

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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 October 8, 2012, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call found the following Board Members present: Supervisor Laura Shears, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Trustees Rodney Roy, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. Trustee Brian Zayler arrived late at 7:12pm. Treasurer Cindy Hanson was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the November 12, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately sixteen others were in attendance including Secretary Renee Fountain, Planning Commission Members Mark Wilkin, Lee Gilman, Michele Bigelow, Tim Reno, and Linda Weger; County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, and Deputy Justin Schafer.

During the first Public Comment Tim Reno read a campaign statement supporting Mike Huckleberry who is running for State Representative at the November 6, 2012 Election.

Trustee Brian Zayler arrived late at 7:12pm. Also during the comment time, Commissioner Lindeman gave an update concerning County issues. He stated that the recycling is doing well

A complaint was made about riders riding five or six wide during the recent Tour de Donut bicycle race on River Road. It was agreed that the danger of this should be brought to Mr. Klackle's attention. A letter will be sent to Mr. Klackle and also to Mrs. Candace Larkin, who the complaint came from.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve the items on the October 8, 2012 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the September 10, 2012 Board Minutes as written and the payment of the bills for September in the amount of \$93,699.66 covering e-bills 246-254 and checks numbering 12814-12854. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$780,253.82 as of September 30, 2012.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 82 hours for September; the Greenville Transit report showing 187 runs; the Flat River Library report; and the Building report showing 3 permits for August. There was no fire report.

Deputies Justin Schafer and Doug Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of September. The sheriff report showed a total of 5,461 patrol miles, with 228.5 patrol hours, 58 traffic stops, 28 traffic citations, 213 property inspections, and 8 arrests.

Tracy Pritchard from the Montcalm County Remonumentation Program was present to answer questions about the program. Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve a donation of \$1,400.00 for two corners, with a State match of two corners, for the completion of the four following corners: D11, H11, M8, and M10. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to keep the Neofunds by Neopost postage machine for Eureka Township. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

When discussing the Mersen USA Annexation, Laura Shears explained to the audience that the Township Board had voted last month to have the Township's attorney negotiate for a PA425 Agreement for annexation of the Mersen Property. This month the Township Attorney contacted City Manager George Bosanic and they discussed the Township's request for development of a PA425 Agreement for annexation of the Mersen property. Mr. Bosanic stated that the City preferred a PA108 Agreement which immediately transfers property before it is developed. It was left that the City would provide our attorney with a proposal to begin negotiations for the transfer of the Mersen property using a PA425 agreement. At the meeting, a Mersen employee, Mitch Taylor, stated that they wanted the annexation to occur so they would not need to work with two separate governmental bodies for future expansion, and he wondered why the City and the Township were not moving forward. Laura explained that the Township was more than willing to enter into negotiations for future annexation of the Mersen property using a PA425 Agreement as suggested by our attorney. This is generally the standard means for transfers of this sort to take place between two governmental bodies.

Mr. Mark Wilkin handed out a rough draft of the proposed Mining Ordinance #84 with the attorney's changes. The Board is asked to review the Ordinance and bring it back next month for more discussion.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Cato and Belvidere Townships will be Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at 7:00pm.

Michele Bigelow was the only one present for an interview for the position of seasonal part-time secretary for Eureka Township.

Mr. Roy then moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve to hire Michele Bigelow as the Eureka Township seasonal part-time secretary, beginning training immediately. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to hire Randy Jensen to do the interior painting, and some outdoor painting at the Township Hall for \$3,235.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears mentioned to the Board to paint a mural of an American flag on the wall behind the table for \$300.00. The Board decided against it.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to purchase forty chairs, an easel, and a screen from Arrow Swift. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to purchase two tables that match the previous ones owned by the Township. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve to make a 2012 Budget Transfer of \$38,000.00 from the General Fund to Budget Fund 101-265-970 Land Improvements. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Tom Faussett identified a severe blighted property located at 8949 Eugene Street, Greenville, that he has not been able to identify the owner of the property. The County shows the property as owned by Sandra Antoine, but when a letter was forwarded to her she stated that she has not owned the property for over two years, and she has no responsibility for cleaning up the property. Upon further investigation, a company called Core Logic was paying the property taxes, but when contacted they refused to identify the lending institution in ownership of the property. In order to clean up the property, Mr. Faussett asked for suggestions for getting the property cleaned up. It was suggested that a realtor may be able to help and that Core Logic should be sent a letter stating that they are in violation of our Blight Ordinance. Mr. Faussett will follow up with these suggestions and report back to the board at the November meeting.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to set the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2013 Budget for November 12, 2012, at 7:00pm during the November Board Meeting. The Hearing is to entertain comments from residents concerning the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013. A completed copy of the Proposed 2013 Budget will be available for Public Review on November 2, 2012, at the Eureka Township Hall, M-F, 9am to 1pm.

After no other public comments, Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:03pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
October 9, 2012

