

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 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 September 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, and Trustees Rodney Roy and Marty Posekany. Trustees Brian Zayler and Elaine Pendrick were absent. These minutes will not be approved until the October 8, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately eleven others were in attendance including Secretary Renee Fountain, Planning Commission Members Mark Wilkin and Linda Weger, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, and Deputy Justin Schafer.

During the first Public Comment Deputy Justin Schaffer stated that a new deputy will be assigned to Eureka Township, taking Deputy Houser's place. Commissioner Lindeman gave an update concerning County issues. He stated that the County auction will be held September 25, 2012, with a minimum bid of \$50.00 per property; check the County web site for details. Also, Mr. Wilkin suggested the Township construct the pavilion on the existing cement slab on the lot across the street, if we decide to proceed with the project.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve the items on the September 10, 2012 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the August 13, 2012 Board Minutes as written and the payment of bills for August in the amount of \$33,018.22, covering e-bills 240-245 and checks numbering 12766-12813. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$756,135.95 as of August 31, 2012.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 101 hours for August; the Greenville Transit report showing 166 runs; the Flat River Library report; and the Building report showing 7 permits for July. There was no fire report for the month.

Deputies Justin Schafer and Doug Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of August. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,869 patrol miles, with 154.5 patrol hours, 46 traffic stops, 17 traffic citations, 123 property inspections, and 5 arrests.

There was some discussion about the previous mining meetings concerning Mining Ordinance #84. Mr. Faussett stated that progress was going well. It will likely be October before it is complete. They would like it to be approved before the first of the year so licenses can be issued to the existing mining operations.

Montcalm County Resource Coordinator Jacob Rytlewski was present to give a presentation about the recycling program in Montcalm County. He stated that each 8yd container cost \$265.00 per month @ 1 dump per week. There has been 100% satisfaction, but cost is the issue. This would be something for Eureka Township to think about if we wanted a recycling site here in the future.

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

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve setting the 2012 total millage for Eureka Township at 3.0568 mills (0.8068 for permanent operating, 1.0 for police protection, 0.7500 for fire protection, and 0.5000 for roads). Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve to pass a resolution to not reimburse for tax over-payments under \$5.00. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Last month the Board voted to hire Michele Bigelow as the Eureka Township Secretary beginning December 1, 2012. In the past we have advertised for this position, therefore, Mrs. Hanson then moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to advertise for the Township Secretary part time seasonal position. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

After a lengthy discussion about the problems of the Baldwin Lake Sewer System, Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve to have an attorney look over the Baldwin Lake Assessment Agreement between Eureka Charter Township and the City of Greenville. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Zoning official Faussett attended a Dangerous Building Ordinance Hearing with Scott Minard, Hearings Officer, on August 29, 2012. Mr. Minard declared the buildings on the property at 6600 S. Greenville Road, dangerous and a letter was sent to the Township Board giving the owner, Francis Rieckman, until October 8, 2012, to raze the buildings on this property or the Township would take competitive bids to remove the buildings and a lien will be placed on the property. In addition, the Township Board will likely sue the owner in court to get a ruling on reimbursement to the Township, so the owner's assets may be taken to pay for the removal of the buildings and associated legal and administrative fees.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve to add Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. to the Township list of banks. Ayes: 4. Nays: 1, Posekany. Motion carried.

After it was brought to the Supervisor's attention about the amount the Zoning Board of Appeals was being paid per meeting, Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve to increase the Zoning Board of Appeals wages from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per meeting for regular members and from \$35.00 to \$60.00 for the ZBA chair and secretary. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

During Board and Public Comment, Trustee Roy reported that the Township Cleanup Day held on Saturday, September 8, 2012, was a success. Secretary Fountain had helped him at the Cleanup.

Also during comment time, Mr. Lillie brought it to the Board's attention that he felt we were not using the proper procedure by not using an annexation committee to negotiate the PA425 with the City as in the past. He also stated that road work will begin on M-91 south of Greenville on Tuesday, September 11, 2012.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25pm

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
September 17, 2012