

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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 October 11, 2010, 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 absent, and Deputy Treasurer Harriet Lillie was present to sign checks. These minutes will not be approved until the November 8, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately four others were in attendance including Deputy Jamie Grinzinger and Zoning Official Tom Faussett.

During First Public Comment it was mentioned that a streetlight is out at the corner of Chase Road and Greenville West Drive. Residents on Youngman Road south of M57 would like a new light installed. We will check into both of these issues. Rails to Trails have put up barricades to prevent motorized vehicles from riding on the trails, as the Township requested.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve the October 11 consent agenda. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the September 13, 2010 Board Minutes as written. The consent agenda also accepted the Treasurer's Report submitted with an ending balance of \$637,914.86 as of September 30, 2010; and the payment of the bills in the amount of \$27,436.58 covering e-bills #75-#79 and checks numbering 11718 through 11755.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 84 hours for the month of September. The Greenville Transit report showed 161 runs and the fire report showed 7 incident reports for the month. The Flat River Library Report showed that approximately \$14,000.00 was raised at the Flat River Friends' recent book sale. There were 6 building permits issued by the County for Eureka Township in August.

Deputies John Hannon and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of September and the sheriff report showed a total of 3,732 patrol miles, with 146.5 patrol hours, 27 traffic stops, 7 traffic citation, 59 property inspections, and 3 arrests.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner will be hosted by Bushnell and Bloomer Townships on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at 7:00pm at the Danish Brotherhood Hall in Greenville.

The Proposed 2011 Fee Schedule was discussed and will be discussed again next month.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the following recommendation from the Planning Commission in Zoning Ordinance #79, Section 8.3 Permitted and Special land uses chart, under miscellaneous uses to add the following to row 72: to add gymnasiums and physical fitness training centers as a permitted use in Rural Commercial and as a special use in General Commercial Districts. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to donate \$1,050.00 to the Montcalm County Remonumentation Program for 2011; \$700.00 for one corner and \$350.00 for ½ corner match from a few years back. The State will match one corner also for a total of three corners to be completed. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to have the Montcalm County Remonumentation Program complete the following three corners in 2011: 3J, 3K, and 9I. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve transferring \$3,000.00 from the Fire Sinking Fund into the General Fund's fire fund for the 2010 Budget. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve setting a Budget Public Hearing for November 8, 2010, at 7:00pm during the November Meeting to entertain comments from residents concerning the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. A completed copy of the Proposed 2011 Budget will be available for Public Review on October 25, 2010, at the Eureka Township Hall. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Michigan Township Association Annual Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, January 25-28, 2011. Those interested should contact the Clerk by December 1, 2010.

Because of the recent drowning and another near drowning at the Flat River Dam, Supervisor Shears suggested some type of life rings to be placed permanently at the Dam. Supervisor Shears will check with the City about a collaborative effort to make this possible.

There was some discussion about dry hydrants and Secretary Fountain is checking into prices. It is possible that Mike Stuck from the City might be able to install the hydrants and save the Township money on an engineering firm. Mr. Faussett will be checking into this further.

Each Township is responsible to collect their own personal property taxes from their residents. Greenville Municipal Airport is approximately \$80,000 behind in back taxes for the past ten years. The Board agreed that we should get the ball rolling and have the deputy go lock up the place and seize the equipment inside.

The leaf exchange program is up and running and will be put on Charter.

Mr. Josh Almas has moved to Oakfield Township, taking himself off the Eureka Township Board of Review and the Zoning Board of Appeals. All five Board of Review positions, two Planning Commission positions and three Zoning Board of Appeals positions are up for appointment at the December meeting. Ads have been put in the paper. Those interested should send a resume to the Hall by November 1, 2010.

Nothing was said during the Second Public Comment. Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:18pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
October 20, 2010