

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 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 March 11, 2019, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that all Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Rodney 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 April 8, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately five others were in attendance including County Commissioner Brendan Mahar, Deputy Greg Syrjala, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and Planning Commission Member Linda Weger.

During the Public Comment, Commissioner Mahar gave an update on County issues stating that the Montcalm County Sheriff approved to hire another corrections officer. Deputy Sheriff Syrjala also gave a brief sheriff's report.

Also, Timothy Rozelle, Financial Advisor from Retirement Plan Advisors, was present to give a presentation for any employees wanting to enroll in the Security Benefit deferred compensation plan. He left packets for anyone to contact him.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the March 11, 2019 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, Pendrick, and Austin. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the February 11, 2019 Board Minutes as written; the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$1,050,064.67 as of February 28, 2019; and the payment of the bills paid in March in the amount of \$39,105.69 covering e-bills 1062-1073 and checks numbering 16420-16464.

Also, in the consent agenda were the Flat River Library report, the Planning Commission report, a zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 48 hours reported for February, the fire report, and the Greenville Transit report showing 186 runs for the month. There was no building report available.

The Sheriff report showed a total of 5,291 patrol miles, with 305 patrol hours, 23 traffic stops, 6 traffic citations, 128 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Articles for the spring newsletter will be collected by Deb Homant until May 31, 2019.

Trustees Kelley and Posekany, and Planning Commission Members Linda Weger volunteered to work at the Eureka Township Cleanup Day along with Supervisor Roy on Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, or until the dumpsters are filled.

The Road Commission for Montcalm County sent seventeen 2019 road projects to the Township for review. The road committee will look at them on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at the hall. After their recommendations, the road projects will be sent to the Board for approval next month.

Last month 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. Supervisor Roy checked with the township attorney who stated that it is not illegal to donate, but it is not recommended. Roy will check with Kirhoff and get more information concerning which other municipalities have donated and how much, to give the Board a better understanding if it would be wise to donate to the cause.

Last month there was some discussion about the land for sale by Allan Lehman, owner of the property on M-91 just north of the Township Hall. Supervisor Roy handed out a drawing that showed adding about four acres to the existing hall property. This will be discussed again next month.

Supervisor Roy handed out three quotes for a generator for the Township Hall. Quotes came in from G & D Electric, Service Professor, and Ark's Electric. After some discussion, Supervisor Roy said he will check with Service Professor on a quote for a service transfer switch so the three quotes will be more similar and will report back next month.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief update on the addition of 12' x 24' to the archive room. He will have more information next month.

Casair is requesting that a Metro-Act agreement be in place with them in Eureka Charter Township for High Speed Broadband. Supervisor Roy will contact them and request someone to come to a meeting in the near future to explain the process.

The 2019 MTA Conference will be held on April 1-4, 2019, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The 2018 Audit will be conducted by Berthiaume & Company on April 22 or 29, 2019, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall.

The Yellow Jacket Challenge 5K Event is scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 2019, at 2 pm.

The Board of Review will meet Wednesday, March 13, 2019, from 9 am to noon, and 1 pm to 6 pm; and Thursday, March 14, 2019, from 2 pm to 5 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm. All sessions will be held at the Eureka Charter Township Hall and are open to the public.

After Supervisor Roy reported that the Eureka Charter Township fire tanker needs all new tires, Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to purchase six new tires for the fire tanker for \$2,576.34. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, Pendrick, and Austin. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

After Board Member and Audience Comments concerning a car violation, the online auction of Klackle Orchards, and a brief Planning Commission report, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
March 14, 2019