

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 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 March 8, 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, Elaine Pendrick, and Brian Zayler. These minutes will not be approved until the April 12, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately seven others were in attendance, including Deputy Clerk Renee Fountain, Sheriff Doug Houser, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, Planning Commission Member Mark Wilkin, and Library Representative Cindy Lillie.

During the First Public Comment, Mark Wilkin mentioned that he attended the candlelight vigil at the Veterans Memorial Park, Friday, March 5, for Lance Cpl. Matthias Hanson, who was killed in Afghanistan on February 12, 2010, and said it was an awesome ceremony.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve the March 8 consent agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Approving the consent agenda included accepting the February 8, 2010 Board Minutes as written.

Also accepting the Treasurer's Report submitted with an ending balance of \$440,244.22 as of February 28, 2010. The motion also included paying the bills in the amount of \$26,752.03 covering e-bills #31-36 and checks numbering 11417 through 11459.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 68 hours for the month of February. The Greenville Transit report showed 242 rides for February. There was no fire report. The Building report showed 1 permit was issued in January. The Flat River Library Report showed the penal fines for January were \$26,931.10.

Deputies Doug Houser and Michael Kottenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of February and the sheriff report showed a total of 2,503 patrol miles, with 235 patrol hours, 17 traffic stops, 4 traffic citation, 24 property inspections, and 1 arrest. Deputy Houser announced that his last day assigned to Eureka Township would be March 31, 2010.

Trustee Roy reported that he has the flag pole for the Hall and will be installing it soon.

The fire contract with the City is pending, but the fire protection will continue as in the past until a new contract is signed.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve purchasing four tables and one cart from Mity-Lite for a total of \$1,195.90, which includes shipping and handling. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

In January, information was handed out to the Board from the following three firms: Campbell, Kusterer & Co.; Abraham & Gaffney; and Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols, and Carter. During the February Meeting, two different votes about choosing an auditing firm ended in ties. After calling the three firms, Supervisor Shears received the following information:

1. Campbell-quote of \$4,800.00 for one day at the Hall with one CPA and five others
2. Abraham & Gaffney-quote of \$5,500.00 for 66 hours, with two auditors and 10 to 16 entries for the Treasurer
3. HANC-quote of \$6,000.00 for 80 to 100 hours, with 5 people and 20 entries for the Treasurer and CD accounts

All firms said there would be additional charges if problems arose.

After much discussion, Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mr. Roy for the approval of Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols, and Carter to perform the 2009 Eureka Township Audit for their quote of \$6,000.00. Ayes: 3. Nays: 4, Hanson, Pendrick, Posekany, and Zayler. Motion denied.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. to perform the 2009 audit for Eureka Township for their quote of \$5,500.00. Ayes: 4. Nays: 3, Ruwersma, Roy, and Shears. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to send Ordinance 79, Chapter 18, Wind Energy Systems back to the Planning Commission for them to make the language more user friendly. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to set a Public Hearing for April 12, to discuss an Ordinance to Confirm the Establishment of a Planning Commission with Zoning Authority. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Home and Richland Townships will be held 7:00pm, Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at the Vestaburg Church of Christ with speaker State Representative Mike Huckleberry.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to rescind the vote made at the January Meeting to change the three-person Eureka Township Zoning Board of Appeals to a five-person ZBA. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried, vote rescinded.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to send Zoning Ordinance, Section 16.1A, back to the Planning Commission for their approval of an amendment to the Ordinance as suggested by Township Lawyers Law Weathers to not specify a

particular number of members, but rather have the ordinance state that the ZBA “shall be between three and seven members as determined by the Township Board by resolution.”
Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma reported that a quote gotten from Brad’s Services, Inc. for cleaning the Hall carpet was \$133.83. Supervisor Shears said she will have Secretary Carnahan get a few more estimates before we make a decision about who cleans the carpet at the Hall.

Zoning Official Faussett handed out a sample new Ordinance #25 amended to cover Fire Prevention and Suppression, Police Protection, and Emergency Services all in one ordinance. The Board will look this over and discuss next month.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve a resolution for the third phase of the following roads in Ridgewood Estates with the RCMC: Crestview Drive, Ridgewood Drive, and William Court, and they be added to the local road system. This would be an additional \$618.00 a year received from the State to the RCMC for the 3.1 additional miles. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

After some discussion, it was decided that it would not be profitable for Eureka Township to become a member of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. Yearly membership is \$219.00 and would not be worth the discounts offered.

During the Second Public Comment Period, Dale Morlock voiced his dissatisfaction with the dogs still barking near his residence.

Clerk Ruwersma handed out the following three sample proposals to be considered for placement on the August Primary Ballot: Police Protection, Road Millage, and Fire Protection. Wording needs to be approved and to the County by May 11, 2010. This will be discussed and decided next month.

The new mail receptacle has been installed in the exterior wall of the Hall for after office hour drop offs. Bruce Nelson agreed to make the opening of the outer slot smaller to prevent one from gaining access to items inserted in the slot from outside.

Supervisor Shears reported that Knight Transfer Services will provide the dumpsters for the Spring Clean Up again.

Tim Rozelle will be at the meeting next month to discuss Security Benefit through Retirement Plan Advisors.

Eureka Township will be switching from the present AT&T Phone service at the Hall to Charter Communications for a savings of \$463.00 a year.

County Commissioner Tom Lindeman wanted to remind everyone to fill out and mail in their census when it comes.

During Board Member Comments, Trustee Pendrick mentioned that she still would like to investigate the possibility of disposing of yard clippings.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:48 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
March 15, 2010