

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 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 March 14, 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 April 11, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately thirteen others were in attendance including Deputy Clerk Renee Fountain, Planning Commission Members Duane Putnam and Mark Wilkin, Deputy Kevin Germain, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Assessor Linda Miller, and Zoning Official Tom Faussett.

During the First Public Comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave a brief update.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve the March 14 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the February 14, 2011 Board Minutes as written. The consent agenda also accepted the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$459,607.99 as of February 28, 2011; and the payment of the bills in the amount of \$ 27,289.04 and a transfer of funds for \$250,000.00, for a total of \$277,289.04, covering e-bills 107-113 and checks numbering 11940 through 11979.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 84 hours for February. The Greenville Transit report showed 266 runs and the fire report showed two incident reports for the month. There was one building permit issued by the County in January.

Deputies Kevin Germain and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of February. The sheriff report showed a total of 1,796 patrol miles, with 109 patrol hours, 24 traffic stops, 13 traffic citation, 80 property inspections, and 3 arrests.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner will be hosted by Home and Richland Townships on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 7:00pm.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve a resolution for a PA 116 Release on the 3.7 acre parcel #59-008-025-001-00 for the Einer Thorlund Restated Trust. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve a resolution for a PA 116 Release on the 3 acre parcel #59-008-024-015-00 for the Einer Thorlund Restated Trust. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma stated there will be two school elections this year, one on May 3 and another November 8. She wanted the Board to be aware that there would be extra charges billed to the Township, but those expenses will be reimbursed by the schools. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk will keep track of the extra hours spent preparing for the election. Receiving Boards might also be used at future elections.

The Township Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2011, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Trustees Marty Posekany and Brian Zayler volunteered to work at the spring cleanup.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to change Zoning Ordinance 79, Chapter 3, Section 3.27, #5 to read as follows: "Accessory supplemental structures shall not extend into the waterway so as to encroach upon the neighbor's riparian rights, view, and use of waterfront." Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Zayler moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to add the following fee to the Eureka Township 2011 Fee Schedule: "If construction is begun or work performed prior to obtaining a Zoning Permit, an additional \$200.00 will be charged." Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. It was decided that a notice be put in the paper and this would not go into effect until May 1, 2011, giving residence a chance to comply with the zoning ordinance.

Supervisor Shears stated that the Village of Sheridan is considering dropping their half of the Police Protection for Montcalm County. If they do, it will not affect Eureka Township and the police protection will continue as in the past for Eureka Township.

Supervisor Shears drafted a letter to Mr. Harry German addressing his concerns about right-of-ways being separated from assessed parcels. 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.

During the Second Public Comment Mr. Wilkin mentioned that Duane Putnam would like to be enrolled in the Township Governance Academy program. Mr. Putnam had to leave the meeting early so was not able to ask for himself.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve to enroll Planning Commission Member Duane Putnam in the TGA program. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Roy for Trustee Pendrick to abstain from voting on the next two issues concerning a Special Use Permit for The Ruff House. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve adding Doggie Day Care Facilities in a General Commercial District with a Special Use Permit. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1, Pendrick. Motion carried.

Mr. Zayler moved, with a second by Mrs. Ruwersma to approve a Special Use Permit for a Doggie Day Care Facility called *The Ruff House* given to Julie Boni with operating conditions listed on Permit #11-229. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1, Pendrick. Motion carried.

During audience and Board comments the following was discussed: the e-banking with Chemical Bank is being straightened out, Mr. Faussett is still working on the sale of the airport building, and all Board members are encouraged to write an article for the yearly newsletter coming out in July.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:13pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
March 21, 2011