

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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 Monday, October 9, 2017, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that six Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Rodney Roy and Clerk Linda Ruwersma; Trustees Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, Jeremy Austin, and Brad Kelley. Treasurer Cindy Hanson was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the November 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately nine others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, Deputy Charlie Mahar, Cory Smith from the *Daily News*, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Zoning Board of Appeals Member Tony Adkison, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and Greenville Councilmember Sylvia Warner.

During the first Public Comment, Baldwin Heights School Principal Mike Walsh gave a short presentation concerning the upcoming proposed bond issue that will be on the November 7, 2017 Election Ballot. County Commissioner Lindeman also gave an update concerning County issues stating that the County budget is tight and people have been eliminated.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the items on the October 9, 2017 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Posekany, Austin, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the September 11, 2017 Board Minutes as written and the payment of the October bills in the amount of \$58,555.95 covering e-bills 879-889 and checks numbering 15651-15687. It also included the Treasurer's reports showing an ending balance of \$938,263.74 as of September 30, 2017.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 63 hours for September; the Greenville Transit report showing 146 runs; the Flat River Library report; and the fire report showing six incidents. There was no building report available.

The sheriff report showed a total of 3,716 patrol miles, with 343 total hours, 44 traffic stops, 10 traffic citations, 158 property inspections, and 1 arrest. Deputy Mahar commented on the dog issue concerning canines that are stray, at large, or free roaming, and stated that the officers will respond to these calls and may issue citations.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief update concerning the funding for the Mid-Michigan Humane Society. A representative from the Michigan's Township Association advised that to legally give funds for services rendered, a contract must be drafted with MMHS.

After a twenty-minute discussion, it was decided to wait to discuss this again next month after the Montcalm Townships Association Meeting when Angela Hollinshead will be the speaker.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Pine and Douglass Townships will be Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 7:00 pm, with Angela Hollinshead from the Mid-Michigan's Humane Society Board as the speaker.

Supervisor Roy reported that the orders for Flagpoles Etc and Polly Products have been confirmed and the flag poles have been installed. A 35' pole was mistakenly installed instead of a 25' pole, and instead of having it changed back to the 25' pole, an extra charge for the pole and flag amounted to \$225.00, which Supervisor Roy previously approved.

A resolution was drawn up, signed, and sent on to MDOT for a speed study to be done on M-91 from Snows Lake Road north to the Greenville City limits.

Supervisor Roy gave an update on the 2017 road projects, and stated that the RCMC has installed the two signs for the visually impaired on Harlow Road.

Zoning Official Wilkin gave a brief update on the M-57 Development stating that if Russell Eggers does not comply by December 1, 2017, he will be taken to court.

Supervisor Roy stated that he will bring up the issue concerning the truck traffic on Backus Road at the Greater Greenville Transportation Committee Meeting when he attends on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at 6:30 pm, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall.

At approximately 7:55 pm, Supervisor Roy opened the Public Hearing concerning the Proposed 2018 Budget. After some discussion the public hearing was closed at approximately 8:15 pm.

Trustee Posekany then moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the Proposed Budget for 2018 as printed with a revenue of \$907,499.91 and total expenses \$833,184.00. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Posekany, Austin, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy distributed a resignation letter from Sharon Becher from her position on the Board of Review. He stated the Board does not need to find a replacement as there is still one alternate besides the three Board of Review Members.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to accept the resignation letter from Sharon Becher from her position on the Board of Review and to not find a replacement for the position at this time. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to rezone the following parcels located in Section 33 from GC (General Commercial) to RC (Rural Commercial) so that the zoning will comply with the Master Plan:

59-008-033-036-00 - 11690 S. Greenville Road - Greenville Aerie (Eagles)

59-008-033-035-10 - 11644 S. Greenville Road - Mellema Enterprises LLC

59-008-900-007-00 - 11650 S. Greenville Road - Cooper Mechanical

Motion carried.

After some discussion for a date for the Township Christmas Party, the date was decided for Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 6:30 pm.

The present Eureka Charter Township Rental Guidelines and Agreement sheet was distributed to the Board for review. After some discussion, it was decided to amend the Eureka Charter Township Rental Guidelines and Agreement for clarification, and another draft will be presented next month for approval.

Clerk Ruwersma will be putting an ad in the paper for the appointments for terms expiring in December on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Library Board, and Planning Commission.

After a few public comments, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:50 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
October 16, 2017