

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 9, 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 May 9, 2016, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated all Board Members were present, which included the following: 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 June 13, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately six were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, Greenville Mayor pro tem Fran Schuleit, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and County Commissioner Tom Lindeman.

During the first Public Comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave a brief report on County issues stating that things are not going well financially. The County is planning to close most of the County Parks and budget cuts will continue throughout the year.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission Meeting update about the recent meeting.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the May 9, 2016 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, and Posekany. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the April 11, 2016 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$1,035,034.40 as of April 30, 2016; and the payment of the April bills in the amount of \$50,725.24 covering e-bills 692-700 and checks numbering 14819-14864.

Also in the consent agenda were the Flat River Library reports, the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 52 hours for April, and the Greenville Transit report showing 258 runs. There were 2 fire incidents reported for the month; no building report was available.

Deputies Charlie Mahar and Brandon Allen were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of April. The sheriff report showed a total of 4,620 patrol miles, with 206 patrol hours, 144 traffic stops, 23 traffic citations, 214 property inspections, and 3 arrests.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief road contract stating there is one more contract that the Road Commission for Montcalm County is checking on before the final approval.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief update on the installation of the playground equipment. It is scheduled to be installed on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, by Playworld Midstates. When the job is finished the Township will pay the balance.

The Township Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2016. Five dumpsters will be set up on the Township's vacant lots across Jordan Road; four dumpsters for trash and one dumpster for steel. Tires will be collected for a fee of \$2.00 each. Marty Posekany, Brad Kelley, and Linda Weger volunteered to assist Supervisor Roy.

As of 2015, a lawsuit has been filed against the M-57 Development through circuit court. Last month Supervisor Roy reported that the attorney and Township came up with a few plans of having 3” of dirt smoothed out and putting up a row of bushes so it looks like a rolling plain instead of a gully on the property. The attorneys are still waiting to hear back from the owner.

Supervisor Roy reported that articles for the newsletter are still being collected until May 30, 2016.

The yearly audit was conducted on April 18 and 19, 2016, by Abraham and Gaffney, PC, and stated that the Treasurer and Clerk did a fine job managing the Township’s records.

The 2016 Greenville Triathlon & Duathlon will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016, beginning at 8:00 am.

Eureka Township Representative Darcia Kelley submitted a quarterly report from the business development The Right Place.

The next Montcalm Township Meeting/Dinner will be Tuesday, June 21, 2016, hosted by Montcalm and Fairplain Townships.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the following amendment to Zoning Ordinance 79, Chapter 20 Administration and Enforcement, adding the following: ***Section 20.5 Severability Clause This Ordinance and each section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, or any provision thereof shall be deemed to be severable. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, or any other provision of this Ordinance is adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable or unconstitutional for any reason, it is hereby provided that the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.*** Motion carried.

During the Second Public and Board Comment City Council Member Fran Schuleit gave a brief City report. There was some discussion about paving the rest of Jordan Road to the cemetery next year, and also about purchasing a new cemetery sign.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to donate \$500.00 to support the Montcalm Conservation District for 2016. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, and Posekany. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Shelter-Ready Exercise presented by the Red Cross and Salvation Army will be Wednesday, May 11, 2016, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Montcalm Community College in Sidney.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:47 pm.

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