

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019
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 April 8, 2019, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, it was stated that there was a quorum with the following Board Members present: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Trustees Jeremy Austin, Marty Posekany, Brad Kelley, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the May 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately seven others were in attendance including Deputy Syrjala, Planning Commission Members Les Lillie and Linda Weger, County Commissioner Brendan Mahar, City Councilperson Sylvia Warner, Greenville City Mayor John Hoppough, and Zoning Official Mark Wilkin.

At the First Public Comment, Commissioner Mahar gave a brief update on County issues, and Deputy Syrjala gave a brief sheriff report and answered a few questions from the audience.

The sheriff report showed a total of 2,968 patrol miles, with 129.5 patrol hours, 8 traffic stops, 3 traffic citations, 106 property inspections, and 4 arrests.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the April 9, 2018 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Kelley, and Pendrick. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the March 11, 2019 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$1,064,205.94 as of March 31, 2019; and the payment of the bills paid in April in the amount of \$35,330.20 covering e-bills 1070-1083 and checks numbering 16465-16511.

Also, in the consent agenda was the Zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 57 hours for the month of March, the Greenville Transit report showing 235 runs, and the Public Safety report showing 2 incidents, and the Planning Commission report.

Supervisor Roy reported that the Yellow Jacket Challenge is scheduled for April 14 in Greenville. He also stated that articles for the Eureka Township Newsletter are still being collected until May 31 and that the 2018 audit with Berthiaume & Company audit firm is scheduled for Monday, April 29 2019.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Maple Valley and Pierson Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2018, at 7:00 pm.

Last month Supervisor Roy reported to the Board that Casair is requesting that a METRO Act agreement be in place with them in Eureka Charter Township for High Speed Broadband. Supervisor Roy contacted them and was told that the work has already been completed, but the paperwork never was.

Trustee Austin then moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve for Eureka Charter Township to issue a permit to Casair to construct, install, and maintain Telecommunication Facilities under the METRO Act for access and use of the Public Right-of-Ways for High Speed Broadband in Eureka Charter Township. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, Austin, and Pendrick. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

In February, 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 is not recommended. Roy checked with Kirhoff and she told Roy that the treasurer from the center refused to give out that information. The Board then decided not to contribute to the cause.

Last 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. There was some confusion about the service transfer switch on the quotes. Supervisor Roy reported that the only difference is two were on the inside of the building and one from Service Professor being on the outside of the building.

Trustee Kelley then moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve for Eureka Charter Township to purchase a new 20 KW Kohler Home Standby unit from Service Professor, Inc. for a total of \$8,360.00. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, Austin, and Pendrick. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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 and stated that Mr. Lehman has agreed to this and wants the Board to give him a buying price. The Board decided to pass on the offer.

Trustee Kelley then moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to pass on the offer from Mr. Allan Lehman for the purchase of any of his property at this time. Motion carried.

Four bids came in for the addition to the archive room at Eureka Charter Township Hall. Because one of the bids was from Trustee Jeremy Austin, he asked to abstain from voting on this issue.

Trustee Posekany then moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve for Trustee Austin to abstain from voting on the approval of the bid for the addition at the Hall. Motion carried.

Bids for the hall addition came in from Hubbert's Home Improvement for \$30,680.00; Jeremy Austin Construction for \$29,256.00; Scheid Jonas Builders for \$31,800.00; and Tissue Construction for \$23,850.00. It was decided to focus on the bids from the two who live in the Township. There were a few prices on the Tissues Construction bid that were not what the blue print asked for. Therefore, Supervisor Roy will contact Mr. Tissue to allow him to submit another bid along with getting another bid from Jeremy Austin Construction. This will be brought up again next month.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to contract with the Road Commission for Montcalm County in 2019 for the following seventeen road projects:

- 1. Provide fifty (50) hours @ 125.00 per hour, of ditching along local roads, with the locations to be determined by the Township and MCRC for \$6,250.00**
- 2. Spray brush along local roadsides to be later determined, for a shared cost, with the MCRC and the Township each contributing \$2,000.00**
- 3. To place 7,500 pounds of overband crack seal on roads with locations to be determined by the Township and MCRC for a Township cost of \$8,325.00**
- 4. Gravel resurface Backus Road from County Farm Road north (1.0 mile) for \$9,708.00**
- 5. Gravel resurface with limestone aggregate Lake Road from M-57 (West Carson City Road) to County Farm Road (1.5 miles) for \$62,990.00**
- 6. Seal coat with fog seal Autumn Ridge Drive south of Wise Road including Meadow Wood Circle, Winter Wood Lane, and Summer Ridge Court (0.09 mile) for \$17,669.00**
- 7. Seal coat with fog seal Avalon Road from Baker Road north to the end (0.29 mile) for \$5,660.00**
- 8. Seal coat with fog seal Durwood Drive and Velma Drive from Harlow Road to Youngman Road (0.30 mile) for \$5,659.00**
- 9. Seal coat with fog seal Grosvenor Drive and Hathaway Drive from Baldwin Road to the end of each (0.40 mile) for \$7,346.00**
- 10. Seal coat with fog seal Leland Road from Youngman Road east to the end (0.25 mile) for \$4,897.00**
- 11. Seal coat with fog seal West Baldwin Lake Drive and East Baldwin Lake Drive from Baldwin Lake Road to the Greenville City limits (1.1 miles) for \$12,168.00**
- 12. Seal coat with fog seal Palmer Road from Baker Road north to the end (0.70 mile) for \$12,977.00**
- 13. Seal coat with fog seal Ridgewood Drive, William Court, and Crestview Drive south to the end (0.75 mile) for \$18,863.00**
- 14. Seal coat with fog seal Spring Valley Court from Wise Road south to the end (0.12 mile) for \$2,399.00**
- 15. Seal coat with fog seal Wise Road from West County Line Road to Johnson Road (0.50 mile) for \$10,440.00, with the cost to be split with Montcalm Township leaving cost for Eureka Township at \$5,220.00**

16. Machine wedge and seal Harlow Road from Youngman Road to Greenville West Drive (0.25 mile) for \$6,683.00

17. Machine wedge and seal South County Line Road from Youngman Road to (M-91) South Greenville Road (1.0 mile) for \$23,439.00

for a subtotal of \$213,253.00.

Because of the additional approved State road funding, the Road Commission will match with a discount of 10% of all road construction invoices for this year, bringing the total to **\$191,928.00**. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, Austin, and Pendrick. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Michigan Townships Association asked for the opinion of the Townships on the following issue: Should Michigan townships have the option of holding township board member elections on the nonpartisan ballot? Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to bring this issue to a vote. The Board voted 5 in Support of Nonpartisan Township Election: Posekany, Hanson, Kelley, Ruwersma, and Austin. In Opposition of Nonpartisan Township Election: 2, Pendrick and Roy. This information will be passed along to the Michigan Townships Association.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve a raise for the position of Township Secretary from \$12.00 per hour to \$13.00 per hour beginning May 1, 2019. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, Austin, and Pendrick. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustees Kelley and Posekany, and Planning Commission Member Linda Weger volunteered to work at the Eureka Township Cleanup Day along with Supervisor Roy on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Five dumpsters will be coming for trash and another one from Greenville Steel for metal. This service will also include a used tire collection for a fee of \$2.50 each.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission Meeting report. Hanson brought the idea to the Board of having a Little Free Library. Supervisor Roy then adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:32 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
April 10, 2019