

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 14, 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 May 14, 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, Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, and Brian Zayler. These minutes will not be approved until the June 11, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately seven others were in attendance including Secretary Renee Fountain, Planning Commission Members Mark Wilkin and Linda Weger; Zoning Board of Appeals Member Richard Pendrick, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, Greenville City Councilmember Fran Schuleit, and County Commissioner Tom Lindeman.

During the first Public Comment Commissioner Lindeman gave an update on County issues and stated that the Brownfield Grants are still available. He also stated that Thomas Porter was recently appointed to the Fifth District Commissioner replacing the late Carl Paepke.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the May 14 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the April 9, 2012 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$776,632.75 as of April 30, 2012; and the payment of the bills paid in April in the amount of \$34,165.83 covering e-bills 210-216 and checks numbering 12577-12614.

Also in the consent agenda were Flat River Library report, the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 83 hours for April, and the Greenville Transit report showing 258 runs. The building report showed 3 permits for the month of April and there was one fire reported for the month.

Deputies Justin Schafer and Doug Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of April. The sheriff report showed a total of 4,515 patrol miles, with 157 patrol hours, 41 traffic stops, 150 traffic citations, 110 property inspections, and 6 arrests.

A Mining committee was formed with the following members: Mark Wilkin, Marty Posekany, Jim Sturris, Lee Gilman, and Laura Shears. They will meet periodically to develop the wording for a Mining Ordinance for Eureka Township.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve to allow the Fraternal Order of Eagles to serve alcohol on the deck of their restaurant. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1, Ruwersma. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Maple Valley and Pierson Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at 7:00pm. The Montcalm Townships Association has approved to hold their dinner/meetings bimonthly instead of monthly for 2012, so there is no dinner/meeting in May. Eureka Township will be hosting the August meeting along with Sidney Township at the Heritage Village in Sidney.

Mr. Wilkin gave a report about the proposed Montcalm Community College Advanced Tech Center to be built in Greenville where the old Montcalm County fairground was located.

The Board agreed to have Mr. Faussett send out a letter to contractors to solicit bids for the demolition and cleanup of the newly purchased township property. Mr. Faussett also agreed to send out a letter to the County asking if the newly purchased property could be accepted as a new recycling site for Montcalm County.

Presently there are temporary recycling mobile sites set up at Sheridan, Stanton, Carson City, Crystal, Edmore, and Lakeview in Montcalm County from May 1, 2012, to July 31, 2012. A permanent drop off is in Howard City open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Township Cleanup Day that was scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2012, was a huge success. Trustees Posekany and Zayler volunteered to assist and all five dumpsters were filled; one for steel and the other four for trash.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve Bloom, Sluggett & Morgan, located at 15 Ionia Avenue SW, Suite 640, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 as another law firm for Eureka Township. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve to allow a Special Land Use permit for an archery and pistol range to Kevin Martin at 6227 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, which is in General Commercial. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve a restaurant and bar with liquor license in Rural Commercial, with Special Use Permit, Zoning Ordinance 79, Chapter 8, and Section 8.3. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1, Ruwersma. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve to add the following to Liquor License Ordinance #78-B, Section 2.0-B16 to read as follows: *Before carrying on any business selling or serving beer, wine, or spirits for consumption on the premise the requester shall pay a one-time fee to the Township Clerk which is set annually by the Township Board.* Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

During the Second Public and Board Comment Clerk Ruwersma announced that she has nominating petitions for those wishing to have their names on the August Primary Ballot, which are to be turned into the Clerk by 4:00pm, Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

Also Supervisor Shears informed the Board that there were four parcels annexed into the City and the City never got the proper paper work and the State said we should get it back. The City has been collecting the taxes for some up to 30 years. The Board decided to let the back taxes go and not collect them from the City.

Dr. Kurtze wants to be on the agenda for the June 11, 2012 Meeting. His taxes were delinquent, he claims, because of Mrs. Hanson mailing his taxes to the wrong address.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:11pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
May 15, 2012