

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 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 April 9, 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 May 14, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately 23 others were in attendance including Deputy Justin Schafer, Secretary Renee Fountain, Planning Commission Members Mark Wilkin and Linda Weger; Zoning Board of Appeals Member Randy Klepper, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Library Representative Ann Roberts, and Zoning Official Tom Faussett.

There was nothing said during the First Public Comment.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve the April 9 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the March 12, 2012 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$642,512.05 as of March 31, 2012; and the payment of the bills paid in April in the amount of \$55,455.60 covering e-bills 201-209 and checks numbering 12530-12576.

Also in the consent agenda were the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 94 hours for March and the Greenville Transit report showing 259 runs. There were 9 fires reported for the month.

Deputies Kevin Germain and Doug Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of March. The sheriff report showed a total of 4,163 patrol miles, with 155 patrol hours, 36 traffic stops, 21 traffic citations, 95 property inspections, and 6 arrests.

Mr. Wilkin gave a report about the proposed pavilion. He brought in quotes from Versatile Home Improvement for \$8,880.00 and A & J Construction for \$8,430.00. There was some discussion if the pavilion and playground would even be used, and if the Township should spend the money on this project.

Mr. Posekany then moved; with a second by Mr. Zayler to hold off on the building of the pavilion and put a survey in the June newsletter asking residents if they are in favor of a pavilion. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Home and Richland Townships is the Annual Event with a silent auction and is scheduled for

Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at 7:00pm. The Montcalm Townships Association has approved to hold their dinner/meetings bimonthly instead of monthly for 2012, so there was no dinner/meeting in March.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve the Planning Commission's recommendations to amend Zoning Ordinance 79 concerning all farming operations in Eureka Township in the following Sections: 2.6; 3.8; 3.9; 3.14; 3.19; 6.2; 6.3; 6.4; 6.5; 6.6; 7.2; and 12.7. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Township Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2012. Trustees Posekany, Zayler, and Roy volunteered to assist.

The public hearing for the proposed Eureka Charter Township Regulatory Ordinance #84 Mining was opened at approximately 7:25pm. A draft copy was distributed to the Board in February concerning the purpose, licensing, and fees of the ordinance. Changes were made at the March Meeting and discussed again concerning the conducting of open mining in Eureka Township. There were several public comments from Thomas Hitch representing Shook Asphalt and Anderson Gravel Company; and Stanley Stek from Miller Canfield representing High Grade Material Company. The owners of the operations do not want the Board to adopt anything tonight, but to step back and consider the operational impact of the imposed new regulations on the businesses. House Bill 4746 talks about the reasonable regulations of township government in accommodating customary mining operations. The reason this issue was even brought up was because Governor Snyder changed the rules concerning mining operations. The hearing was closed at approximately 7:47pm.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to create a committee to work directly with the owners of the mining operations and draft an ordinance accordingly. With the State not regulating the mining operations, it is up to the Township to put some rules in place. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

After Mark Christensen from the RCMC discussed the road projects for 2012 with the Board, Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve to contract with the Road Commission for Montcalm County in 2012 for the following road projects:

1. Gravel resurface problem areas within the Township for an estimated cost of \$13,899.00
2. Overband crack seal locations to be determined by Township Board and RCMC with 7,200 pounds of crack seal emulsion for an estimated cost of \$8,856.00
3. Seal Snows Lake Road from M-91 east to end (1.90 miles long x 20' wide) for \$29,995.00
4. Machine wedge and seal South County Line Road from Youngman Road to West County Line Road (1.50 miles long x 21' wide) for a total of \$29,757.00
5. Machine wedge and seal Satterlee Road from M57 south to Baldwin Road (1.10 miles long x 21' wide) for \$23,302.00
6. Salt stabilize Berridge Road from South County Line Road to Fenwick Road (1.8 miles, splitting the cost with RCMC) for the Township's cost of \$1,818.00

7. Salt Stabilize South County Line Road from M-91 to Berridge Road (2.5 miles) for \$5,050.00
for an estimated total of \$112,677.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The yearly audit was conducted April 2, 3, and 4, 2012, by Kristen Kinde from Abraham and Gaffney law firm. She stated that the Treasurer and Clerk did a fine job managing the Township's records.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to allow a fireworks display permit at the Greenville Community Church on Vining Road, with the display to start at 10:00pm and be over by 11:00pm, with the final approval of the location be given to Zoning Official Tom Faussett. Motion carried.

The quarterly Profit and Loss was distributed and discussed.

During the Second Public Comment Commissioner Lindeman gave an update on County issues and stated that recycling is still being collected at M-91 and Sidney Road.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve to go into Closed Session at 8:34pm to discuss the possible purchase of some real estate. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Closed Session was ended at 8:48pm and opened back to the regular meeting.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to purchase two lots across the road from the Township Hall at 9328 and 9370 South Greenville Road for a purchase price of \$40,000.00 plus closing costs, with the final approval of the land purchase be given to Supervisor Shears for the parcels indicated. Ayes: 5. Nays: 2, Pendrick and Zayler. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma announced that she has nominating petitions for those wishing to have their names on the August Primary Ballot.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:57pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
April 10, 2012

