

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 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 January 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, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Rodney Roy, Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, and Brian Zayler. These minutes will not be approved until the February 8, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately seventeen 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 Member Mark Wilkin, Library Representatives Cindy Lillie and Ann Roberts, City Councilmember Mark Lehman, and reporter Danielle Arndt.

During First Public Comment, Mark Wilkin thanked the Township for taking care of having the burned out streetlight on Wise Road repaired.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the January 11 consent agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the December 14, 2009 Board Minutes as written. Supervisor Shears commented on an issue that was brought up last month and written in the December Minutes about Mark Wilkin and his building project. Shears stated that Mr. Wilkin did contact the County Building Department, and after looking at the project, the inspector said Wilkin did not need a permit.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted with an ending balance of \$461,163.02 as of December 31, 2009. The motion also included paying the bills in the amount of \$30,324.00 covering E bills #20-23 and checks numbering 11343 through 11384, voiding check #11359.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 78 hours for the month of December. The Greenville Transit report showed 195 rides for December, but there was no fire report. The Building report showed 1 permit was issued in November.

Deputies Doug Houser and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of December and the sheriff report showed a total of 3,927 patrol miles, with 303.5 patrol hours, 20 traffic stops, 9 traffic citation, 38 property inspections, and 3 arrests.

There was no Flat River Library Report. The December 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.

Before the appointment of a new Planning Commission Member, present PC Chairperson Duane Putnam spoke for a few minutes about why he felt he should be reappointed. Supervisor Shears stated she would like to appoint Michele Bigelow to the Planning Commission. Ayes: 2, Shears and Ruwersma. Nays: 5. Motion denied.

Supervisor Shears then suggested Duane Putnam to be appointed to the PC. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1, Shears. Motion carried. Mr. Putnam was appointed to a three year term, ending December 31, 2012.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to hold off on deciding on an auditing firm for Eureka Township until next month. Information was handed out to the Board from the following three firms: Campbell, Kusterer & Co.; Abraham & Gaffney; and Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols, and Carter. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to enlarge the present three-person Township Zoning Board of Appeals to a five-person Board. Ayes: 4. Nays: 3, Hanson, Pendrick, and Zayler. Motion carried.

It was decided in the past that there would be no payment for committee meetings. Supervisor Shears asked for it to be added to the present fee schedule for clarification.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Reynolds and Winfield Townships will be held 7:00pm, Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson for Brian Zayler to abstain from voting on the issue of who will take care of the plumbing and heating problems at the Township Hall. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1. Zayler. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to have Brian Zayler be the contractor for the Hall concerning heating, plumbing, and other general issues including preventative maintenance, in the place of the deceased Dan Kent. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1. Zayler. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve Fritz Electric to take care of the electrical problems at the Hall. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve for Fire Pros to continue to maintain the fire extinguishers at the Hall. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve the following zoning change to Ordinance #79:

Chapter 3 GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 3.8 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES, B. Accessory Uses-General; ***Changing the present #5 to #6 and adding the new #5*** to read: ***“Except for accessory buildings associated with a bona fide agricultural operation, no more than two detached accessory buildings shall be permitted on any lot.”*** Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the following amendment to Ordinance #79:

Chapter 7 RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS, Replacing Section 7.2 D. Waterfront Residential District (WR) with ***7.2 D. Public Conservation District (PC)*** to read as follows:

D. Public Conservation District (PC)

- 1. Purpose – State game lands pay a critical role in providing wildlife habitats and outdoor resource-based recreation for residents in the Township. The Flat River State Game Area (SGA) is an important land use in the community and it is the intent of township planners to protect these unique areas. Conditions dictate that the future land use strategy includes the Township’s long-range policies for this valuable resource.***
- 2. Location – The Public Conservation District includes all land under state ownership that comprises the Flat River State Game Area (Flat River SGA).***
- 3. Principal Permitted Uses – The following uses are permitted by right in the Public Conservation District:***
 - a. Recreation.***
 - b. Hunting and fishing.***
- 4. Accessory Buildings and Uses – Are only allowed in conjunction with the State Department of Natural Resources’ projects and with their approval. In the event parcels are sold by the DNR, accessory buildings and uses must meet Township requirements.***
- 5. Special Land Uses – The following uses are permitted with special land use approval in the Public Conservation District:***
 - a. Public parks and playgrounds.***
 - b. Public and private schools.***
 - c. Conservation clubs.***
- 6. Area, Height, Bulk and Placement Requirements – Area, Height, Bulk and Placement requirements, unless otherwise specified, are as provided in the Schedule of Residential District Standards.***

This also eliminates WR from the chart on page 6 in Chapter 7 and replaces it with PC and its District Standards. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to accept the revised Master Plan with the suggested changes. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

During the Second Public Comment County Commissioner Tom Lindeman gave a brief update on County issues.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve to allow all Board of Review Members and Assessor Miller to attend a BOR workshop on Saturday, February 13, from 9-noon for a total cost of \$35.00 per our unit of government. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears announced that all Eureka Township Board members are invited to attend the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner to be held, Wednesday, January 27, 2010. Eureka Township will be presented an award that evening. An RSVP is needed by Monday, January 18, 2010.

During Board Member Comments, Mr. Posekany stated how he liked how the little table was used up front for residents to speak behind and asked for it to be used in the future. A PA system was also discussed along with purchasing more tables for the Hall.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve tabling the issue of purchasing tables and a cart until next month. Mrs. Hanson will check into pricing. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve a few minor changes to the Rental Hall Policy. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustees Pendrick and Roy agreed to continue serving on the Election Committee with Clerk Ruwersma for 2010. PC member Mike Blanding, Trustee Zayler, and Supervisor Shears will continue to serve on the Roads Committee for the year.

Trustees Pendrick and Zayler agreed to operate the Eureka Township Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 8, 2010, to be held at the Township Hall. Trustees Posekany and Roy agreed to take care of the one in the fall on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

Profit and loss statements were handed out to the Board for review. Also, a sympathy card was passed around for the Board members to sign for Mr. Gerald Malling, due to the recent passing of his wife, Audrey Malling.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45 pm.

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

