

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 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 August 14, 2017, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy Clerk Angela Adkison stated that six Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Brad Kelley, Jeremy Austin, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. Clerk Linda Ruwersma was absent, and Deputy Clerk Adkison was the recording secretary for the night. These minutes will not be approved until the September 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately five others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, Deputy Charlie Mahar, Cory Smith from the *Daily News*, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, Montcalm County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, and Greenville Councilperson Sylvia Warner.

During the first public comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave a report about County issues. He discussed the issue with tractor trailers on Backus Road and asked the Board to re-consider re-evaluating the speed limit on that road.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the August 14, 2017 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 6, Hanson, Posekany, Austin, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the July 10, 2017 Board Minutes as written and the payment of the bills for July in the amount of \$45,080.95 covering e-bills #857-869 and checks numbering 15551-15600. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$1,172,033.27 as of July 31, 2017.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Zoning Official Mark Wilkin showing 54 hours for July; the Flat River Library report, a fire report showing two non-township incidents, and the Greenville Transit report showing 156 runs. There was no building report available.

The sheriff report for August showed a total of 2,455 patrol miles, with 146.5 traffic patrol hours, 32 traffic stops, 120 property inspections, and 3 arrests.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief Road Commission report stating the RCMC still has a few roads to complete. There was discussion of moving money from the general fund to the road fund in the budget to complete the road work on Jordan Road, and that will be taken care of before the payment of the work.

Zoning Official Wilkin gave a brief report about the M-57 Development Project stating that they have until the end of December to complete the project.

After some discussion about the present Eureka Charter Township Code of Conduct Policy, Trustee Kelley moved with a second by Trustee Pendrick to keep the current policy as written with no changes. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Maple Valley and Pierson Townships will be Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

Trustees Kelley and Posekany volunteered to work at the September 9, 2017 Cleanup Day, along with Supervisor Roy. Four dumpsters from Knight Transfer Services will be delivered and also one dumpster for the metal from Greenville Steel. Tires will also be collected for the new price of \$2.50 a tire. Volunteers are welcomed to help.

Supervisor Roy handed out quotes for a new 4' by 3' cemetery sign from Polly Products for \$882.30 and Kirby Built Quality Products for \$961.47. Polly Products also makes a larger 4' by 6' sign for \$891.65, all prices include installation. It was decided to wait and discuss this again next month.

Supervisor Roy handed out quotes for a new flag pole from Flagpoles Etc.; Flagpoles, Outdoor Aluminum Majestic; and West Michigan Flag. The sizes and prices varied.

After some discussion, Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to purchase two 20-foot telescoping flag poles both for \$698.00, and one tapered 25-foot pole for \$1,030.00 all from Flagpoles Etc., for a total of \$1,728.00 for all three poles. Ayes: 6, Hanson, Posekany, Austin, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief planning commission report stating the July 19, 2017 Public Hearing was canceled.

A proposal from the Humane Society of Mid-Michigan's Board President Angela Hollinstead to contract for services regarding canines that are stray, at large, or free roaming, for \$7,645.00 yearly, was reviewed by the Board. Supervisor Roy will have Hollinstead come to the September Board Meeting to further explain the agreement for services and to answer any questions the Board might have.

During audience comments, it was brought up about the chairperson of the Board of Review not making a higher wage than the other members; whereas the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals do pay their chairperson more. This will be added to next month's agenda for further discussion.

Supervisor Roy stated that he has checked into changing the present lighting at the hall to LED lighting for approximately \$2,400.00, which would save the Township an estimated \$300.00 per year for utility costs. This will be discussed again also.

During the June meeting, Trustee Austin mentioned about a resident living on Harlow Road who is visually impaired and wondered if the Township could have a sign put up near her home indicating that she is nearly blind. With her mailbox being on the opposite side of the road than her home, Treasurer Hanson stated that the post office might move the mailbox across the road to accommodate her disability. After researching the matter, the United States Postal Service will not put a unit on the house due to a non-disabled person living at that residence.

After the Second Public Comment and Board Comments, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25 pm.

Deputy Clerk Angela Adkison
Recording Secretary

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
August 21, 2017