

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 11, 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 May 11, 2009, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call found the following Board Members present: Supervisor Laura Shears, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Rodney Roy, Brian Zayler, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. Clerk Linda Ruwersma was absent and Deputy Clerk Renee Fountain recorded the minutes in her place. These minutes will not be approved until the June 8, 2009 Regular Board Meeting. Approximately 17 others were in attendance. The meeting was audio taped incorrectly so the tapes were blank. Zoning Administrator Tom Faussett and City Council Member Larry Moss were also in attendance.

At the First Public Comment, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman gave a brief update concerning County issues.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the May 11 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the April 13, 2009 Election Minutes and the April 13, 2009 Board Minutes as written, the Treasurer's Report as submitted with an ending balance of \$352,234.04 as of April 30, 2009; and paying the bills totaling \$63,520.17 with checks numbering 10994 through 11031. Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 95.5 hours for the month of April. A fire report showed 11 calls and the Greenville Transit report showed 255 rides. Eureka Township Recycling will be held Tuesday, May 12, at the Grattan Academy. No building report was available from the County at this time.

Deputies John Hannon and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of April and the sheriff report showed a total of 2,377 patrol miles, with 233.5 patrol hours, 17 traffic stops, 2 traffic citations, 99 property inspections, and 1 arrest.

Zoning Administrator Tom Faussett reported that free airplane rides will be given on Saturday, May 30, 2009, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Greenville Municipal Airport for those 8 to 17 years of age.

The Cleanup Day was held Saturday, May 9, 2009, at the Eureka Township Hall from 9:00am to 3:00 pm. Knights Transfer Services provided three 22' x 8' dumpsters and Greenville Steel Sales provided one dumpster for metal. Twenty-five residents participated in filling the four dumpsters.

Garbage collection rates for the Eureka Township residents were discussed. Sidney Sanitation quoted \$39.00 per quarter for rubbish service with a 32 gallon bag size limit, 6 bags per week and \$45.00 per quarter for a 96 gallon cart service. Herrington's Waste

Service offered \$13.00 a month for rubbish service with a 6 bag limit each week and \$15.00 a month for service with a 96 gallon cart. Waste Management submitted a price rate structure ranging from \$18.00 to \$22.00 per house hold per month including a 96 gallon cart. It was decided that not all residents would like this, but maybe it could be something to put in the newsletter.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to include the names and prices of the three rubbish services previously listed in the upcoming newsletter. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve to continue taping the meetings each month by taping over minutes that have been approved, being consistent with the method. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve charging for the cost of tapes, plus the lowest hourly wage to do the recopying of recorded minutes from Board Meetings, not to exceed \$50.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears stated that in the bill listing the West Michigan Strategic Alliance membership of \$50.00 was paid for the year ending December 31, 2009.

Montcalm County sent back a response concerning Eureka Township purchasing the County GIS Mapping System for \$1,100.00, and \$15.00 for each requested map for three years after the purchase of the system. This will come out of the Zoning and Assessor Office Budgets.

Library Representative Cindy Lillie gave a brief Flat River Library report stating penal fines for March were \$40,450.00, and that the library is checking into summer landscaping.

The next Montcalm Township Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Maple Valley and Pierson Townships will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 7:00 pm, at the Settlement Lutheran Church.

Supervisor Shears opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:45 pm to entertain public comment concerning Ordinance #80 Home-Based Business (formerly known as Ordinance #79, Chapter 18.) Zoning Administrator Faussett explained the changes and answered questions for the Board and the public. Discussion included permits being based on complaints, different guide lines, whether or not there should be fees, and special land uses. The hearing was closed at approximately 8:15 pm.

Mr. Zayler moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve for Trustee Zayler to abstain from voting on the issue of the Home-Based Business stating there was a conflict of interest with his home business. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved to leave the permits and fees for the Home-Based Business Ordinance as they are. With no second to the motion, the motion was dropped.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve to keep Ordinance #80 as written omitting the permits and fees. Ayes: 3. Nays: 2, Shears and Hanson. Abstain: 1, Zayler. Motion carried.

Burning Ordinance #25 was discussed. Trustee Pendrick stated that she is against any burning of leaves in the Township, and would like to see this enforced like the City does. Terry Shears stated that he thought Green Rock accepted leaves and grass free of charge and Trustee Pendrick will check into this. The outcome will be placed in the upcoming newsletter.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to approve the burning of refuse in an approved container, leaves and grass clippings in the entire township, and to limit the burning of brush, stumps, and logs to properties within 1,400 feet from the Greenville City limit, as required by the DEQ. Ayes: 5. Nays 1, Pendrick. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson decided to not attend training for the BS&A Tax Software at this time. The update will cost approximately \$9,000.00 and needs to be purchased before training will be necessary. This will need to be put on the budget for next year.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve for Clerk Ruwersma and Deputy Clerk Renee Fountain to attend training at the MAMC Training Conference in Frankenmuth, June 16-19, 2009, which will include training fees and the hotel room. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to contract with the RCMC for the following five road contracts: 1) to machine wedge and seal Backus Road from County Farm Road to Kent Road (1 mile) for \$18,045.00; 2) to machine wedge and seal Baldwin Road from Satterlee Road east to Lake (.7 miles) for \$14,675.00; 3) to machine wedge and seal Avalon Road north of Baker Road (.3 mile) for \$7,897.00; 4) to place a 250# Bituminous mat on Jordan Road from M-91 west (.11 mile long x 20' wide) for \$13,944.00; and 5) to place a 250# Bituminous mat on Red Pine west of Youngman Road (100' long x 22' wide) for \$3,528; for a combined total of \$58,089.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1. Motion carried.

The Hall Rental Policy was discussed again. Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to drop the \$50.00 fee for the use of the kitchen when being used along with the rental of the Hall, stating \$50.00 was too high for a "warming kitchen." Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. The use of the kitchen will now be included in the Hall Rental price.

Township residents, Thomas and Mary Jane Faussett, have volunteered to donate and construct a "Water Garden" for the Township Hall sometime this June.

Supervisor Shears brought in a landscaping quote for the outside work that needs to be done at the Hall. Two more quotes are required and a committee needs to be set up to oversee this project. Trustees Roy and Pendrick volunteered along with Supervisor Shears to be on the Landscaping Committee. The quotes will be brought in and voted on in June so the landscaping can be completed yet this summer.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to set up a Landscaping Committee for the Hall Landscaping Project consisting of Supervisor Shears, Trustee Pendrick, and Trustee Roy. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Two more quotes will be brought in for the June meeting.

During the Second Public Comment and the Board Comments, Board Member Posekany volunteered to represent Eureka Township and attend the May 19 Greenville City Council Meeting.

The final balance of \$4,405.00 that is still owed to Mr. Dan Kent is being withheld until Kent pays his subcontractors in full and the corrections are made at the Hall.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:15 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
May 20, 2009