

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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 December 14, 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, Elaine Pendrick, and Marty Posekany. These minutes will not be approved until the January 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately six others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger and Randy Klepper; County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Zoning Board of Appeals Member Tony Adkison, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and Deputy Clerk Angela Adkison.

During the first Public Comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave an update concerning County issues. He stated that a five-year Headlee override millage proposal will be on all March 8, 2016 Ballots in Montcalm County.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the items on the December 14, 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 November 9, 2015 Board Minutes as written and the payment of the bills for December in the amount of \$47,248.89 covering e-bills 639-650 and checks numbering 14581-14624. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$783,448.38 as of November 30, 2015.

The consent Agenda also included the zoning report from Zoning Official Mark Wilkin showing 58 hours for November; the Greenville Transit report showing 280 runs; and the Flat River Library report. There were no fire or building reports available for the month.

Deputies Brandon Allen and Charlie Mahar were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of November. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,914 patrol miles, with 158.5 patrol hours, 116 traffic stops, 18 traffic citations, 107 property inspections, and 6 arrests.

Last month Zoning Official Wilkin informed the Board about Mr. Russell Eggers concerning the M-57 Development LLC gravel pit that did not comply with recent requirements. Supervisor Roy reported that there will be a deposition at the Eureka Charter Township Hall on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 10:00 am covering this issue. The attorneys will be present at this meeting and Supervisor Roy will give an update at the next meeting.

Supervisor Roy also gave an update on the LED sign for outside the Township Hall. He stated that the wiring has been completed and the sign should be installed by the end of the year.

Supervisor Roy then gave a brief update on the Fred Meijer River Rail-Trail issue. Last year a letter was sent to the Friends of the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail-Trails stating that the Township was not in favor of the access restrictions currently in place for some Township residents, and that the Township cannot financially contribute to the cause until an agreement is reached with all parties involved. The State Trails Planning Specialist replied to the letter stating that the land is clearly the DNR's and that they would consider any requests for crossings. A list of the concerned property owners (Barb and Otto Damer and Tom Faussett, both residing on Fletcher Road) was given to Carolyn Kane, and she stated that she would start working through the process with the DNR sometime in January of this year. The railroad splits both properties almost in half. The Committee is asking for a donation to the trail and said they are drawing up a resolution for the property owners to sign. It was decided that the Township will not donate before the property owners have their property taken care of and legal papers signed. This will be revisited next month.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the newly submitted 2016 Hartlab Insurance Policy with the increases, for a total of \$6,381.00. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Pendrick, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the following for the 2016 calendar year:

**Banks:** Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank, Isabella Bank & Trust, Chemical Bank Montcalm, Choice One, and Michigan CLASS

**Monthly Board Meeting dates, time, and place:** The second Monday of each month, 7:00 pm, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI

**Board of Review dates and times:** March 14 (week of); July 19, at 10:00 am; and December 13, at 10:00 am

**Maintenance:** (1) Linda Ruwersma to clean the Township Hall with each worker being responsible for their own office and Linda will clean the remaining part of the Hall  
(2) Cutting Edge Lawn Mowing Service for lawn care at the Eureka Township Cemetery, the Hall, and the lot across Jordan Road on S. Greenville Road

**Attorney:** Bloom Sluggett Morgan

**Audit:** Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. for the 2015 audit Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the 2016 General Appropriations Act. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve the Proposed 2016 Fee Schedule as written with several changes to the wages and also to the fees. (An

approved 2016 Fee Schedule will be distributed to the Board Members next month.)  
Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to approve Resolution 2015-001 To Establish Township Supervisor's Salary at \$15,000.00 for 2016. Ayes: 7. Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Pendrick, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve Resolution 2015-002 To Establish Township Clerk's Salary at \$16,000.00 for 2016. Ayes: 7. Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Pendrick, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve Resolution 2015-003 To Establish Township Treasurer's Salary at \$16,000.00 for 2016. Ayes: 7. Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Pendrick, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve Resolution 2015-004 To Establish Township Trustee's Salary at \$143.00 per meeting and \$110.00 per special meeting for 2016. Ayes: 7. Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Pendrick, Posekany, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

After the Second Public Comment time and a few Board Member Comments, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
December 16, 2015