

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 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 January 13, 2014, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call found the following Board Members present: 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 February 10, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately fourteen others were in attendance including Deputy Charlie Mahar, Planning Commission Members Mark Wilkin and Linda Weger; Deputy Clerk/Secretary Michele Bigelow, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, *Daily News* reporter Curtis Wildfong, and Greenville City Council Member Fran Schuleit.

During the first Public Comment time, Mr. Thomas Hirschy was present to ask for an extension for the completion of the foundation for his modular, and to waive the citation being assessed to him for violations in having a modular unit on his property without a foundation and also having uncovered piles of concrete on the property.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve to allow Mr. Hirschy to leave the units on the property and to give Mr. Hirschy an extension with the following guidelines in the motion:

By January 20, 2014

- *All revealed insulation and all openings on the modular unit must be covered with plastic to prevent mold
- *All present piles of concrete in the yard must be covered with tarps and kept covered during the process, with all piles being removed by completion

By April 15, 2014 (Completion Date)

- *The proposed concrete foundation must be completed
- *Piles of concrete in the yard must be completely removed
- *A drawing must be provided and a building permit obtained for the conversion of the current residential home to a garage, or the secondary building needs to be removed

Also in the motion, Mr. Hirschy is responsible to pay the previous fine. (If these requirements are met by the dates stated, no additional fines will be issued.)

Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the January 13 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the December 9, 2013 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of

\$617,575.89 as of December 31, 2013; and the payment of bills for January in the amount of \$48,603.95 covering e-bills 383-397 and checks numbering 13477-13517.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 79.5 hours for December; the Greenville Transit report showing 196 runs; and the Building report showing 3 permits for November and 3 permits for December. There was no fire report.

Deputies Doug Houser and Clayton Thomas were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of December. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,582 patrol miles, with 197 patrol hours, 42 traffic stops, 10 traffic citations, 140 property inspections, and 5 arrests.

County Commissioner Lindeman gave a brief report on County issues.

Candy Kerschen, Executive Director of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, was present representing the Montcalm Economic Development Initiative. She gave a thirty-minute presentation promoting economic growth, especially in areas of employment. She stated that the Montcalm Alliance has recommended the placement of .1 mils on the tax roll for a three year period to support regional alignment and to partner with The Right Place Program.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve a 2013 final budget transfer of \$1,500.00 from Fund 101-262-727 Election Supplies to Fund 101-850-715 FICA. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. The final budget for 2013 was distributed.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the following breakdown for ordinance violation fines: initial violation at \$100.00 and each day after that to be considered a new violation with the fine of \$25.00 per day, with a maximum of \$500.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve to amend Ordinance 79, Chapter 15 Non-Conforming Lots, Uses, Buildings, and Structures with several changes concerning signs, zoning districts, and structures to the Ordinance. This was done at the recommendation of the Planning Commission and our Eureka Township attorney. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to re-zone the following parcels in Section 21, 22, and 28 from Agricultural (AG) to Suburban Residential (SR) with Planning Commission recommendation:

59-008-028-001-80, 59-008-028-001-11, 59-008-028-001-20, 59-008-021-052-50, 59-008-021-052-01, 59-008-021-052-21, 59-008-021-051-10, 59-008-022-017-00, 59-008-022-018-00, 59-008-021-052-00, 59-008-021-052-30, 59-008-021-018-00, 59-008-022-014-20, 59-008-022-014-00, 59-008-022-014-30, 59-008-022-013-10, 59-008-022-014-10, 59-008-022-007-30, 59-008-022-008-40, 59-008-022-008-12, 59-008-022-008-30, 59-008-022-008-01, 59-008-022-021-00, 59-008-022-022-32, 59-008-022-022-33, 59-008-022-022-20, 59-008-022-022-10, 59-008-022-022-34,

59-008-022-022-31, 59-008-022-022-40, 59-008-022-022-50, 59-008-022-022-00, 59-008-022-015-20, 59-008-022-015-62, 59-008-022-015-61, 59-008-022-015-63, 59-008-022-015-30, 59-008-022-015-40, 59-008-022-015-50, and 59-008-022-015-00.

Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve to re-zone the following parcels in Section 21 and 22 from Rural Commercial (RC) and Agricultural (AG) to Suburban Residential (SR) with Planning Commission recommendation: 59-008-021-053-00, 59-008-022-014-10, 59-008-021-019-10, 59-008-021-019-00, 59-008-021-019-20, 59-008-021-022-00, 59-008-021-022-00, 59-008-021-022-00, and 59-008-022-014-00. Motion carried.

Montcalm Township Supervisor Michael Adams was present to explain the Federal Signal 2001-130 Public Siren System to Eureka Township and ask if Eureka Township will partner with them on costs.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to partner with Montcalm Township to purchase a Federal Signal 2001-130 Public Siren with the Township's cost being no more than \$4,000.00, which would include the storm siren, hook up, and electric for one siren for approximately four years. This will come out of the Eureka Township Public Safety Fund. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to give Supervisor Roy permission to purchase another storm siren for the south end of the Township not to exceed \$10,000.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief update on the Fire Contract between the City of Greenville and Eureka Township. He stated that the Township's attorney suggested that the Board propose to the City of Greenville for them to take complete authority of recouping the costs for multiple false runs and damaged equipment from township residents, because the City provides fire service to the Township. This would give only one entity supervision of recouping costs.

Trustee Kelley then moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to follow the attorney's recommendation to propose to give the City of Greenville complete legal authority to recoup costs through the Township's Cost Recovery Ordinance #85 which is an ordinance that will allow the Township to recover costs incurred in connection with police, fire, and emergency services; and for multiple false runs. (The City will have to agree with this.) Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy reported that the Road Commission Projects for 2014 that the RCMC will fund for Eureka Township are Baker Road from M-91 to Johnson Road, Johnson Road from Baker Road to Dick Road, and Dick Road from Johnson Road to the County Line. The recommendations for road projects for Eureka Township to fund will be distributed in the next few months for the Board to vote on.

During the Second Public Comment, Montcalm Township Supervisor Michael Adams again asked the Township Board about helping to fund another storm siren near the Montcalm County 4H Fairground.

Trustee Kelley then moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve to partner with Montcalm Township to purchase another Federal Signal 2001-130 Public Siren for the area by the Montcalm County 4H Fairground on the north east end of the Township with Eureka Township to pay percent coverage depending on where it is located. This will also come out of the Public Safety Fund. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley reported that the street light at the corner of Harlow and Youngman Roads keeps flickering. Also the street light on Baker Road at the corner of Palmer Drive turns off when head lights hit it. Secretary Bigelow will let Consumers know about these issues.

The MTA Board of Review workshop in Grand Rapids is scheduled for February 19, 2014, for \$79.00 each, for those wanted to attend. Also Supervisor Roy stated there is a class for the Board of Review on Saturday, February 8, 2014, from 9 to noon, at the Chippewa Hills High School Cafeteria for those in Eureka Township for a total cost of \$35.00.

After Trustee Posekany gave a short update about the last Planning Commission Meeting, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:16 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
January 15, 2014