

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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 February 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, and Elaine Pendrick. Trustee Brian Zayler was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the March 14, 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, Library Representative Ann Roberts, and Zoning Official Tom Faussett.

During the First Public Comment, resident Harry German presented the Board with the wording of The General Property Tax Act 206 of 1893, #211.7e(2) that states the following: "The value of land over the surface of which is located a public right of way shall not be considered when real property is being assessed." He stated that he did not think Eureka Township is being assessed according to this law. Supervisor Shears will check into this.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve the February 14 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the January 10, 2011 Board Minutes as written. The consent agenda also accepted the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$570,163.23 as of January 31, 2011; and the payment of the bills in the amount of \$74,795.14 covering e-bills #'s 99-106 and checks numbering 11899 through 11937.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 88.5 hours for January. The Greenville Transit report showed 233 runs and the fire report showed 3 incident reports for the month. The Flat River Library report showed Maureen Burns was added as a co-signer for General Fund disbursement checks. There were 4 building permits issued by the County in December.

Deputies Kevin Germain and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of January. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,061 patrol miles, with 234 patrol hours, 20 traffic stops, 6 traffic citation, 93 property inspections, and 1 arrest.

The Township is moving ahead with the dry-hydrant issue. The Proposed Request for Proposals to install Dry-Barrel Fire Hydrants at six locations in Eureka Township was reviewed and revised by our Township attorney and advertised in the *Daily News*. Seven

people have contacted the Township and have been given copies. They have until March 15 to inquire about any changes, and until April 1 to submit a bid. The bids will be opened on Monday, April 4, at 10:00am by the Clerk, and will be reviewed at the April 9, 2011 Board Meeting. The opening of the bids on April 4 is open to the public.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve to install another streetlight near the south end of South Youngman Road, between Meijer Drive and the dead end of Youngman Road. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. In November, the installation of a streetlight was approved, but was installed in the wrong location.

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

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the rezoning of parcel 59-008-004-002-70 on West Wise Road from General Commercial to Suburban Residential. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to reject the Planning Commission recommendation to increase the front set back in all residentially zoned properties from 35 feet to 45 feet. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried to reject the recommendation.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve the Planning Commission recommendation of rezoning parcel 59-008-420-010-00 on Backus Road from Suburban Residential to Industrial. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve the Planning Commission recommendation of adding Chapter 18, Wind Energy System, to Zoning Ordinance #79. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to adopt an updated Depository Resolution with Chemical Bank concerning deposits and endorsement of checks. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears reported that Brian Zayler sold his portion of Zayler Plumbing and Heating to his partner and the business has agreed to continue to service Eureka Township.

During the Second Public Comment, Planning Commission Member Mark Wilkin, reported on his Township Governance Academy Class. His project was to bring to the Board's attention the importance of having the Township Ordinance books in view at all Planning Commission and Board meetings. Deputy Kevin Germain reported that the Township cruiser has a magnetic strip down its sides with the name "Eureka Township." County Commissioner Tom Lindeman and Greenville City Councilperson Fran Schueleit were also welcomed.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve to send Clerk Ruwersma to the MAMC Master Academy on March 8-10, 2011, for \$375.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

There was also some discussion concerning the request from Julie Boni asking the Township to allow a dog day care in the old Sears store on the north end of town. It will now need to go before the Planning Commission with a Public Hearing.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve to pay the Montcalm Townships Association dues for \$25.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:23pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
February 16, 2011