

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 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 September 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, Trustees Rodney Roy, Marty Posekany, Brian Zayler, and Elaine Pendrick. Treasurer Cindy Hanson was late arriving at 7:05pm. These minutes will not be approved until the October 10, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately nine others were in attendance including Deputy Doug Houser, Planning Commission Members Duane Putnam and Mark Wilkin, with Zoning Official Tom Faussett and County Commissioner Tom Lindeman arriving later in the meeting. Treasurer Hanson arrived at 7:05pm.

During the First Public Comment Mr. Peter Hanson expressed his concern to the Board about his neighbors constantly running their snowmobiles and four wheelers on their property, causing quite a disturbance. Supervisor Shears explained that after a complaint is filed the zoning official could take action, but not until.

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

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the August 8, 2011 Board Minutes as written with a correction of a typo on page two concerning the Ordinance from *or* to *are*. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$604,417.74 as of August 31, 2011; and the payment of the bills in the amount of \$34,373.41 covering e-bills #'s 147-153 and checks numbering 12207 through 12247.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 95 hours for August. The Greenville Transit report showed 117 runs with the fire report showing three fires and the Flat River Library report showing \$58,581.63 in the Greenville Foundation. There were 3 building permits issued in the month of August.

Deputies Kevin Germain and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of August, with Doug Houser assisting. The sheriff report showed a total of 4,873 patrol miles, with 222 patrol hours, 84 traffic stops, 32 traffic citations, 107 property inspections, and 5 arrests.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve amending Zoning Ordinance #79, Chapter 11, Section 11.4 Specific Standards for Special Land Uses-U. Kennels to read as follows: #1. Kennels shall be permitted with no restriction on acreage. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve for Richard Karnatz to be enrolled in the State PA 116 Program with parcel #59-008-002-018-30. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve amending Zoning Ordinance#79, Chapter 3 General Provisions, Section 3.19 Keeping of Animals-B. Chart-Poultry, and Chapter 6 Agricultural Zoning District, Section 6.6 Animals and Poultry-Number per acre-b. Poultry; both to read 60 chickens/animals instead of the first 10. Ayes: 3. Nays: 4, Roy, Posekany, Hanson, and Pendrick. Motion denied.

The Anti-fraud, Anti-theft and Anti-corruption Policy for Eureka Township was reviewed and discussed. A new copy will be presented next month after it has been polished up.

Zoning Officer Faussett previously informed the Board of Complaint #11-272 issued concerning the commercial property at 6600 S. Greenville Road, owned by Francis Rieckman. A notice of condemnation was issued from the Montcalm County Building Department giving the owner thirty days to obtain either a building permit or a demolition permit to bring the property up to building code standards. On August 17, 2011, he obtained a permit. Mr. Rieckman has six months to complete the demolition of the condemned building on his property. If he does not begin the process by then, the Township will enforce the Dangerous Building Ordinance #83 and a citation may be issued under the Township Blight Ordinance #45.

Complaint #11-258 concerning the property at 10213 Berridge Road owned by Scott and Misty Graham was also discussed. Because Misty has been slowly cleaning the place up, the Board agreed to work with her and give her more time to continue to remove the scrap metal, tires, dilapidated sheds, and concrete blocks from the site.

Supervisor Shears reported to the Board that the Delivery Inc. Settlement was for a total of \$18,000.00. The Township will receive \$3,000.00 for payment of back taxes and the remaining \$15,000.00 will be distributed to other areas.

David Gloden from Griffelle Development LTD was present to discuss the completion of the six dry hydrants recently installed in the Township. He stated that the pipe is not UV resistant and needs to be painted. He will get quotes for this and get back with the Township. The dry hydrant in Baldwin Lake is out a ways in the lake and he recommended a buoy above the pipe so it wouldn't be damaged by passing motor craft. The inspections are not completed yet, but with City approval payment will be made for the installation of the dry hydrants.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner will be hosted by Evergreen and Crystal Townships on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 7:00pm, at the Crystal Congregational Church. Also anyone interested in attending one of the October Regional Meetings needs to let the Clerk know ASAP.

Mr. Mark Wilkin thanked the Board again for the opportunity to attend the TGA Meetings. For his final project he would like to construct a mini playground and picnic tables on the outside grounds of the Township Hall. He will get quotes and bring them to the Board in the near future. Mr. Wilkin also presented a proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance #80 Home-Based Businesses, 18.9 Medical Marihunana, for the Board to look over.

Tracy Pritchard from the Montcalm County Remonumentation Program was present to answer questions about the program. Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve a donation of \$1,400.00 for two corners, with a State match of two corners, for the completion of the four following corners: K2, L3, L7, and M2. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

A Disaster Plan Manual was distributed for the Board to review and bring back next month. Also, there is a very large dead oak tree with a huge gnarl at its base in the Eureka Township Cemetery that needs to come down before winter. Secretary Fountain will get three quotes for next month's meeting.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve setting the 2011 total millage for Eureka Township at 3.0425 mills, (0.8068 for permanent operating, 1.0 for police protection, 0.7500 for fire protection, and 0.4857 for roads). Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

During the Second Public Comment and Board Comments County Commissioner Tom Lindeman was present to give County Updates. There was also discussion of a new cemetery sign for Eureka Township Cemetery. Clerk Ruwersma also thanked the Board and employees for the flowers that were sent in memory of her mother-in-law, Ruth Ruwersma, who recently passed away.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:15pm.

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

