

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016
Approved

Supervisor Rod 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 February 8, 2016, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that a quorum was present which included the following Board Members: Supervisor Rod Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, and Brad Kelley. These minutes will not be approved until the March 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately thirteen others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger and Randy Klepper; Deputy Charlie Mahar, Planning Commission Recording Secretary Michele Bigelow, Mayor pro tem Fran Schuleit, Councilmember Sylvia Warner, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and County Commissioner Tom Lindeman.

During the first Public Comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave a brief update on some County issues and stated that the federal court is now allowing ballot proposal literature to be handed out, because prohibiting it would interfere with free speech. Lindeman then handed out literature concerning restoring the past Headley reductions in Montcalm County. A proposal question related to this will be on the March 8 Presidential Primary ballot.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the February 8 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, and Kelley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the January 11, 2016 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$846,077.77 as of January 31, 2016; and the payment of February bills covering e-bills 661-672 and checks numbering 14673-14723 totaling \$35,661.24.

Also in the consent agenda were the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 54 hours for January; and the Greenville Transit report showing 252 runs for January, a fire report showing one incident, and the Flat River Library report.

Deputies Charlie Mahar and Brandon Allen were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of January. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,682 patrol miles, with 170 patrol hours, 79 traffic stops, 18 traffic citations, 158 property inspections, and 4 arrests.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief update concerning the M-57 Development stating the Township is currently in litigation with them and the judge wants it to be handled out of court, working with the attorneys. Supervisor Roy and Zoning Official Wilkin have been out to the site and are working together with those involved to make the land acceptable and present a settlement which will then need to be approved by the Board.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines used in the determination of Poverty Exemptions for 2016. Motion carried.

Andrew Adams and Kyle Shumaker from Shumaker Technology Group came and gave a presentation concerning prices for setting up a website for Eureka Charter Township.

Trustee Posekany then moved with a second by Trustee Kelley to allow Supervisor Roy to collect two more competitive bids and allow him to contract with a company if he chooses to do so, not to exceed \$1,800.00 for a one-year set up and expenses. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, and Kelley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

After some discussion concerning the hall rental charge for non-profit/governmental agencies, Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve to only charge a \$30.00 fee to each agency, with a limit of one rental per year per agency. Motion carried.

The February Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Pine and Douglass Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 7:00 pm, at the Douglass Township Hall, with the host speaker being Staff Attorney Catherine A. Mullhaupt from the Michigan Townships Association.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to adjust the salary for the Zoning Administrator, Mark Wilkin, beginning March 1, 2016, from \$1,000.00 monthly to \$2,000.00 monthly for the rest of 2016. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, and Kelley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy mentioned that articles for the Eureka Charter Township Newsletter will be collected until May 31, 2016.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to appoint Michele Bigelow as the Eureka Charter Township Election Assistant for the March 8 Presidential Primary Election. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to re-appoint Ann Roberts to the Flat River Community Library Board with the term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried.

There was nothing said during the Second Public Comment.

Those present that went to the Michigan Townships Association Conference were thankful to the Township for sending them and they stated they learned a lot.

After Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:50 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
February 11, 2016