

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009**

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 July 13, 2009, 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 August 10, 2009 Regular Board Meeting. Approximately 17 others were in attendance. The meeting was audio taped. Zoning Administrator Tom Faussett, Deputy Clerk Renee Fountain, and City Council Member Mark Lehman were also in attendance.

At the First Public Comment, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman gave a brief update concerning County issues. He stated there is a possibility for the issue of a County-wide Transit to be on the school election ballot in May 2010. He also stated the recycling at Grattan will possibly be discontinued. The next Eureka Township Recycling will be held Tuesday, July 14, at the Grattan Academy. Previously, Zoning administrator Tom Faussett was asked by Mr. Bruce Nelson to address the Board regarding his dissatisfaction with not getting the Home Based Business Permit fee reimbursed after the Board eliminated permits and fees for the HBB Ordinance. The Board already decided there would be no refunds for permits already paid in 2009.

Also during the Public Comment, Kjerstin Hogan was present on behalf of the streetlight to be installed at the corner of Wildwood and Youngman Roads. The street light was approved at the June 2007 Meeting and Supervisor Shears is taking care of getting a work order for the light to be installed in the near future. Trustee Elaine Pendrick introduced Mike Chesher from the City of Greenville and stated how proud she was of Greenville for making organic soil out of leaves picked up from City residents. Mr. Chesher gave a presentation of the process of turning leaves and grass clippings into top soil.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve the July 13 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the June 8, 2009 Board Minutes as written, the Treasurer's Report as submitted with an ending balance of \$247,241.09 as of June 30, 2009, and paying the bills in the amount of \$38,936.58 with checks numbering 11085 through 11133.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 90 hours for the month of June. A fire report showed 5 calls for the month and the Greenville Transit report showed 216 rides. A Building report from the County showed 6 permits for the Township for the month of May.

Deputies John Hannon and Michael Kottenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of June and the sheriff report showed a total of 3,265 patrol miles, with 250 patrol hours, 26 traffic stops, 9 traffic citations, 59 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Trustees Roy and Pendrick previously volunteered along with Supervisor Shears to be on the Landscaping Committee for the Hall. Last month Trustee Roy brought in a landscaping quote from Wayside Gardens for \$4,500.00. Trustee Pendrick brought in another quote from Shaner Avenue Nursery for \$2,351.68. New quotes from Green View Transplanting and Landscaping for \$5,187.50 and from Natures Needs Landscape Construction and Design for \$5,041.36 were submitted from the drawing given to them from the Board. There will be no gardener to take care of the landscaping at the Hall so it needs to be kept simple. The businesses stated that they would rather submit their own drawings and start over with bids.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to have Green View Transplanting and Landscaping, Natures Needs Landscape Construction and Design, and Shaner Avenue Nursery submit their drawings and quotes for the landscaping project at the Hall. These three bids will be discussed at the August meeting. The project would then be done this fall. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Library Representative Cindy Lillie gave a brief Flat River Library Report stating penal fines for May were \$30,156.52. She also reported that election of officers were as follows: President Vanessa Marr, Vice-President Ann Roberts, Treasurer James Beckman, and Secretary Jan Hallihan.

A special Planning Commission Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall. Mark Eidelson of LandPlan, Inc. was present to answer any questions about Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of the Master Plan. Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of the Master Plan as suggested by the Planning Commission. Ayes: 5. Nays: 1, Pendrick. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Township Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Douglass and Pine Townships will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 7:00 pm. Eureka Township will be hosting the August 18 Dinner/Meeting here at the newly remodeled Township Hall.

Mr. Mark Hansen was present to discuss his concerns about the current Flat River Dam being replaced by three rock dams in the Greenville area. The projected third dam is located ½ mile from the Hansen home making him concerned about seasonal flooding. He is not pro-dam or anti-dam, but just wants his questions answered. Supervisor Shears will follow up with his concerns with the City of Greenville. Mr. Tom Faussett will draft a letter to City Manager George Bosanic requesting copies of any studies that are done concerning the dams and to be kept up to date with any information regarding this issue.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to allow Zoning Administrator Tom Faussett to combine Ordinance #27, Ordinance #28, and Ordinance #45, rewriting them

to make one amended Ordinance #45, and changing the penalty from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Consistent with the Michigan Township Association mission to promote governance excellence, Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany for the Board to approve the MTA Principles of Governance and affix signatures to proudly display at the Hall. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

During the Second Public Comment and Board Comments, Zoning Administrator Faussett commented that the student helping at the Hall during office hours typing our ordinances is working out very well. Michigan Works is also providing a work team next week to spread the twenty yards of black dirt that was hauled in to the Hall at \$14.00 per yard. Clerk Ruwersma handed out a new Fee Schedule and went over the Budget entries that needed funds transferred to them. A bill listing for the online checking to begin next month was also distributed. A resident asked about the “No Weapons” sign on the door at the Hall. Supervisor Shears explained that the sign is displayed for liability reasons.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to allow the Board to hold a Public Hearing for a Truth-in-Taxation Meeting, August 10, 2009, during the Regular Board Meeting. It is not necessary to hold a public hearing because the millage rate is decreasing. Ayes: 3. Nays: 3, Pendrick, Ruwersma, and Hanson. Motion denied. There will be no public hearing, but instead the information will be included in the upcoming Eureka Township Newsletter.

Supervisor Shears announced that Michigan is the host state for the annual Legislative Conference, NATaT, being held September 8-11, 2009, in Washington, D.C. and she would like to attend. MTA is providing a bus for \$130.00 per rider. Shears also stated she is waiting to see if MTA is offering group rates for the hotel accommodations like they have done in the past.

The Eureka Township Fire Contract is very old, dating back to 1993. Trustees Posekany and Roy volunteered along with Supervisor Shears to meet with City Manager Bosanic to write a new Fire Contract between the City of Greenville and Eureka Township.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:52 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
July 23, 2009

