

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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 October 10, 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, Brian Zayler, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the November 14, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately seven others were in attendance including Deputy Doug Houser, Planning Commission Member Michele Bigelow, Deputy Clerk/Secretary Renee Fountain, and Zoning Official Tom Faussett.

During the First Public Comment Mr. Harry German was present to remind the Board of what the law says about parcels being assessed with public right-of-ways.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve the September 12 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the September 12, 2011 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$621,165.10 as of September 30, 2011; and the payment of the bills in the amount of \$90,353.41 covering e-bills #'s 154-161 and checks numbering 12249 through 12289, with check #12248 voided.

Also in the consent agenda were the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 88 hours for September and the Greenville Transit report showing 148 runs.

Deputies Kevin Germain and Doug Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of September. The sheriff report showed a total of 4,422 patrol miles, with 194.5 patrol hours, 79 traffic stops, 32 traffic citations, 112 property inspections, and 7 arrests.

Lynn Mason, from Friends of Fred Meijer River Valley Rail-Trails, was present and gave a presentation on the Greenville to Owosso (GO) Rail-Trail Development Proposal. She was asking for townships of our size to give approximately \$5,000.00 toward the \$12,500,000.00 project. Proposed cost shares are approximately 27% from the Meijer Foundation; 71% from Federal and State grant funds; and 2% from local match funds. This will be considered when the Board discusses the 2012 Proposed Budget.

Mr. Zayler moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to send Zoning Ordinance #79, Keeping of Animals (Section 3.19) and the Chart later in the Ordinance, back to the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing and review. The Board's recommendation is for 5 chickens per 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. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1, Ruwersma. Motion carried.

The Anti-fraud, Anti-theft and Anti-corruption Policy for Eureka Township was reviewed and discussed. A final copy will be decided on next month after any corrections from the Board. A Disaster Plan Manual was also discussed and distributed to the Board for review at a later date.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve to contract with Midwest Tree Service for the removal of a large dead oak tree in the Eureka Township Cemetery for \$1,200. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Other quotes were from Aggressive Tree Service for \$1,700.00; and from Gus's Tree Service for \$1,750.00.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner will be hosted by Bushnell and Bloomer Townships on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 7:00pm, at the Danish Brotherhood Hall in Greenville.

Governor Snyder recently signed legislation concerning local mining operations. Under the new legislation only the following may be imposed pursuant to a special land use or other mining approval: hours of operation, blasting hours, noise levels, dust control measures and traffic.

Therefore, Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve to send Zoning Ordinance 79, Section 11.4 back to the Planning Commission to remove certain wording under **J. Mining and Related Activity** to be in compliance with Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, MCL 125.3101 concerning mining operations, and to make a Regulatory Ordinance concerning these issues. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Deputy Houser suggested to the Board to ask Mr. Klackle to reroute the exiting traffic from his Orchard to Satterlee Road instead of West County Line Road. There were two accidents recently at the corner of M-57 and West County Line Road due to the heavy traffic turning left (east) at that corner. Secretary Fountain will send a letter to Mr. Klackle with that request and will also check into seeing if the light at M-57 and Satterlee Road can be adjusted to allow more time for left turns during the busy harvest season.

Supervisor Shears reported that she will be meeting with the Eureka Township Road Committee and the Road Commission for Montcalm County on October 11, 2011, to discuss the road projects for 2012.

Supervisor Shears again reported to the Board that the Delivery Inc. Settlement for \$18,000.00 is still coming. (The Township will receive \$3,000.00 for payment of back taxes and the remaining \$15,000.00 will be distributed to other areas.)

A price list of materials for the proposed playground was handed out to the Board. It was suggested that a proposed diagram be made of the "playground of the future."

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve a 2011 Budget Transfer of \$44,000.00 from the Fire Sinking fund to the General fund to cover fire expenses for the 2011 fiscal year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

During the Second Public Comment and Board Comments Clerk Ruwersma and Treasurer Hanson thanked the Board for allowing them to attend the MTA classes at the end of September. It was also decided to let the Township attorneys handle the situation concerning Mr. Harry German; and the Board will act according to their recommendations. Trustee Pendrick stated that she will make sure the Eureka Township leaf exchange program is again mentioned in the free section of the paper.

The Public Hearing for the Proposed 2012 Budget was set for November 14, 2011, at 7:00pm during the November Board Meeting to entertain comments from residents concerning the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012. A completed copy of the Proposed 2012 Budget will be available for Public Review on October 27, 2011, at the Eureka Township Hall, M-F, 9am to 1pm.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:52pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
October 19, 2011