carried.

During the Second Public and Board Comment it was mentioned that the Township Cleanup Day scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2014, was a huge success. The five

dumpsters were set up on the Township's vacant lots across Jordan Road. Trustees Posekany, Pendrick, and Kelley volunteered to assist Supervisor Roy and all four dumpsters for trash were filled. The one dumpster for steel was also full. Resident Richard Pendrick also helped. Approximately fifty tires were dropped off for a fee of \$1.50 each. A special thank you goes out to all who helped.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve to pay Assessor Linda Miller for the month of May for her work as Assessor. This will be her last paycheck. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
May 21, 2014