

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019
Approved

Supervisor Rod 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 February 11, 2019, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that a quorum was present which included the following Board Members: Supervisor Rod Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, and Brad Kelley. These minutes will not be approved until the March 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately six others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, Library Member Ann Roberts, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and County Commissioner Brendan Mahar.

During the first Public Comment, Commissioner Mahar gave a brief update on some County issues stating the commissioners switched the monthly Monday meetings back to 6:00 pm. Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report stating the survey from William & Works was discussed and is in our packet.

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

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the January 14, 2019 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the payment of February bills covering e-bills 1053-1061 and checks numbering 16377-16419 totaling \$36,660.07. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,044,498.39 as of January 31, 2019.

Also, in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 40 hours for January; the Greenville Transit report showing 181 runs for January, the fire report showing 4 incidents, 2 Planning Commission reports, and the Flat River Library report.

The January sheriff report showed a total of 4,729 patrol miles, with 229 patrol hours, 26 traffic stops, 13 traffic citations, 186 property inspections, and 4 arrests.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief update concerning the M-57 Development stating Mr. Russell Eggers will be giving a presentation to the Planning Commission at their meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

The Board of Review Training that was scheduled for February 9, 2019, at 9:00 am, at Chippewa Hills High School near Remus, was canceled due to bad weather and had been re-scheduled to Saturday, February 23, 2019, same time.

The Eureka Charter Township Board of Review will meet at the township hall on March 5, for an Organizational Meeting; on March 13 and 14 to hear complaints; and on March 20 to wrap things up.

Supervisor Roy stated that the MTA Capital Conference is scheduled for February 27, 2019, in Lansing; and that the Michigan Township Association Annual Conference will be held April 1-4, 2019, at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids for those interested in attending. Let the Clerk know if you are interested in going to either.

The February Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Belvidere and Cato Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

Executive Director/Intake Coordinator Lori Kirhoff from the IM Safe Child Advocacy Center was present and gave a presentation concerning the protection of abused children in Montcalm and Ionia Counties. She stated that from 2015 through 2018, there were 88 cases from Eureka Charter Township out of the total of 1,009 cases from Montcalm and Ionia Counties. Kerhoff was asking for a donation from the Township.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve for Supervisor Roy to check with the Township attorney on the issue of a donation to the IM Safe Child Advocacy Center to see what the legal procedure is concerning this expenditure. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy mentioned that articles for the Eureka Charter Township Newsletter will be collected until May 31, 2019.

Allan Lehman, owner of the property on M-91 just north of the Township Hall, would like to sell approximately 21.52 acres of his property. There was some discussion if the Township would like to purchase any of the land for future use. Mr. Lehman will be invited to a future meeting.

The results of the survey sent out by William & Works Professional Planning Services were distributed to the Board members.

The attorney has recommended that the Township hire a planner to be on call so the big planning project are handled correctly.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve to create a new line item on the budget and transfer \$2,000.00 from the Contingency fund to this new fund and to hire a planner from William & Works. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, and Kelley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy suggested to the Board for the purchase of a Whole Building Generator. He received a quote from G & D Electric and will get two more before next meeting.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve a resolution to adopt the new Federal Poverty Guidelines used in the determination of the 2019 Poverty Exemptions. Motion carried.

After the Second Public Comment and Board Comments, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
February 13, 2019