

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

Approximately 20 others were in attendance, including Deputy Clerk Renee Fountain, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Sheriff Michael Kotenko, Planning Commission Chair Duane Putnam, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, Planning Commission Members Joyce Sage and Mark Wilkin, Zoning Board of Appeals Member Jon Town, Library Representatives Cindy Lillie and Ann Roberts, City Councilmember Cory Smith, and reporter Danielle Arndt.

During First Public Comment, Phil Sourman representing Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols, and Carter was present to explain their bid of \$6,000.00 to perform the 2009 audit for Eureka Township. County commissioner Tom Lindeman gave an update on County News.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the February 8 consent agenda. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the January 11, 2010 Board Minutes as written changing a typo of *Mr.* to *Mrs.* (Pendrick) and accepting the Treasurer's Report submitted with an ending balance of \$430,953.03, as of January 31, 2010. The motion also included paying the bills in the amount of \$24,892.70 covering e-bills #24-30 and checks #11385 through #11416.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 76 hours for the month of January. The Greenville Transit report showed 235 rides for January. There was no fire report. The Building report showed 1 permit issued in December.

Deputies Doug Houser and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of January and the sheriff report showed a total of 3,809 patrol miles, with 273 patrol hours, 26 traffic stops, 4 traffic citation, 55 property inspections, and 1 arrest.

During the Flat River Library Report, Library representative Cindy Lillie reported that a credit card resolution was passed at their last meeting. The penal fines for November 2009 were \$28,317.00, and the penal fines for December were \$32,219.22. The December Library meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

Trustee Roy is still working on the flag pole for the Hall.

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

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the installation of a drop box in the outer wall of the Hall not to exceed \$300.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Ruwersma to approve purchasing four tables and a cart from Mity-Lite for a total of \$1,195.90 which includes shipping and handling. Ayes: 3. Nays: 3, Pendrick, Posekany, and Hanson. Motion denied.

Last month information was handed out to the Board from the following three firms: Campbell, Kusterer & Co. with a quote of \$4,800.00; Abraham & Gaffney with a quote of \$5,500.00; and Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols, and Carter with a quote for \$6,000.00 to perform the 2009 audit for Eureka Township.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve HANC to perform the 2009 audit for the quote of \$6,000.00. Ayes: 3. Nays: 3, Pendrick, Posekany, and Hanson. Motion not approved.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve Abraham & Gaffney to perform the 2009 audit for \$5,500.00. Ayes: 3. Nays: 3, Ruwersma, Roy, and Shears. Motion not approved.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve HANC to perform the 2009 audit not to exceed \$6,000.00 firm, even if problems arise. (In the past, extra charges have been added after the original quote.) Ayes: 3. Nays: 3, Pendrick, Posekany, and Hanson. Motion not approved.

After some discussion Treasurer Hanson agreed to call Mark Campbell and ask for credentials on the personnel who would be performing the audit for Eureka Township if Campbell, Kusterer & Co. was hired for their quote of \$4,800.00.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Day and Ferris Townships will be held 7:00pm, Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to wait until next month to discuss or approve the Wind Energy Systems to Chapter 18 of Zoning Ordinance #79. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve to rezone 445 parcels entirely or partially designated as Waterfront Residential to their primary or secondary zoning designation due to the elimination of the Waterfront Residential Zoning District in Eureka Charter Township. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve a contract with the Road Commission for Montcalm County to salt stabilize South County Line Road from M91 to Berridge Road (2 miles) for \$4,022.00, and salt stabilize Berridge Road from South County Line Road to Fenwick Road (2 miles) for the Township cost of \$2,011.00, for a total of \$6,033.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve to contract with the Road Commission for Montcalm County for three applications of chloride on local roads in Eureka Township based on the following: 22.06 miles @ 1,650 GPM x 3 applications x \$.1386/gallon for a total of \$15,135.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve to appoint Planning Commission Member Duane Putnam to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term expiring December 31, 2012. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to appoint Mr. Rod Roy as the Eureka Township Board's liaison to the Planning Commission for the 2010 year. Motion carried.

During the Second Public Comment there were some questions about how the ZBA was changed from a three-member Board to a five-member Board. Supervisor Shears will check into this.

Also during public comment, Zoning Official Faussett gave out a sample Ordinance to confirm the establishment of a Planning Commission with Zoning Authority, as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act 33 of 2008, for the Board to look over and bring back next month for discussion. The Ordinance is required to replace the resolution to adopt the Planning Commission that was enacted on May 2, 1972 and needs to be rescinded.

During Board Member Comments Supervisor Shears asked about the sign out front of the Hall which has become run down. Treasurer Hanson will check with the Boy Scouts about what can be done with the sign. Also the Township's mailbox was destroyed over the weekend. The business across the road is vacant and permission has been given to Eureka Township to use their mail receptacle until a new can be put up. Also discussed was battery backup for the computer server.

Board of Review Training is Saturday, February 13, at Remus Elementary School for those interested in attending.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:27 pm.

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

