

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 September 9, 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, and Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, Elaine Pendrick, and Marty Posekany. These minutes will not be approved until the October 14, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately nine others were in attendance including Deputy Clerk Michele Bigelow, Planning Commission Members Mark Wilkin and Linda Weger, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, City Councilmember Fran Schuleit, Deputy Doug Houser, and the *Daily News* reporter Mike Taylor.

During the first Public Comment Deputy Houser gave a brief police update of August.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the items on the September 9, 2013 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the August 12, 2013 Board Minutes as written and the payment of bills for August in the amount of \$37,492.58 covering E-bills 344-353 and checks numbering 13301-13345. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$741,954.55 as of August 31, 2013.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 98 hours for August; the Greenville Transit report showing 186 runs; the Flat River Library report; Planning Commission report; there were no Building or Fire reports.

Deputies Clayton Thomas and Doug Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of August. The sheriff report showed a total of 4,763 patrol miles, with 210 patrol hours, 77 traffic stops, 17 traffic citations, 146 property inspections, and 5 arrests.

Zoning Official Faussett explained that Eureka Charter Township is accepting bids for site work to prepare the grounds for installation of a pavilion, ten additional parking spaces, and an extension of a water quality basin. He also stated proposal documents will be available on CD at the Eureka Charter Township Hall and bids will be due on Thursday, October 10, 2013. An ad will be in the paper.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin for the Board to continue on with the work of the pavilion to accept bids for the site work and to approve a Storm Water Maintenance Agreement for the property north of the Township Hall. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to allow Mark Wilkin to continue to contact Montcalm Community College concerning students building the pavilion after the bid is awarded. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

A draft copy of Eureka Township Cost Recovery Ordinance #85 was distributed to the Board for them to review and bring back next month with any questions or changes. This ordinance is in connection with the provision of certain police, fire, and emergency services.

Supervisor Roy gave an update of the Township Hall sign estimates and recording equipment estimates. He would like to put these both on hold and bring this up after the pavilion and parking lot are finished.

Supervisor Roy also gave a brief FOIA update stating a new court date of October 18, 2013, has been chosen. The attorneys are negotiating and hopefully the Township and City will be able to come to a settlement before that date, and if that happens, the court date will be cancelled.

Supervisor Roy stated that the following three mining operations have been granted a mining license as required by Eureka Township Mining Ordinance #84: Gerald (Bud) Anderson, Shook Asphalt, and High Grade Materials.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Day and Ferris Townships will be Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 7:00pm.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve setting the 2013 total millage for Eureka Township at 3.0568 mills (0.8068 for permanent operating, 1.0000 for police protection, 0.7500 for fire protection, and 0.5000 for roads). Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve a donation of \$4,800.00 to Tingly & Associates for six corners @ \$800.00 per corner, through the Remonumentation Program, with a State match of six corners, for the completion of the following twelve corners budgeted in 2014: H-13, I-12, I-13, J-11, J-13, K-10, K-11, K-12, K-13, L-11, L-13, and M-12. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustees Kelly and Pendrick along with Supervisor Roy volunteered to work at the September 14, 2013 Cleanup Day. Four dumpsters from Knight Transfer Services will be delivered and also one dumpster for the metal from Greenville Steel.

During the Second Public Comment Commissioner Tom Lindeman gave a brief update on County issues. Many thank you notes were received from residents thanking the Board for not adopting an ordinance concerning the LGBT citizens.

Supervisor Roy mentioned that Mr. Don Smucker is retiring as the Land Use Educator in Montcalm County. He also stated Mr. Reed Christensen from Aflac Insurance will be in next month to discuss Health Care Reform with Board members. Also, Mrs. Cindy Hanson was congratulated for her recent contribution to the Boy Scouts of America this summer.

After Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:52pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
September 12, 2013