

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 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 June 8, 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, Brian Zayler, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the July 13, 2009 Regular Board Meeting. Approximately 12 others were in attendance. The meeting was audio taped incorrectly so the tapes were blank. Zoning Administrator Tom Faussett, Deputy Clerk Renee Fountain, and City Council Member Lloyd Scoby 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 an election ballot this fall. Deputy John Hannon commented on the sheriff report. Zoning Administrator Tom Faussett reported that the wildflowers at the Hall have been planted.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the June 8 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the May 11, 2009 Board Minutes as written, the Treasurer's Report as submitted with an ending balance of \$319,698.23 as of May 31, 2009; and paying the bills in the amount of \$94,282.90 with checks numbering 11032 through 11083. ***The following correction was made on June 11, concerning the monthly bills for June: Partition Systems, Inc. was paid \$1,738.00 with check #11084, voiding check #11052 to Bareman and Associates for the same amount because the check was made out to the wrong vender and was listed on the bill listing incorrectly. This did not change the monthly bill total.***

The final balance of \$4,405.00 that the Township owed to Mr. Dan Kent for the building project was paid directly to Kent's subcontractors Parker & Arntz (\$2,667.00), and ***Partition Systems, Inc., corrected from Bareman and Associates*** (\$1,738.00).

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 92 hours for the month of May. A fire report showed 4 calls for the month of May and for the month of April a correction of 12 fires was reported instead of 11 fires. The Greenville Transit report showed 235 rides. Eureka Township Recycling will be held Tuesday, June 9 at the Grattan Academy. A Building report from the County showed 6 permits for the Township for the month of March.

Deputies John Hannon and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of May and the sheriff report showed a total of 2,404 patrol miles, with 198.5 patrol hours, 21 traffic stops, 5 traffic citations, 62 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Library Representative Ann Roberts gave a brief Flat River Library Report stating penal fines for April were \$48,420.66.

Last month, Trustees Roy and Pendrick volunteered along with Supervisor Shears to be on the Landscaping Committee for the Hall. Trustee Roy brought in a landscaping quote from Wayside Gardens, Greenville, for \$4,500.00. Trustee Pendrick brought in a quote of \$250.00 for an on-site consultation from Kristen Perez from Shaner Avenue Nursery, Rockford.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to wait until next month to make a decision about the Hall Landscaping Project. More quotes will be brought in for next month. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Township Board requested that the Planning Commission consider allowing accessory buildings on vacant land. The PC voted down a public hearing and referred it back to the Township Board. Supervisor Shears stated that 11 of the 20 townships in Montcalm County allow this and have no reported trouble with it because of their blight ordinances already in place. Planning Commission Chair, Duane Putnam, stated that the MTA attorneys advise against this.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to send the accessory building issue back to the Planning Commission. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1, Pendrick. Motion carried.

Trustee Pendrick reported that Green Rock Landscaping Supply will take all tree waste, but would like you to call them at 754-4684 before bringing anything in. She is working with the City of Greenville to possibly have a day in the fall when Township residents can bring leaves and clippings to the City for a slight charge. She also stated how proud she is of Greenville for making their own dirt out of clippings and leaves. This information will be placed in the upcoming newsletter.

The next Montcalm Township Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Belvidere and Cato Townships will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 7:00 pm, at the VFW in Six Lakes. Treasurer Hanson stated that the Association would like Eureka Township to host the August 18 Dinner/Meeting at our newly remodeled Township Hall this year. Clerk Ruwersma was asked to take care of the decorations.

Supervisor Shears stated that a special Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall. Mark Eidelson of LandPlan, Inc. will be present to answer any questions about Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of the Master Plan. Supervisor Shears would like all Board Members to attend this meeting if they possibly can.

The power went out at the Township Hall at approximately 7:45 pm and did not come back on during the rest of the meeting.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to wait until next month to decide on the approval of Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of the Master Plan. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to allow Treasurer Hanson to attend the MTA 2009 Summer Legislative Conference in August at Frankenmuth. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

During the Second Public Comment and Board Comments, Zoning Administrator Faussett commented on a student coming to help at the hall during the secretary's office hours to help with typing our ordinances on line and other jobs. Treasure Hanson asked for the fee schedule to be updated by the Clerk. Board Member Posekany volunteered to represent Eureka Township and attend the June 16 Greenville City Council Meeting. Clerk Ruwersma suggested the Township start paying the bills with an electronic checking system.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve for the Township to start paying the bills by electronic checking. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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 will provide a bus if there is enough interest. Shears also stated that she has been meeting once a month with other Supervisors from Montcalm County to discuss issues such as insurance, roads, and trash crushers, and finds these meetings helpful and very informative.

The Planning Commission has formed a committee to draft a Wind Energy Ordinance consisting of Duane Putnam, Candace Larkin, Lee Gilman, and Rod Roy.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:18 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
June 15, 2009