

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 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 April 11, 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 will be late. These minutes will not be approved until the May 9, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately ten others were in attendance including Deputy Clerk Renee Fountain, Planning Commission Member Mark Wilkin, Deputy Kevin Germain, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, and Zoning Official Tom Faussett.

Treasurer Cindy Hanson was arrived at 7:04pm.

During the First Public Comment, resident Harry German was present to discuss the letter to him by Supervisor Shears addressing his concerns about right-of-ways being separated from parcels and not assessed. She explained that the assessor will continue to work on attaining 100% compliance of the new state rule by correcting any right-of-ways that are still being assessed to a residence with their property parcel by doing 20% of the parcels a year until she is caught up. There was some discussion whether there would be reimbursement or not for payment made for right of ways. Mr. German felt that according to State Act 206, Section 211.154 that there would be cause for reimbursement. Supervisor Shears will check into the matter further for answers and this will be discussed in the future.

Also during public comment, Commissioner Lindeman mentioned there will be another excess drug pick up in Greenville on April 30. Planning Commission member Wilkin gave a brief update on the plans that he and Mr. Gilman are working on to have a playground built at the Township Hall.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the April 11 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the March 14, 2011 Board Minutes as written. The consent agenda also accepted the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$657,581.47 as of March 31, 2011; and the payment of the bills in the amount of \$25,805.04 covering e-bills #'s 114-118 and checks numbering 11980 through 12021.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 98 hours for March. The Greenville Transit report showed 333 runs and the fire report showed five incident reports for the month. The Flat River Library report showed the

designated penal fines were reported as \$34,901.00 for February. There was no building report.

Deputies Kevin Germain and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of March. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,162 patrol miles, with 236 patrol hours, 54 traffic stops, 20 traffic citation, 99 property inspections, and 4 arrests.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner will be the Annual Meeting, with an auction on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 7:00pm at the Beth Haven Baptist Church Gymnasium.

The proposed road contracts for 2011 were briefly discussed. There were questions about which township border roads Eureka Township is responsible for. Supervisor Shears will have Mark Christensen from the Road Commission for Montcalm County come to the next meeting to address any questions. The road contracts will then be decided upon at that meeting.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve to contract with Montcalm County Office of the County Controller for an additional twenty hours a month of police protection, at \$2,841.67 a month, beginning July 1, 2011, until December 31, 2011, for a total of \$17,050.02 until the rest of the year, with the money coming out of the Sheriff Fund. This is on the stipulation that the Village of Sheridan terminates the existing contract they have with the Sheriff for the twenty hours. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The banner is being printed at Arrow Swift for the Cleanup Day at a cost of \$355.10. It will be a general banner to be reused at each Cleanup Day reading ***Cleanup Day HERE*** at the ***Eureka Township Hall this Saturday***. It was suggested that the time ***9am to 3pm*** be added.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve to waive the bond for the dry hydrant bid because neither of the contractors submitted proof of bonding and the contractor will not be paid until the hydrants are tested after completion. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Ruwersma to approve to contract Griffelle Development LTD to install six Dry Barrel Fire Hydrants at six different locations in Eureka Charter Township for the price of \$14,920.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Trustees Roy and Posekany will meet with Mr. Faussett and David Gloden to review the contract. If there are no problems, the contract will be signed later in the week.

There was a request to install a streetlight in front of St. Paul's Lutheran Church on the curve on South Greenville Road. The Board decided against this.

Supervisor Shears told the Board that Sunny View Sanitary Supply Company will be added to the supply list for Eureka Township.

Shawn Decker submitted his resignation as the Eureka Township Planning Commission Member and Secretary effective April 8, 2011. He and his family will be relocating to Chicago.

With Supervisor Shears recommendation, Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to appoint Michele Bigelow to the Planning Commission to finish Shawn Decker's term which expires on December 31, 2011. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears approved for Clerk Ruwersma to have time off from work to attend a Clerk Conference in June. Funding for registration was denied, which will allow her to apply for scholarship money through the IIMC for the registration to still attend.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve a permit payable to the DEQ for \$550.00 for the installation of the six dry hydrants. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. A fee payable to the Montcalm County Drain Commission in the amount of \$135.00 for a soil erosion and sedimentation permit was approved earlier on the bill listing.

Nothing was said during the Second Public Comment, but Supervisor Shears announced that the Township Hall will be closed on Good Friday, April 22, 2011. Treasurer Hanson stated that BS&A will be coming to the Hall on Friday, April 29, to install the new tax updates on the computer. Clerk Ruwersma handed out first quarter profit and loss sheets.

After a few comments about the leaf exchange program, Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:13pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
April 18, 2011