

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018
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 13, 2018, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Linda Ruwersma stated that six Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Trustees Brad Kelley, Jeremy Austin, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. Treasurer Cindy Hanson was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the September 10, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately nine others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, Deputy Mike Kotenko, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, Montcalm County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, and Greenville Mayor pro tem Fran Schuleit.

During the first public comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave a report about County issues. Deputy Kotenko also gave a brief sheriff report. Fran Schuleit stated the City will have a Public Hearing August 21 concerning making their animal ordinance stricter.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the August 13, 2018 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Posekany, Austin, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the July 9, 2018 Board Minutes as written and the payment of the bills for July in the amount of \$54,445.73 covering e-bills #984-996 and checks numbering 16072-16134. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$1,031,909.03 as of July 31, 2018.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Zoning Official Mark Wilkin showing 52 hours for July; 2 Flat River Library reports, and the Greenville Transit report showing 203 runs. There were no building or fire reports available.

The sheriff report for August showed a total of 2,542 patrol miles, with 133.5 traffic patrol hours, 30 traffic stops, 91 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Zoning Official Wilkin gave a brief report on the M-57 Gravel Pit Development. Last month Mr. Eggers brought in more equipment to update the process. He is expected to be done with the project by the end of the year.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief update concerning the work done by Williams and Works with the Master Plan.

Supervisor Roy recently completed an application for the Adopt-A-Highway Program and is waiting to hear back from the State of Michigan. This program is designed to help keep the highways clean and attractive, and the two-mile stretch by the Township Hall is available for cleanup.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief report about the demolition project at 9582 Fletcher Road. The house is down in a pile, with no running water, no power, and no gas. The project will be completed by the end of August.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief road projects update stating that the RCMC is done with all of the Eureka road projects for this year.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Reynolds and Winfield Townships will be Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 7:00 pm. This is a week later than usual.

Trustees Kelley and Posekany volunteered to work at the September 8, 2018 Cleanup Day, along with Supervisor Roy and Linda Weger. 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 \$2.50 a tire. Volunteers are welcomed to help.

After Supervisor Roy announced the retirement of Ralph VanOcker as the Eureka Charter Township Sexton, Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to accept his resignation effective August 31, 2018. Motion carried. An ad will be put in the paper advertising for a new cemetery sexton.

After Clerk Ruwersma announced the resignation of Eureka Charter Township Secretary and Deputy Clerk Angela Adkison, Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to accept her resignation from both positions effective August 31, 2018. Motion carried.

Trustee Pendrick then moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to hire Linda Jones to start training immediately as a temporary secretary through December; working three days a week for approximately twelve weekly hours at \$12.00 an hour. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Posekany, Austin, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried. An ad will be put in the paper in October seeking applicants for the permanent secretary position.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to re-appoint Renee Fountain as an election assistant for the November 6, 2018 General Election. Motion carried.

The 2017 yearly audit was conducted on April 30, 2018, by Berthiaume & Company audit firm. Mr. Ken Berthiaume was present to discuss the audit. After approximately fifteen minutes of question and answers he stated the Clerk and Treasurer did a fine job managing the books.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report; and after the Second Public Comment time and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:50 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
August 15, 2018