

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013
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 November 11, 2013, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call found the following Board Members present: 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 December 9, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately ten others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger, Duane Putnam, and Mark Wilkin; County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, City Councilmember Fran Schuleit, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, *Daily News* reporter Curtis Wildfong, and Deputy Charlie Mahar.

During the first Public Comment, Mr. Rush was present and explained to the Board that he has too many storage buildings on his property and has been cited with a violation. He asked for an extension to get his property in compliance.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve for Mr. Rush to get an extension until April 1, 2014, to get his property in compliance with Eureka Township Zoning Code. At the present he has too many storage buildings on his property. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lindeman gave an update concerning County issues. Zoning Official Faussett reported he will no longer be working with attorney Palmer because he has quit doing township work. He will now be dealing with Crystal Morgan from Bloom Sluggett Morgan.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve the items on the November 11, 2013 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the October 14, 2013 Board Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2013 as written; and the payment of bills for October in the amount of \$87,844.53 covering e-bills 365-373 and checks numbering 13390-13428. The Treasurer's report was not available.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 83.5 hours for October; the Greenville Transit report showing 297 runs; the Flat River Library report; the Building report showing 6 permits for August, one for September, and 7 for October. There was no fire report for the month.

Deputies Douglas Houser and Charlie Mahar were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of October. It was reported that they both completed their annual firearms

qualification in October. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,377 patrol miles, with 144.5 patrol hours, 44 traffic stops, 11 traffic citations, 103 property inspections, and 5 arrests.

The Budget Hearing was opened at approximately 7:15 pm. After a few comments and discussion about the budget, the Hearing was closed at approximately 7:18 pm.

Trustee Austin then moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson, to approve the Proposed 2014 Budget as presented with no changes. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing for the Proposed Eureka Township Cost Recovery Ordinance #85 was opened at approximately 7:22 pm. After a few comments and discussion about the ordinance, the hearing was closed at approximately 7:27 pm.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the Cost Recovery Ordinance #85 as presented. It is an ordinance that will allow the Township to recover costs incurred by the Township in connection with police, fire, and emergency services. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing for the Proposed Special Assessment District on Karner Drive was opened at approximately 7:28 pm. After a few comments and discussion about the assessment district, the hearing was closed at approximately 8:37 pm.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to agree to adopt a Special Assessment District for Karner Drive, with the amount to be added to the Winter Tax Bills to be \$150.00 per parcel per year for five consecutive years (2013-2017 inclusive) beginning in December 2013 for the following parcels:

59-008-026-001-51	59-008-026-001-52	59-008-026-001-53	59-008-026-001-54
59-008-026-001-55	59-008-026-001-56	59-008-026-001-57	59-008-026-001-58
59-008-026-001-59	59-008-026-001-60	59-008-026-001-61	59-008-026-001-62

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy gave an update on the new sheriff equipment. The patrol rifle and hand held radar purchased by the Township have both arrived and are now in use by the Township deputies. The payment for the equipment was taken out of the Township Sheriff Fund.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve amending Zoning Ordinance 79, Chapter 14 Landscaping and Screening, Section 14.3 General Landscape Development Standards, adding the following: *H. Pursuant to this Chapter (14) of landscaping and screening, all required items, whether living (e.g., shrubs, lawns) or non-living (e.g. fences, curbs), shall be maintained for posterity by the property owner in all zones. If maintenance is lacking, the Township will send a letter to the property owner stating he has 30 days to begin maintenance, and an additional 30 days to complete maintenance -for a total of 60 days. If maintenance is not completed within this timeframe, the property owner will be in violation of ZO 79.* Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Treasure Hanson to pass a resolution to approve the Eureka Charter Township Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Policy and the Attachments as recommended by the attorney. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the Eureka Charter Township (FOIA) Coordinator Resolution as recommended by the attorney. The Clerk is designated as the FOIA Coordinator, and in the Clerk's absence the Supervisor will fulfill the duties. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to allow the Zoning Official and the Supervisor to make the final decision on waving the zoning permit fee of a non-profit permit fee, to be done on a case by case system for organizations putting up a handicap ramp. Recently Zoning Official Faussett waved the \$30.00 permit fee and also the \$200.00 fine for Habitat for Humanity when they were remodeling a ramp. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to allow the Planning Commission to start working on revising the Master Plan, which needs to be updated by 2015. Motion carried.

After some discussion of what to do with the old orange office chairs, Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick, to approve to sell them for a minimum of \$5.00 each. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Home and Richland Townships will be Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at 7:00 pm.

The Michigan Townships Association Conference will be held in Traverse City on January 28-31, 2014. Those interested in attending need to tell the Clerk by Monday, December 9, 2013.

There was some discussion of installing an intersection warning sign on M-91 just before the intersection of Baker Road to help motorist be aware of the upcoming corner. This will be looked at again in the future.

Ruwersma suggested that additional sidewalks from the pavilion to the front and back doors of the Hall be added to the construction drawing.

The Township has contracted with A & M Lawn Care for snow removal at the Township Hall for the 2013-14 Season.

The Township Christmas Party is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2012, with appetizers at 6:15 pm, and dinner at 6:30 pm, at the Eureka Township Hall.

A total of five positions will expire on December 31, 2013, on the following: Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Library Board; and one vacancy on the

Board of Review will need to be filled. An ad will be placed in the paper, posted on the doors, and put on the Township website advertising for these positions. The six positions will be appointed at the December 9, 2013 Board Meeting.

During Board Member Comments there was some discussion of Township roads and the replacement of street lights.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:38 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
November 18, 2013