

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 August 13, 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, Brian Zayler, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the September 10, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately ten others were in attendance including Secretary Renee Fountain, Planning Commission Member Mark Wilkin, Zoning Board of Appeals Members Richard Pendrick and Randy Klepper; County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Assessor Linda Miller, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, and Deputy Doug Houser.

Commissioner Lindeman gave an update concerning County issues. He stated that a lot of properties did not sell in the County Auction. Another auction will be held soon with no minimum bid for the properties.

Assessor Linda Miller stated that Attorney Crystal Morgan is negotiating a tax tribunal appeal for the Township concerning back taxes for 2010, 2011, and 2012 for Tinney Chevrolet.

After some discussion, Mrs. Hansen moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve to form a committee including Supervisor Shears and Trustee Roy along with Assessor Miller to discuss with Attorney Crystal Morgan the negotiations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. They plan to meet at August 14, 2012, at 9:00am to start discussing this because they are pressed for time on this issue.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve the August 13, 2012 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the July 9, 2012 Election Minutes and Board Minutes as written and the payment of the bills for July in the amount of \$36,609.82 covering e-bills 232-239 and checks numbering 12711-12767. It also approved two Treasurer's reports submitted with an ending balance of \$758,202.03 as of June 30; and \$771,665.92 as of July 31, 2012.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 75.5 hours for July; the Greenville Transit report showing 94 runs. The building report showed 3 permits for May and 5 permits for June. There was no fire report.

Deputies Justin Schafer and Doug Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of July. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,885 patrol miles, with 148 patrol hours, 47 traffic stops, 18 traffic citations, 94 property inspections, and 10 arrests.

There was some discussion about the previous mining meetings concerning Mining Ordinance #84. Trustee Posekany stated that progress was going well but it will likely take a few additional meetings before a revised ordinance will be available for the Board to review.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Eureka and Sidney Townships will be Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 7:00pm at the Heritage Village.

Secretary Fountain checked into a digital mailing system for Eureka Township. Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to try the Neopost Postage Meter IJ40 for three months free of charge, only paying for the postage we use. If we are happy with the machine we will contract with Neopost after the free trial period. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to amend Swimming Pool Ordinance #46 paragraph I. to omit “*capable of holding in excess of 500 gallons of water and.*” Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Zayler moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to amend Zoning Ordinance #79, concerning real estate signs in Chapter 13 Signs, Section 13.4 General Sign Provisions, A4. omitting “*not exceeding four square feet.*” Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to send Zoning Ordinance #79 back to Planning Commission concerning Section 13.4 G-Electronic Sign Regulations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

A resident requested that we check into a light at the corner of Youngman Road and M-57 because it is such a dangerous intersection. Supervisor Shears will bring this to M-Dot and maybe even ask them if there could be a no left turn sign put at the intersection.

Zoning Official Faussett brought up the issue of several properties in Eureka Township that are in violation of severe blight on homes not lived in.

Mr. Posekany then moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to enforce the Dangerous Building Ordinance on the homes that have been sited and any more in the future. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

During the second public comment Mr. Faussett brought up the situation with the Mercen USA Annexation and the differences between the Public Act 108 and Public Act 425. The Board is discussing a PA 425 Agreement rather than the PA 108 Agreement.

Mrs. Hanson then moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to have attorney firm Bloom Sluggget Morgan represent Eureka Township negotiating with the City for a PA 425 Agreement, with the attorney reporting back to the Township with the results. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The MTA District meeting will be Monday, September 10, 2012, in Grand Rapids. Notify the Clerk by August 14, 2012, if you plan to attend.

Clerk Ruwersma stated that Secretary Fountain will be leaving the first part of December for the winters and will need a new Deputy Clerk and another secretary. She suggested that Michele Bigelow take Fountain's place and to not advertise for this position because of the experience that Michele has in the office and with the elections. Ruwersma also asked if Michele could start training after Labor Day.

Mrs. Pendrick then moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to hire Michele Bigelow as the Eureka Township Secretary beginning December 1, 2012, and start training with Secretary Fountain and Clerk Ruwersma after September 4, 2012. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

There was also some discussion concerning who in the Township should be able to contact Michigan Township Association regarding questions about our Township.

Mr. Posekany then moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler for all those who are elected and appointed that would like to call MTA, to notify the Township Supervisor that they are going to contact MTA. Ayes: 5. Nays: 2, Roy and Hanson. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick for Treasurer Hanson to attend the Microsoft Excel 2010 in Greenville, September 18 & 20, 2012, and anyone else who would like to. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears thanked the Board for the flowers and prayers for her while she was sick and then adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:28pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
August 20, 2012

