

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017
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 April 17, 2017, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, it was stated that there was a quorum with the following Board Member present: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, and Brad Kelley. Treasurer Cindy Hanson was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the May 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

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

At the First Public Comment, Tom Lindeman gave a brief update on County issues. Linda Weger briefly spoke on the census issue. Deputy Mahar also gave a brief report and stated he will be back working full time in Eureka Charter Township in May.

The sheriff report showed a total of 4,196 patrol miles, with 226.5 patrol hours, 19 traffic stops, 9 traffic citations, and 284 property inspections.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the April 17, 2017 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 6, Roy, Ruwersma, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, and Posekany. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the March 13, 2017 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$1,030,318.59 as of March 31, 2017; and the payment of the bills paid in April in the amount of \$42,088.14 covering e-bills 814-826 and checks numbering 15370-15411. Clerk Ruwersma stated that Berthiaume & Company audit firm performed the 2016 audit on Friday, April 7, 2017, and she reviewed a few of the changes that they suggested.

Also in the consent agenda was the Greenville Transit report showing 203 runs. There were 10 fire incidents, but no building report was available this month. There was no Planning Commission Meeting in March.

At approximately 7:26 pm, Supervisor Roy opened the Public Hearing concerning a thirty-year franchise with Consumers Energy Company and the Proposed Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance #87. Harmony Nowlin from Consumers Energy was present last month to answer questions, but was not able to attend this meeting. After some discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at approximately 7:30 pm.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve the Proposed Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance #87. Ayes: 6, Roy, Ruwersma, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, and Posekany. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Articles for the Eureka Township Newsletter are still being collected until May 31, 2016.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Home and Richland Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to transfer \$70,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road Work Fund 446-948 to cover the extra expenses for the 2017 road projects. This was money budgeted for roads for the past six years that was not used on road projects and put back in the General Fund. Ayes: 6, Roy, Ruwersma, Posekany, Kelley, Pendrick, and Austin. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve to transfer \$13,000.00 from the Contingency Fund 250-715 to the Road Work Fund 446-948 to cover the extra expenses for the 2017 road projects. Ayes: 6, Roy, Ruwersma, Posekany, Kelley, Pendrick, and Austin. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve to contract with the Road Commission for Montcalm County in 2017 for the following ten road projects:

- 1. Spray brush along local roadsides to be later determined, with the cost to be shared, with the MCRC contributing \$1,000.00 and the Township contributing \$2,000.00**
- 2. To place 7,500 pounds of overband crack seal on roads with locations to be determined by Township and MCRC for a Township cost of \$8,625.00**
- 3. Limestone resurface Shearer Road from Wise Road south to Greenville city limits, (0.75 mile) for \$57,513.00**
- 4. Grade and place A 250# Asphalt Mat on Red Pine Drive from Youngman Road to Cul-de-sac, (0.15 mile) for \$26,821.00**
- 5. Machine wedge and seal Fletcher Road from M-91 (Greenville Road) west to Stakes Road (Gravel) (0.80 mile) for \$29,059.00**
- 6. Machine wedge and seal Wildwood Drive from Youngman Road to Debbie Drive, (0.38 mile) for \$6,533.00**
- 7. Gravel resurface Lake Road from County Farm Road to Wise Road (1.0 mile) for \$18,420.00**
- 8. Place A 165# Asphalt overlay on Wildwood and Wildlife Drives from Debbie Drive to cul-de-sacs, (0.30 mile) for \$49,303.00**
- 9. Machine wedge and seal Harlow Road from West County Line Road to Youngman Road (1 mile) for \$33,231.00**
- 10. Machine Wedge and seal Fawn Ridge Drive from Youngman Road to cul-de-sac (.29 mile) for \$6,775.00**

for a total of \$238,280.00. Ayes: 6, Roy, Ruwersma, Austin, Kelley, Pendrick, and Posekany. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to approve to contract with the Road Commission for Montcalm County to Design and provide Engineering Services for South County Line Road between M-91 and Berridge Road for \$20,000.00, with the Road Commission paying \$10,000.00 and the Township cost being a total of \$10,000.00. Ayes: 6, Roy, Ruwersma, Posekany, Kelley, Pendrick, and Austin. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Township Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 2017, from 9 am to 3 pm. Trustees Posekany and Kelley volunteered to assist Supervisor Roy during the day. Four dumpsters will be coming for trash and another one from Greenville Steel for metal. This service will also include used tire collection for a fee of \$2.00 each.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to allow the Supervisor to have the Township attorney draft ordinance wording stating that the Township does not wish to participate in the 2016 Michigan Medical Marijuana Act 281.282 and 283, and also to approve a Public Hearing for May or June. Motion carried.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:11 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
April 19, 2017