

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 September 11, 2017, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that all seven Board Members were present which included the following: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson; Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the October 9, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately fifteen others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger and Les Lillie; Planning Commission Recording Secretary Cindy Lillie, Greenville Mayor pro-tem Fran Schuleit, Library Representative Ann Roberts, Deputy Clerk Angela Adkison, Deputy Charlie Mahar, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Cory Smith from the *Daily News*, and Zoning Official Mark Wilkin.

During the first Public Comment a resident mentioned how he enjoys the new sign out in the front of the Township Hall, but he would like to see the board meeting agendas put on the web site a few days before the meeting each month.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the items on the September 11, 2017 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the August 14, 2017 Board Minutes as written and the payment of bills for September in the amount of \$209,252.41 covering e-bills 870-878 and checks numbering 15601-15650. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,146,645.36 as of August 31, 2017.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 69 hours for August; the Greenville Transit report showing 144 runs; and the Flat River Library report. There were no building or fire reports available.

The sheriff report for July, which was forgotten at the last two meetings, showed a total of 3,629 patrol miles, with 207 traffic patrol hours, 48 traffic stops, 172 property inspections, and 1 arrest.

The sheriff report for September showed a total of 2,455 patrol miles, with 227.5 patrol hours, 52 traffic stops, 6 traffic citations, 191 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Angela Hollinshead, President of the Mid-Michigan's Humane Society Board, was present to explain an agreement for services regarding canines that are stray, at large, or free roaming in Montcalm County. She brought forth a new request for \$3.00 per housing unit for a total of \$4,587.00 yearly; instead of the \$5.00 per housing unit for \$7,645.00

yearly that was requested at the August meeting. She is hoping all 29 municipalities in Montcalm County participate in the program. After a lengthy discussion, the board agreed to wait until at least next month to make a decision, allowing time to consider including it in the 2018 budget.

Last month Supervisor Roy handed out quotes for a new 4' by 6' cemetery sign, one from Polly Products for \$891.65 and one from Kirby Built Quality Products for \$961.47.

After some additional discussion, Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to purchase a 4' by 6' cemetery sign and the posts from Polly Products for \$891.65. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, Hanson, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

A big thank you to the various Board Members who worked at the September 9, 2017 Cleanup Day. Four dumpsters from Knight Transfer Services were filled with trash, and one dumpster from Greenville Steel with metal. Approximately 76 residents showed up, but no tires were collected.

After some discussion, Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to approve to have the Road Commission of Montcalm County install two signs for the visually impaired for a total of \$250.00 on Harlow Road near a home where a visually impaired resident lives. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Austin, Hanson, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy reported that the 2017 road projects should be done by the end of September.

After some discussion, Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve to have Flagpoles Etc. install the three flag poles (purchased from them at the August Meeting) for \$855.00. Ayes: 7, Hanson, Posekany, Austin, Ruwersma, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Two Aflac representatives, Josh and Alyssa Hilstad, were present to further explain the Aflac Plan that the Township is already taking part in. He stated that Aflac is not an insurance Company, and that they will be by in the morning to get a list of names and numbers of the Township Employees so they can contact them individually in the future.

Commissioner Tom Lindeman gave a brief update on the Montcalm County Budget. He stated that any non-state-mandated programs will not receive any funding in order to restore the County budget with a five-year recovery plan. He also encouraged residents to enroll in the Smart911 Program, and reminded residents that the dog license amnesty program is still in place until the end of September.

Supervisor Roy informed the Board that Eureka Charter Township will be completely done with the Remonumentation Program corners by the end of 2017.

The proposed 2018 Township Budget was distributed to the Board for discussion. After a few changes, Treasurer Hanson moved with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to hold a Budget Public Hearing during the October 9, 2017 Township Board Meeting to hear public comment on the proposed 2018 Eureka Charter Township Budget.

A completed copy of the revised Proposed 2018 Budget will be available for Public Review by September 25, 2017, at the Eureka Township Hall, M-F, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Pine and Douglass Townships will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

There has been a request for a speed study to be done on M-91 south of Greenville. After some discussion, Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to have MDOT perform a speed study on M-91 from Snows Lake Road north to the Greenville city limits. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a seconded by Trustee Pendrick to approve setting the 2017 total millage for Eureka Charter Township at 3.0396 mills (0.8022 for permanent operating, 0.9944 for police protection, 0.7458 for fire protection, and 0.4972 for roads). Ayes: 7, Hanson, Posekany, Austin, Ruwersma, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve to appoint Renee Fountain as an election assistant for the November 7, 2017 Special Election. Motion carried.

After a few Board and Public Comments, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:05 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
September 13, 2017