

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015**  
**Approved**

Supervisor Rodney Roy, at the Eureka Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI, called the Regular Meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Board to order on November 9, 2015, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that all Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the December 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately five others were in attendance including Montcalm County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Greenville Mayor pro tem Fran Schuleit, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and Deputy Charlie Mahar.

During the first Public Comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave an update concerning County issues stating the meeting was changed to this morning because of the deer hunting season starting soon. He reported that the Commissioners voted to place a five-year Headlee override millage proposal on the March 8 Presidential Primary Ballot. He also stated that a new web site is being built with minimal information about each township. Eureka Charter Township will now need to get its own web site going in the next six weeks.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve the items on the November 9, 2015 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the October 12, 2015 Board Minutes as written; and the payment of bills for November in the amount of \$29,624.76 covering e-bills 630-638 and checks numbering 14538 to 14580. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$741,721.12 as of October 31, 2015.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 62 hours for October; the Greenville Transit report showing 276 runs; the Flat River Library report; and the fire report showing 5 fires reported for October. There was no building report available.

Deputies Charlie Mahar and Brandon Allen were assigned to Eureka Charter Township for October. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,337 patrol miles, with 117 patrol hours, 75 traffic stops, 13 traffic citations, 69 property inspections, and 13 arrests.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report stating they voted to change the January Planning Commission Meeting to January 13, 2016, because many of the members will be gone to the Annual MTA Conference on January 20, 2016.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the three-year Sheriff Contract between Eureka Charter Township and Montcalm County, beginning January 1, 2016, running through December 31, 2018, contracting for two deputies with a forty hour week each. Cost breakdown will be as follows: 2016 - \$72,500.00 per deputy for an annual total of \$145,000.00; 2017 - \$73,950.00 per deputy for a total of \$147,900.00; and 2018 - \$75,000.00 per deputy for a total of \$150,000.00. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Michigan Townships Association Annual Conference will be held in Detroit on January 19-22, 2016. Those interested in attending need to tell Clerk Ruwersma by Monday, December 7, 2015.

The Grant for the playground equipment in the amount of \$19,000.00 has been approved. Any amount over this for the Playground Project will be the responsibility of Eureka Charter Township.

Mr. Mark Wilkin reported to the Board that Mr. Russell Eggers did not comply with the recent requirements concerning the gravel pit. On December 8, 2014, the Board approved to have the Township attorney write up a consent judgment for Mr. Eggers concerning the M-57 Development LLC (the old Rydahl Gravel Pit), granting him an extension of time to re-claim his property with the following requirements: that everything be completed by June 15, 2015, with the land showing a 10% progress each month, and a surety bond being secured by January 12, 2015. Because of the non-compliance, the Township attorney has filed this complaint with the court system.

Supervisor Roy reported that there has been no news from the City of Greenville on the Baldwin Lake Sewer, and it will probably be on hold until next spring.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Maple Valley and Pierson Townships will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 7:00 pm. The Road Commission for Montcalm County has agreed to pay for the meals of each elected official attending the dinner.

The Eureka Township Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, with appetizers at 6:15 pm, and dinner at 6:30 pm, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall. All elected and appointed members from the Township and their guests are invited.

Two positions on the Township Planning Commission will expire on December 31, 2015, ones for Mr. Tom Pridgeon and Mr. Randy Klepper. Mr. Pridgeon decided not to be considered for another term. Only two resumes, ones from Randy Klepper and Joyce Sage, have been received. One position on the Zoning Board of Appeals will also expire on December 31, 2016.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the appointment of Joyce Sage and Randy Klepper to the Planning Commission, each for a three-year term, with the terms ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick, to re-appoint Mr. Wes Ruwersma to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with the three-year term ending December 31, 2018. His was the only resume received for the position. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to support the Montcalm Conservation District with \$500.00. The County has agreed to match any funds given to the Montcalm Conservation District up to \$7,500.00. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve to purchase a double-sided LED Electronic Message Center (including a dedicated computer and installation) from Johnson Outdoor Digital for a total cost of \$17,495.00. Ayes: 7, Austin, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Supervisor Roy received two other quotes, one from AdChoice LED Signs for \$19,933.22, and one from Praise Sign Company for \$28,432.00, as required.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve Greenville Lawn Care for snow removal for the 2015-16 Season with the same rates as last year as follows: \$20.00 per plow; \$15.00 per shovel the side walk; and \$35.00 per de-icing. Ayes: 7, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, Ruwersma, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Sample copies of the Eureka Charter Township Salary Resolutions were distributed to the Board members to look over before next month's meeting at which time they will be approved.

After Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:04 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
November 11, 2015