

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 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 April 14, 2014, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, it was stated that the following Board Members were present: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, and Brad Kelley. No members were absent. These minutes will not be approved until the May 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately ten others were in attendance including Deputy Doug Houser, Planning Commission Members Mark Wilkin and Linda Weger; County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, City Council Member Fran Schuleit, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, and Curtis Wildfong from the *Daily News*.

At the First Public Comment, Tom Lindeman also gave a brief update on County issues.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve the April 14, 2014 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the March 10, 2014 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$913,016.96 as of March 31, 2014; and the payment of the bills paid in April in the amount of \$36,434.33 covering e-bills 420-432 and checks numbering 13597-13639.

Also in the consent agenda were the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 95 hours for March and the Greenville Transit report showing 313 runs. There were no fire or building reports for the month.

Deputies Charlie Mahar and Douglas Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of March. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,592 patrol miles, with 159 patrol hours, 38 traffic stops, 11 traffic citations, 93 property inspections, and 6 arrests.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the payment of bills for April in the amount of \$36,434.33 covering e-bills 420-432 and checks numbering 13597-13639, even though this was in the consent agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

At the November 11, 2013 Board Meeting, the Board approved an extension date of April 1, 2014, for Mr. Richard Rush to get his property in compliance with Eureka Township Zoning Code; he had too many storage buildings on his property and had been cited with a violation. Zoning Official Faussett informed the Board that he agreed to give Richard and Kathy Rush until May 1, 2014, to get the property in compliance as they are waiting for the snow to melt and the ground to harden up to be able to remove the buildings.

Faussett also informed the Board that Mr. Tom Hirschy plans to remove the doublewide and concrete on his property as soon as the frost laws are lifted. Hirschy had until April 15, 2014, to completely have his project done, but because of the hard winter was not able to do so.

At the March 10, 2014 Board Meeting, the Board approved to allow Tom and Tina Chaffee and their children to temporarily stay at the illegal residency of a commercial property and business located at 11644 S. Greenville Road until June 30, 2014. The condition was that they could pass a building safety code review by the Montcalm County Building Department. They did not pass the code review, where inspector Scott Minard cited several severe safety issues. After the review, they were issued a mandatory evacuation letter on March 13, 2014, giving the Chaffees thirty days to leave. As of this meeting they have not moved out as required, so a civil infraction citation will be issued, requesting a formal hearing with the with 64B District Court Judge to obtain an eviction notification.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve for the following wording to be placed on the August 5 Primary Election Ballot:

**Eureka Charter Township, Montcalm County
Proposition for Renewal of Fire Protection Millage**

This proposition will allow Eureka Charter Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, to continue to levy the previous voted increase on general ad valorem taxes of 0.75 mill, to provide funds for Fire Protection Services in Eureka Charter Township.

Shall Eureka Charter Township renew, at the previous voted increase, up to three-quarter (.75) mill, (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value; example - a property with a taxable value of \$50,000 would be taxed \$37.50 annually for the millage), thereby levying a full three-quarter (.75) mill, for the years 2014 through 2017, inclusive, to provide fire protection services in Eureka Charter Township, which will collect in the first year an estimated total of \$94,195.91?

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve for the following wording to be placed on the August 5 Primary Election Ballot:

**Eureka Charter Township, Montcalm County
Proposition for Renewal of Police Protection Millage**

This proposition will allow Eureka Charter Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, to continue to levy the previous voted increase on general ad valorem taxes of 1 mill, to provide funds for Police Protection and Police Equipment in Eureka Charter Township.

Shall Eureka Charter Township renew, at the previous voted increase, up to one (1) mill, (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value; example - a property with the taxable value of \$50,000 would be taxed \$50.00), thereby levying up to one (1) full mill, for the years 2014 through 2019, inclusive, for additional police protection and police equipment in Eureka Charter Township, which will collect in the first year an estimated total of \$125,594.55?

