

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

Clerk Linda Ruwersma, at the Eureka Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI, called the Regular Meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Board to order on August 8, 2016, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that five Board Members were present, which included the following: Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Brad Kelley, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. Supervisor Rodney Roy and Trustee Jeremy Austin were absent. These minutes will not be approved until the September 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to appoint Trustee Marty Posekany as president pro tem for the meeting. Motion carried.

Approximately four others were in attendance including County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Greenville Councilperson Sylvia Warner, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and Deputy Travis Rose.

During the first public comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave a report about county issues. He stated the County is still working on the budget and stated Eureka Charter Township is the second highest in completing the corners in Montcalm County.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the August 8, 2016 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 5, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Pendrick, and Kelley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the July 11, 2016 Board Minutes as written and the payment of the bills for July in the amount of \$40,452.32 covering e-bills #722-734 and checks numbering 14970-15022. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$994,768.07 as of July 31, 2016.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Zoning Official Mark Wilkin showing 52 hours for July; the Flat River Library report, a fire report showing nine incidents, and the Greenville Transit report showing 166 runs. There was no building report available.

Deputies Bradley Allen and Charlie Mahar were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of July. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,821 patrol miles, with 121 traffic patrol hours, 32 traffic stops, 51 total complaints handled, and 5 arrests.

There was some discussion about the Township road projects. The road commission should have them finished up by the end of August. Trustee Posekany also gave a report on the M-57 Development stating according to Supervisor Roy there was no change. Zoning Official Wilkin then stated that according to the attorney, M-57 Development has a new timeline to resolve the issue before going to court.

After some discussion it was decided to just add the pavilion rental charge for non-profit/governmental agencies to the fee schedule and to the present pavilion rental form, as the \$30.00 fee was approved at the February 8, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Evergreen and Bushnell Townships will be Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at 7:00 pm, and will be held at the Stanton American Legion.

Trustees Kelley and Posekany volunteered to work at the September 10, 2016 Cleanup Day. Four dumpsters from Knight Transfer Services will be delivered and also one dumpster for the metal from Greenville Steel. Tires will also be collected. Volunteers are welcomed to help.

There was some discussion about the new quotes from AT&T phone service renewal contract. This will be discussed again next month when the Supervisor is back.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to accept the resignation letter from the present Eureka Charter Township Assessor Debbie Rashid and Deputy Assessor Lisa Verburg effective August 26, 2016. Motion carried. The Clerk will put an ad in the paper. The Board will possibly appoint a new assessor at the September 12, 2016 Board Meeting.

There was some discussion about Ordinance #79, Chapter 3 General Provision, Section 3.27 Waterfront Properties, B. Standards, adding Additional DNR Natural Rivers Zoning Rules under #10. Another possibility considered was inserting the Rules as an addendum after Section 3.28. It seemed the Board preferred the idea of adding this under #10 of said Section 3.27. This proposed amendment will be discussed and decided on at the September 12, 2016 Board Meeting.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief planning commission report. He also reported that the initial community feedback from the hazard questionnaire survey was sent out to all Townships in Montcalm County, and Eureka Township was only one of five that had filled out the survey.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve a Resolution for the Standard Lighting Contract (Company Owned) Form 548 with Consumers Energy for a one-year-term beginning August 1, 2016, which would be an increase of \$12.00 per month for the street lighting. Ayes: 5, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Pendrick, and Kelley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

After the Second Public Comment and Board Comments, Trustee Posekany adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:57 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
August 11, 2016