

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012**  
**Approved**

Supervisor Laura Shears, at the Eureka Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI, called the Regular Meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Board to order on December 10, 2012, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call found the following Board Members present: Supervisor Laura Shears, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Rodney Roy, Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the January 14, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately 20 others were in attendance including Secretary/Deputy Clerk Michele Bigelow, Deputy Treasurer Harriet Lillie, Planning Commission Members Linda Weger, Lee Gilman, Marty Posekany, and Mark Wilkin; County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, and Deputy Justin Schafer.

Supervisor Shears welcomed the new Board Members, Trustees Brad Kelley and Jeremy Austin. She also recognized honoree Harriet Lillie as she will be retiring by the end of this year from being Deputy Treasurer.

During the first Public Comment, Patrick Fry had a complaint about the maintenance on South County Line Road. Supervisor Shears said she would call the Road Commission to report this.

Doug Hinken gave a presentation about the triathlon set for Saturday, June 1, 2013, 8:00am in the Greenville area. It is proposed to take place at the Baldwin Lake beach. The adult event would include swimming ¼ mile, biking 11.8 miles, and running 3.1 miles around Baldwin Lake. Two youth events will also be scheduled. Sign up will begin January 2013, for the first 400 in each event. Many issues including parking, police protection, and fees are still being worked on. Proceeds will go to the Greenville Recreation Department.

Treasurer Cindy Hanson gave Deputy Treasurer Harriet Lillie a plaque honoring her for over thirty years of service for Eureka Township beginning in 1966.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Roy to approve the items on the December 10, 2012 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the November 12, 2012 Board Minutes as written and the payment of the bills for November in the amount of \$89,654.44 covering e-bills 262-272 and checks numbering 12903-12961. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$636,941.78 as of November 30, 2012.

The consent Agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 93.5 hours for November; the Greenville Transit report showing 193 runs; the Flat River Library report; and the fire report showing 7 fires for the month.

Deputies Justin Schafer and Clayton Thomas were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of November. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,675 patrol miles, with 148.5 patrol hours, 56 traffic stops, 20 traffic citations, 90 property inspections, and 6 arrests.

Trustee Roy moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick for the mining committee to meet the week of December 17 and have the mining ordinance ready for the January meeting to make a recommendation to the Board. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1, Kelley. Motion carried.

Last month the Board agreed to send the approved draft of a PA 425 Agreement for annexation of the Mersen property to the City of Greenville for their review and approval. The City counteroffered 3 mills until the property is developed, then .5 mills thereafter for a term of 25 years using a 108 Urban Cooperation Act. The Board did not accept this. The Public Hearing set for January 14, 2013, is postponed until an agreement is made.

Trustee Roy moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to respond back to the City with a PA 425 Agreement concerning the Mersen Property immediately for 6 mills until the property is developed, then 3 mills thereafter for a term of 25 years, excluding the three residential lots on Backus Road which will stay in the Township. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Zoning Official Tom Faussett reported to the Board about an illegal residential building located at 9058 Mason Road owned by Robert Prentice. Mr. Prentice asked for an extension to allow his son to continue living in the illegal structure until April 30, 2013. Trustee Roy moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to give Mr. Prentice until January 1, 2013, to vacate if the building official from the Montcalm County Building Department determines it to be unsafe and issues a condemnation letter. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Roy to approve the following:

**Banks**-Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank, Isabella Bank & Trust, Chemical Bank Montcalm, Choice One, Cutwater Investments Management, and Multi Bank Security  
**Monthly Board Meeting dates, time, and place**-The second Monday of each month, 7:00pm, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI  
**Board of Review dates and times for 2013** will be March 5; March 12, and 13, from 9am to noon and 4:30pm to 7:30pm; July 16 and December 10

**Maintenance**-(1) Linda Ruwersma to clean the Township Hall with each worker being responsible for their own office and Linda will clean the remaining part of the Hall  
(2) Jon Kooi for lawn care at the Eureka Township Cemetery, the Hall, and lots across Jordan Road on S. Greenville Road owned by the Eureka Township

**Attorneys**-(1) Richard Palmer (2) Bauckham, Sparks, Rolfe, Lohrstorfer, & Thall, PC  
(3) Bloom Sluggett Morgan

**Audit**: Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. for the 2012 audit Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Roy moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the following appointments for the Board of Review, each for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2013, running through December 31, 2014: Lee Gilman, Mark Wilkin, and Linda Weger; first alternate Michele Bigelow and second alternate Randy Klepper. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to re-appoint Maureen Burns as the Eureka Township representative to a four-year term on the Flat River Community Library Board beginning January 1, 2013, running through December 31, 2016. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Montcalm Placemaking Workshop will be held Thursday, February 28, 2013, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm in Stanton. Anyone interested should contact Secretary Bigelow.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Pine and Douglas Townships will be Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at 7:00pm.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the Proposed 2013 Fee Schedule as written with the following additions/changes: Zoning Board of Appeals petition fee raised to \$270.00; Planning Commission Secretary \$100.00 if not taking minutes; PC Recording Secretary \$50.00 per meeting; Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, and other clerical \$10.25 hourly under clerical. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to make a budget transfer of \$13,500.00 from Contingency Fund 101-250-715 transferring \$7,000.00 into Township Hall Maintenance 101-265-930 and \$6,500.00 into Law Enforcement 101-301-000. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lindeman gave an update concerning County issues encouraging the audience to get a flu shot. He also mentioned that the Building Department is seeing an increase in building and renovations.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to appoint John Kerschen to be the Eureka Township representative on the Greenville Area Community Foundation, Mr. Bill Brahman had recently retired and recommended Mr. Kerschen. Motion carried.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to go into Closed Session at approximately 9:09pm concerning a personnel issue. Motion carried.

The closed session was brought back to the public at approximately 9:16pm.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to have Trustee Roy abstain from voting on the issue of appointing him as interim Supervisor which was previously discussed in the Closed Session. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to appoint Trustee Roy as interim Supervisor beginning January 1, 2013. Supervisor Shear's doctor has recommended she take a medical leave of absence from her position as Township Supervisor. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1, Roy. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with second by Trustee Kelley to appoint Marty Posekany as interim Trustee to the Eureka Township Board replacing Trustee Rod Roy and also as the Township Board liaison from the Planning Commission, all beginning January 1, 2013. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears briefly explained the Aflac Plan offered to appointed and elected officials for Eureka Township and then adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:28pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
December 18, 2012