

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 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 January 14, 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 February 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately eleven others were in attendance including Deputy Ben Fryc, Planning Commission Members Mark Wilkin and Linda Weger; Deputy Clerk/Secretary Michele Bigelow, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, Zoning Board of Appeals Members Duane Putnam and Richard Pendrick; Daily News reporter Kelli Ameling, and Greenville City Council Member Fran Schuleit.

During the first Public Comment time, Mark Wilkin gave an update on his project trying to obtain a grant for the pavilion.

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

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the December 10, 2012 Board Minutes as written with a spelling correction for the name of Doug *Hinken* which was instead as written as Doug *Hinkle*. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$583,539.36 as of December 31, 2012; and the payment of bills for January in the amount of \$47,483.62, covering e-bills 273-281 and checks numbering 12692-12998.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 80.5 hours for December; the Greenville Transit report showing 175 runs; the Building report showing 7 permits for November; and the fire report showing 4 incidents for December.

Deputies Justin Schafer and Clayton Thomas were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of December. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,827 patrol miles, with 173 patrol hours, 61 traffic stops, 34 traffic citations, 105 property inspections, and 1 arrest.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the Eureka Charter Township Mining Ordinance #84 as a Regulatory Ordinance as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 2. Austin and Kelley. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the renewal of the Eureka Township Insurance Policy with Pinnacle Insurance for 2013-2014 with an

increase of \$166.00 for inflation and adding additional liability coverage for the two vacant lots for \$144.00, for a total of \$4,172.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve the renewal of the Eureka Township Sheriff Contract with Montcalm County for 2013-2015 in the amount of \$142,000.00 per year for two full time deputies per week. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve the following changes to the Eureka Township Hall Rental Policy: To include a military discount of 10% off the regular hall rental fee and extending the event ending time from 10:00pm to 11:00pm. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to appoint Duane Putnam to the Planning Commission as a temporary interim member or to finish a term ending December 31, 2015, whichever comes first. Ayes: 4. Nays: 3. Ruwersma, Roy, and Austin. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the General Appropriations Act for 2013 as presented in last month's packet. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

If anyone is interested in attending the Montcalm Placement Workshop scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2013, at the Montcalm Intermediate School District in Stanton, please notify the Township Office by February 6, 2013.

Profit and Loss statements were distributed for January 2013 and the final budget for 2012.

During the Second Public Comment Zoning Official Faussett mentioned that he would check with the Mid-Michigan Health Department concerning water testing regulations for the Hall, as the hall is periodically rented out. He will report back next month.

Treasurer Hanson stated that we have received the acceptance letter from Abraham & Gaffney for the 2012 Audit and that Deputy Treasurer Harriet Lillie sent a thank you note thanking the Township for her many years of service with the Township and for her gift and flowers. Treasurer Hanson appointed Deb Carnahan as her new Deputy Treasurer. She also stated she has been re-appointed by the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners to the CIS Oversight Committee with the term ending December 31, 2014.

Supervisor Roy stated there is a class for the Board of Review on Saturday, February 16, 2013, at the Chippewa Hills High School Cafeteria for a total cost of \$35.00 for the Township for any BOR members wishing to attend.

During Correspondence Trustee Pendrick stated she would like to check into a program concerning organic waste she saw advertised in the Grand Rapids Press.

At approximately 8:07pm, Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve for the Board to go into Closed Session about issues dealing with Township/attorney confidentiality concerning the Mersen Annexation and also about the FOIA from the City of Greenville dated September 17, 2012. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board went into Closed Session at approximately 8:09pm.

The Closed Session was brought back to an Open Meeting at approximately 8:40pm.

Treasure Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve a resolution with Chemical Bank updating the Signature cards. Motion carried.

The Township drafted a letter regarding the meeting scheduled for February 14, 2013, at 4:00pm at the Greenville City Hall concerning the Mersen Annexation and the State Boundary Commission. A township resident volunteered to deliver this letter to local residents, encouraging them to attend.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to allow this letter to be delivered to local residents by the volunteer township resident if needed. Motion carried.

After Trustee Posekany gave a short update about the last Planning Commission Meeting, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:52pm.

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