

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013
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 13, 2013, 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 June 10, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately nine others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Mark Wilkin and Linda Weger; Deputy Doug Houser, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, Greenville City Councilmember Fran Schuleit, and County Commissioner Tom Lindeman.

During the first Public Comment, Brian Zavis, President of the Autumn Ridge Development, was present with questions concerning an issue in the development. An adjoining resident in a platted lot wants to buy a lot within the development and combine it with his own to put up an accessory building. This is not allowed because the one lot is within a condominium development and the other is a platted residential lot. There are 25 empty lots at this time, and lot #38 is the one in question.

Zoning Official Faussett then asked Zavis to put this complaint down in writing and send it to him along with a copy of the master deed and the rules of the association. Faussett stated that he will also get legal counsel on this issue.

Also during comment time, Commissioner Lindeman gave an update on County issues and Tom Faussett asked about charging interest on past due penalties and fees in the Township.

Trustee Kelley then moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick for the Township to charge a 1% interest per month on past due penalties and fees of 60 days or more. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Deputy Houser talked about some scheduling changes for the Montcalm County Sheriff Department. These changes will not affect Eureka Township at all. He also mentioned that Deputy Charles Mahar has recently been assigned to Eureka Township.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the May 13, 2013 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the April 8, 2013 Board Minutes and April 11 Special Meeting Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$895,474.70 as of April 30, 2013; and the payment of the April bills in the amount of \$66,786.58 covering e-bills 309-317 and checks numbering 13119-13168.

Also in the consent agenda were the Flat River Library report, the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 83 hours for April, and the Greenville Transit report showing 178 runs. There were 2 fires reported for the month, but no building report was available.

Deputies Clayton Thomas and Doug Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of April. The sheriff report showed a total of 4,196 patrol miles, with 178.5 patrol hours, 48 traffic stops, 9 traffic citations, 108 property inspections, and 8 arrests.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission Meeting update. He also stated that Wednesday, May 15, 2013, will be Lee Gilman's last meeting as a Planning Commission Member/Chairperson as Gilman is moving out of the Township.

Trustee Pendrick moved with a second by Trustee Posekany to allow Deputy Treasurer Deb Carnahan to come in to the Township Hall twice a month on Fridays year round, rather than on a needed basis. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1, Ruwersma. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma also mentioned that part-time Secretary Renee Fountain was back from Florida and she will be working some this summer along with Secretary Bigelow, mostly on separate days.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to make a final payoff to PNC Equipment Finance for the Eureka Township fire truck in the amount of \$83, 941.34, or whatever the payoff will be when they contact the Clerk. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. The Township has had a lease agreement on the truck since 2008.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve for Supervisor Roy to sign the settlement letter drafted by our attorney to the Montcalm Circuit Court stating the City and Township each pay their own attorney fees, with the Township waiving the \$400.00 FOIA fee for the document requested, and the Township agreeing to review the current FOIA policy to ensure FOIA compliance. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy gave an update concerning the Mersen Annexation. The meeting regarding the Approval or Rejection of the Annexation request by Mersen concerning the Minutes of the State Boundary Commission Sufficiency Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 1:30pm at Okemos. Roy and Faussett are planning to attend, and any Board member is also welcomed to attend.

During the Second Public and Board Comment Clerk Ruwersma mentioned that the Township Cleanup Day scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2013, was a huge success. The five dumpsters were set up on the Township's vacant lots across Jordan Road. Trustees Posekany and Kelley volunteered to assist Supervisor Roy and all four dumpsters for trash were filled. The one dumpster for steel was about half full. Resident Rosemary Posekany also assisted at the Cleanup Day. A special thank you goes out to all who helped.

There was also discussion about the following: the recent ZBA meeting concerning the amount of homes on a private drive, the proposed pavilion, and the mining issue.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:17pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
May 16, 2013