

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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 February 9, 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 March 9, 2009 Regular Board Meeting. Approximately 16 others were in attendance. The meeting was audio taped. Zoning Administrator Tom Faussett and Assessor Linda Miller were also in attendance.

At the First Public Comment, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman gave a brief update concerning County issues and Planning Commission Member Lee Gilman thanked the Board for sending him to the annual MTA Conference.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the February 9, 2009 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the January 12, 2009 Board Minutes as written and the Treasurer's Report as submitted with an ending balance of \$466,095.82 as of January 31, 2009; paying the bills totaling \$70,730.26 with checks numbering 10840 through 10891, omitting check numbers 10846, 10887, and 10891. Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 80.5 hours for the month of January. Deputies John Hannon and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month and the sheriff report showed a total of 3,135 patrol miles, with 245 patrol hours, 24 traffic stops, 9 traffic citations, 58 property inspections, and 4 arrests. A fire report showed 4 calls and the Greenville Transit report showed 265 rides for January.

Trustee Roy reported that there are three Public Hearings set for the February 18 Planning Commission Meeting. Zoning Administrator Faussett reported that Andrus Architecture came out and did a final punch list of the Township Hall Building Project. Mr. Dan Kent has 30 days to correct the issues on the punch list. The Township Building Committee will determine if any items on the punch list are not required to be completed.

Library Representative Cindy Lillie gave a brief Flat River Library report. She stated the library is doing a winter reading program and that there is information concerning foreclosures on the library Web site. No building report was available from the County.

Carolyn Kane presented information through a power point presentation about the West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition in Comstock Park. She was asking the Board for a letter of support in regards to its efforts to convert the local railroad corridors into

trails. The letter of support will go on file and be shown at a later date when asking for funds or grants.

Supervisor Shears thanked different members for their service and officially welcomed the two new Trustees. She then explained that last month the votes for several appointed positions were handled improperly and she would now correct that.

Supervisor Shears appointed Joyce Sage and Shawn Decker to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2011. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears suggested the Board appoint Lee Gilman, Joshua Almas, and Steve Elenbaas to the Board of Review for a term ending December 31, 2010. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears suggested the Board appoint Mark Wilkin to the Board of Review as First Alternate for a term ending December 31, 2010. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears suggested the Board appoint Shawn Decker to the Board of Review as Second Alternate for a term ending December 31, 2010. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears suggested the Board reappoint Duane Putnam to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending December 31, 2009, which will be when his Planning Commission term expires. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears suggested the Board appoint Jon Town to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending December 31, 2011. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears suggested the Board appoint Joshua Almas to the Zoning Board of Appeals as First Alternate for the term ending December 31, 2011. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears suggested the Board appoint Richard Pendrick to the Zoning Board of Appeals as Second Alternate for the term ending December 31, 2010. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears suggested the Board reappoint Cindy Lillie to the Flat River Library Board for the term ending December 31, 2012. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve holding a Public Hearing during the Regular March 9, 2009 Board Meeting to entertain public comment concerning the amendment to Ordinance #25 Fire Prevention. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to amend Zoning Ordinance #79, Chapter 13 Signs, Section 13.8 Zoning District Signs with the following:

Increase real estate sign limits in Residential Districts to 8 square feet; increase real estate sign size limits in Commercial Zoning Districts and in housing developments to 32 square feet; and to state that political signs in all Zoning Districts must meet State of Michigan requirement. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to send the Home Based Business Ordinance back to the Planning Commission and to check with an attorney whether it should be part of Ordinance #79 or a separate regulating ordinance. This will be discussed again next month. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to support the Planning Commission's wording concerning Chapters One and Two of the Eureka Township Master Plan and to approve to allow the Planning Commission to continue with the revision of the Master Plan. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Township Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Day and Ferris Townships will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 7:00 pm, at the Ferris Church of Christ in Vestaburg.

Trustees Elaine Pendrick and Rodney Roy agreed to be on the election committee for the year 2009.

Supervisor Shears stated that Planning Commission Member Mike Blanding was appointed to the Road Committee for 2009.

Trustees Zayler and Posekany agreed to take care of manning the May 9, 2009 Cleanup Day at the Hall. Trustees Roy and Pendrick agreed to man the September 12, 2009 Cleanup Day in the fall.

Treasurer Hanson reported that she was recently reappointed to the Montcalm County Community Information System until December 31, 2010.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
February 16, 2009