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the following wording for a Capitalization Policy:

TO COMPLY WITH GASB 34, THE EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHES THE FOLLOWING CAPITALIZATION POLICY:

WHEREAS, ASSETS WITH A COST OF MORE THAN \$5,000.00 WITH A USEFUL LIFE OF 5 YEARS OR MORE WILL BE CAPITALIZED AND ASSETS WITH A COST OF \$5,000.00 OR LESS WILL NOT BE CAPITALIZED OR DEPRECIATED,

WHEREAS, THE ABOVE POLICY WAS ADOPTED BY EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD ON MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014,

WHEREAS, THIS POLICY WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve to contract with North Wood Lawn Service for the 2014 Season for lawn care at the Eureka Township Hall, the vacant lot, and Eureka Township Cemetery. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved with a second by Trustee Pendrick to allow the placement of Memory Stones in the Eureka Township Cemetery. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve Ralph Masonry, Inc., to remove sod on east side of side walk at the Hall and install sand for \$350.00.

Trustee Austin moved with a second by Treasurer Hanson to accept a cash bond from Ralph Masonry, Inc., for \$10,205.00, for the concrete work to be done during the pavilion job. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve to advertise for the construction of the pavilion because the students at the Career Center were not able to construct the pavilion as was previously planned. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to contract with the Road Commission for Montcalm County in 2014 for the following ten road projects:

1. Gravel resurface South County Line Road from River Road to Berridge Road (1.75 miles) for \$21,416.00
2. Gravel resurface West County Line Road from M-57 (Carson City Road) to Baldwin Lake Road (1.25 miles) for \$15,132.00
3. Machine wedge and seal Baker Road from Johnson Road west to the end of pavement (0.6 miles) for \$16,406.00
4. Place a 180# Bituminous Overlay on Spring Valley Court from Wise Road south to the end (0.12 miles), project includes removing material from center of cul-de-sac, replacing with aggregate base and paving with asphalt for \$14,783.00
5. Seal Coat with Fog Seal on Slawson Lake Road from Lynwood Drive to Baldwin Lake Road (0.3 miles) for \$5,666.00
6. Seal Coat with Fog Seal on Alfred Place, Hebert Drive, and Kathryn Drive (0.3 miles) for \$5,242.00
7. Machine wedge and seal River Oaks Drive and River Oaks Circle (0.6 miles) for \$11,573.00
8. Spray brush along local roadsides which will be determined by Eureka Township and Road Commission for \$2,000.00
9. Machine wedge and seal Riverside Drive (0.25 miles) for \$5,104.00
10. Place 7,200 lbs. of Overband Crack Seal Emulsion on locations determined by Eureka Township Supervisor and the Road Commission for a total of \$ 107,178.00.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Township Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2014, from 9 am to 3 pm. Trustees Posekany, Kelley, and Pendrick volunteered to assist Rod Roy during the day. Four dumpsters will be coming for trash and another one from Greenville Steel for metal.

Trustee Austin moved with a second by Trustee Pendrick to offer the disposal of passenger tires (up to 17 inches) for \$1.50 each, payable to Eureka Township on site. Motion carried.

Articles for the Eureka Township Newsletter are still being collected until May 30, 2014.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Maple Valley and Pine Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 7:00 pm at the Settlement Lutheran Church in Gowen.

Jeremy Lawrence from Randy Merren Auto Sales requested a temporary car lot license on property owned by Mr. Merren next to Klackle Orchards to see if it would be a good spot for a car lot. Mr. Faussett stated that currently we do not have any allowances in the Zoning Ordinance for a temporary car sales lot unless the property is brought up to all requirements for parking, curbing, buffering, and other requirements of Ordinance 79. In addition, no temporary buildings or tents would be allowed per the Used Car Lot Ordinance 23. Also, Mr. Faussett stated that currently there is no curb cut onto M-57 which would need to be submitted to and approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Mr. Lawrence said he would contact the M Dot to see if they would allow a temporary curb cut, and get back to the Township.

Trustee Kelley moved with a second by Trustee Pendrick for the Deputy Treasurer to be used at the Township Hall on an as needed basis rather than twice a month as was approved last May. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy mentioned there are many classes coming up including one at the Capitol Building and a workshop for the ZBA; anyone interested needs to let the Clerk know as soon as possible.

The quarterly Profit and Loss statements were distributed.

The yearly audit was conducted on April 7, 8, and 9, 2014, by Kristina Kinde from Abraham and Gaffney, PC. She stated that the Treasurer and Clerk did a fine job managing the Township's records.

During the Audience and Board Comments, Trustee Posekany gave a brief update on the last Planning Commission Meeting.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk

April 23, 2014