

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011
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 December 12, 2011, 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, and Brian Zayler. Trustee Elaine Pendrick was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the January 9, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately eight others were in attendance including Deputy Doug Houser, Planning Commission Member Mark Wilkin, Deputy Clerk/secretary Renee Fountain, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, and Sheriff William Barnwell.

During the First Public Comment County Commissioner Lindeman stated that the Countywide Transportation Millage will not be put on the February 28, 2012 Ballot.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve the December 12 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the November 14, 2011 Board Minutes as written with a correction on page 5 changing *east* of M-57 to *south* of M-57. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$565,066.68 as of November 30, 2011; and the payment of the bills in the amount of \$88,701.31 covering e-bills #'s 170-176 and checks numbering 12331 through 12386.

Also in the consent agenda were the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 88 hours for November and the Greenville Transit report showing 256 runs.

Deputies Kevin Germain and Doug Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of November. The sheriff report showed a total of 4,744 patrol miles, with 188 patrol hours, 46 traffic stops, 21 traffic citations, 108 property inspections, and 4 arrests.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve amending Zoning Ordinance#79, Chapter 3 General Provisions, Section 3.19 Keeping of Animals, B. Chart-minimum acreage to read as follows: 25 poultry-3 acres, Additional Poultry for each additional acre you may add 10 more poultry and C. Keeping of Chickens on lots under 3 acres, with the following addition: 5 chickens on any lot/parcel up to one acre in size and 5 chickens for each acre up to 3 acres with a cap at 15 chickens; and for a parcel of 3 acres or more, 10 additional poultry per acre. This motion also approved amending Zoning Ordinance#79, Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 2.16 Definitions-P **Poultry** to read as follows: A category of domesticated birds kept by humans for the purpose of collecting their eggs; or raising for their meat and/or feathers. For purposes of this

ordinance, the term poultry will include: Chickens, quails, guinea fowls, turkeys, ducks, domestic geese, peacocks, and game birds such as pheasants, pigeons, and doves, etc.; also amending Zoning Ordinance#79, Chapter 6 Agricultural Zoning District (AG), Section 6.6 Animals and Poultry-Number of Acres, b. to read as follows: *25 poultry-3acres, additional poultry-each additional acre you may add 10 more poultry.* This also eliminates c. below it that read as follows: *Acreage allocated to a specific animal or poultry may not be counted toward another animal or poultry.*

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Sheriff Barnwell was present to discuss the Proposed Countywide Sheriff Protection Millage to be placed on the February 28, 2012 Ballot. He told the Board that to continue the 24/7 coverage in Montcalm County, a one-mill property tax increase must be approved on February 28, 2012. He answered many questions and made the public aware that the millage would be dedicated to only sheriff protection. Barnwell also stated that the County had to cut \$1.3 million from the general fund this year and he would like to see the same sheriff coverage as in the past, and to do so, the millage must pass. The Board was in agreement to allow the County to use Eureka Township as a sheriff substation in the future. There was also some discussion about keyless entry into the Hall for the sheriffs.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve the Proposed 2012 Budget for Eureka Township. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Zayler moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve to put the following wording on the February 28, 2012 Ballot concerning a Road Millage renewal:
Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Eureka Charter Township, imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, be raised for said Township by one-half (1/2) mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value, example-a property with a taxable value of \$50,000 would be taxed \$25.00 annually for the millage) for the period 2012 through 2017, inclusive, for road maintenance, repair, and construction; and shall raise the levy in millage for said purpose for an additional estimated \$61,600.00 annually? (If millage is passed, it will replace the one-half (1/2) mill currently being levied for road maintenance, repair, and construction.)

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve the following:

Banks-Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank, Isabella Bank & Trust, Chemical Bank
Montcalm, Choice One, and Cutwater Investments Management

Monthly Board Meeting dates, time, and place-The second Monday of each month,
7:00 pm, at the Eureka Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI

Board of Review dates will be March 6, 13, and 14, 2012; July 17, 2012; and December
11, 2012

Maintenance-(1) Linda Ruwersma to clean the Township Hall with each worker being
responsible for their own office and Linda will clean the remaining part of the Hall
(2) Greenville Lawn Care for snow removal (3) Jon Kooi for lawn care at the Eureka
Township Cemetery and at the Hall

Attorneys-(1) Richard Palmer (2) Bauckham, Sparks, Rolfe, Lohrstorfer, & Thall, PC
(3) Law, Weathers & Richardson, PC

Audit: Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. for 2011 audit Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The November Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Montcalm and Fairplain Townships was rescheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 7:00pm.

There were no changes to the Purchasing, Bidding, or Hall rental policies.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve A Disaster Plan for Eureka Township. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to wait until next month to approve Eureka Charter Township Regulator Ordinance #84 Mining. A public hearing was previously held by the Planning Commission. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Zayler moved, with a second by Mr. Ruwersma to approve amending Zoning Ordinance#79, Chapter 3 General Provisions, Section 3.8 Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses, C5., changing the chart to read as follows: maximum accessory building height on lots 1 ½ acres or larger to 35 ft. with no restriction on square footage. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

After some discussion about keyless entry quotes from Alarm Tex and EPS, Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve an outside lock box for an entry key not to exceed \$150.00 including installation. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve a 2011 Budget transfer of \$300.00 from Contingency Fund 101-250-715 to \$250.00 into Fire Maintenance fund 101-336-977 and \$50.00 into Law Enforcement fund 101-301-819. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

During the Second Public Comment and Board Comments Treasurer Hanson mentioned that she would like to attend the BS&A Software Training to be held in the near future. In June, Supervisor Shears mentioned that when Assessor Miller is done with reassessing properties with public right of ways, a list identifying these properties may be generated. At tonight's meeting, Supervisor Shears stated that we would no longer be having the Assessor provide this list, as the issue has been taken care of in a different manner.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:10pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
December 20, 2011

