

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010
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 December 13, 2010, 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 January 10, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately five 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.

During the First Public, Comment Commissioner Lindeman mentioned that the State is considering matching funds for the Remonumentation Program in 2011. Mr. Wilkin mentioned that the Toys for Tots Program went well and any donations now will be saved for next year.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the December 13 consent agenda. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the November 8, 2010 Board Minutes as written. The consent agenda also accepted the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$644,151.18 as of November 30, 2010; and the payment of the bills in the amount of \$95,384.48 covering e-bills #'s 85-93 and checks numbering 11799 through 11859, omitting check #'s 11799, 11801, and 11802.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 86 hours for the month of November. The Greenville Transit report showed 136 runs and the fire report showed 2 incident reports for the month. The Flat River Library report showed the designated penal fines were reported as \$24,662.56 for October. There were 3 building permits issued by the County for Eureka Township in October.

Deputies Kevin Germain and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of November and the sheriff report showed a total of 3,674 patrol miles, with 146 patrol hours, 76 traffic stops, 27 traffic citation, 82 property inspections, and 4 arrests.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission for Zoning Ordinance #79, Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 2.1 Definitions-A, adding the following:

1. **Accessory Residential Garage** – A garage for your vehicles. It is considered attached if it has a common wall with your house or is connected to your house by a breezeway

which is under 20 feet long. If your garage is not attached in this manner, it is considered to be “detached”. If it is a detached residential garage it will be used in computing the total square footage allowed for the size of your parcel as located in Section 3.8 of this ordinance.

2. Accessory Storage Building - An accessory building used to store goods and materials owned by the occupant of the principal building. The square footage of the storage building will be used in computing the total square footage allowed for the size of your parcel as located in Section 3.8 of this ordinance.

3. Accessory Supplemental Structure Detached – This is a structure not used for storage but for recreational or hobby purposes such as a greenhouse, deck, gazebo, school bus wait and such structures. No more than 3 detached supplemental accessory structures shall be permitted. The total floor of each supplemental accessory structure shall not exceed 200 sq. ft.

Also in this motion was changing Chapter 3 General Provisions, Section 3.8 C. Residential Accessory Buildings and Structures #5**Chart** to the following:

Maximum Accessory Building Height	Lot Area (1 acre = 43,560 sq. ft.)	Minimum Building Side and Rear Yard <u>Setback</u>	Maximum Number of Accessory <u>Buildings</u>	Total Square Foot Allowed
18 ft.	21,780 sq. ft. (3/4 acre or less)	10 ft.	2 Detached	1,200 sq. ft.
24 ft.	43,560 sq. ft. to 217,801 (3/4 acre to 5 acres)	22 ft.*	2 Detached	1,600 sq. ft.
35 ft.	217,801 sq. ft. or Greater (over 5 acres)	44 ft.*	2 Detached	1% Parcel Sq Footage
Agricultural Building	N/A	10 ft.	Exempt	Exempt

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve changing the zoning for the Sackett Property, parcel 59-008-004-026-20, from Industrial to Agriculture. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve a line item transfer of \$1,600.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Roads Fund for the 2010 Budget. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve the following for the Fiscal Year 2011:

1. The Monthly Board Meeting dates, time, and place to be the second Monday of each month, 7:00 pm, at the Eureka Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road
2. Jon Kooi for lawn care service at the Eureka Township Cemetery and at the Hall
3. Attorneys: Richard Palmer; Bauckham, Sparks, Rolfe, Lohrstorfer, & Thall, PC; and Law, Weathers & Richardson, PC
4. Audit firm-Abraham & Gaffney, PC to perform the 2010 audit
5. Banks: Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank, Isabella Bank & Trust, Chemical Bank Montcalm, MBIA Asset Management, and Choice One
6. Janitorial-Linda Ruwersma to clean the Township Hall with each worker being responsible for their own office and she will clean the remaining part of the Hall

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner will be hosted by Reynolds and Winfield Townships on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 7:00pm. There will not be a Meeting/Dinner in December.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve an annual resolution for the MDOT permit allowing department to construct, operate, use and/or maintain utility or other facilities, or to conduct other activities, on, over, and under the State Highway right of way at various locations within and adjacent to Eureka Township for 2011. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Ruwersma to approve the appointment of Mike Blanding and Lee Gilman to the Planning Commission for three-year terms, each expiring December 31, 2013. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve the appointment of Mark Wilkin to replace Josh Almas' term on the Zoning Board of Appeals expiring December 31, 2011; and to appoint Richard Pendrick and Linda Weger to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three-year terms, each expiring December 31, 2013. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Ruwersma to appoint Lee Gilman, Steve Elenbaas, and Michele Bigelow; and Shawn Decker and Mark Wilkin as alternates; to the Board of Review for two year terms, each expiring December 31, 2012. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve the Board of Review dates and times for 2011 as follows: March 8; March 15 and 16, 9:00am-noon and 4:30pm-7:30pm; July 19; and December 13. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the renewal of the AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit with Eureka Township. Motion carried.

After some discussion, the Board decided to not submit a resolution to the State of Michigan prohibiting the Sunday sale of alcohol in Eureka Township.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve to have the 'Proposed Request for Proposal' to be reviewed by a Township attorney so the Township may move forward with the installation of dry hydrants. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson reported that the ID Theft/Red Flag warning does not pertain to Eureka Township because Eureka Township does not issue or collect money for utility bills.

On January 29, 2011, the Barren Dash will take place at Montcalm Community College to raise money to help heat the homes of needy families in Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, and Montcalm counties this winter. If interested in running in the Dash, call 616-754-9315.

After a few comments from the audience during the Second Public Comment, Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
December 23, 2010