

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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 Monday, October 14, 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, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Clerk Linda Ruwersma; Trustees Marty Posekany, Jeremy Austin, Elaine Pendrick, and Brad Kelley. These minutes will not be approved until the November 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

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

During the first Public Comment, Commissioner Mahar stated that the County 2020 Budget was finalized at their last meeting. Deputy Syrjala also gave a brief police report.

Mr. Jay Carll from The Antero Group was also present and gave a short report on how they are progressing on the M-57 Development located at 8115 Ride All Drive west of Greenville.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the items on the October 14, 2019 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Posekany, Pendrick, Hanson, Austin, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the September 9, 2019 Board Minutes as written and the payment of the October bills in the amount of \$41,121.30 covering e-bills 1136-1146 and checks numbering 16741-16780. It also included the Treasurer's reports showing an ending balance of \$1,022,563.94 as of September 30, 2019.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 55 hours for September; the Greenville Transit report showing 252 runs; and the Flat River Library report. There were no building or fire reports available.

The sheriff report showed a total of 4,200 patrol miles, with 317.5 total hours, 20 traffic stops, 14 traffic citations, 142 property inspections, and 1 arrest.

A quote came in from AlarmTek of Michigan for \$4,749.00 for a camera system at the Township Hall, and a quote from Engineered Protection System for \$6,600.00 with an additional monthly service agreement. Supervisor Roy is still checking on a few things and this will be brought up again next month. He also stated there would be a reduction in insurance pricing for having cameras in operation at the Hall.

Supervisor Roy passed around a letter for the Board to sign addressed to Brad Klosner for his time spent on the Planning Commission.

At approximately 7:19 pm, Supervisor Roy opened the Public Hearing concerning the 2020 Proposed Budget. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed at approximately 7:25 pm.

Trustee Posekany then moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the Proposed Budget for 2020 as printed with revenue of \$918,867.96 and projected total expenses of \$916,750.00. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Austin, Hanson, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve Mary Sharp as the new Planning Commission Member, replacing Brad Klosner, effective immediately, with term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

After some discussion, the date for the Township Christmas Party was decided for Monday, December 2, 2019, at 6:30 pm.

Supervisor Roy distributed a bid of \$3,875.00 from Cutting Edge for some landscaping, disposal of the evergreen bushes, and installation of new shrubs in front of the Township Hall. It was decided to have two additional bids before making a decision. Supervisor will check into this and bring back the quotes next month.

Mr. Mike Austin was present to state his concerns about alcohol being served at the Frugthaven Farm located on busy M-57. After some discussion it was decided to wait to approve an application for a license to sell beer, wine, or other spirits for consumption on the premise at Frugthaven Farm, 11466 W. Carson City Road, Greenville, until next month when more information can be provided.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to set a public hearing during the November 11, 2019 Board Meeting concerning an amendment to Land Division and Lot Line Adjustment Ordinance 78A, Section 5 Minimum Requirements for Approval, adding D. to read as follows: ***No land division or lot line adjustment shall be approved by the Township unless all delinquent taxes for the previous 5 years are paid and certified by the Montcalm County Treasurer. A certificate must be provided.*** Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Evergreen and Bushnell Townships will be Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 7:00 pm, at the American Legion Hall in Stanton. The Montcalm County Road Commission has agreed to pay for the meals of all elected officials in attendance.

At the September 14, 2019 Cleanup Day, four dumpsters from Knight Transfer Services were filled with trash, and one dumpster from Greenville Steel with metal. Many

residents showed up with approximately seventy loads, and several tires were also collected.

During the second public comment, Clerk Ruwersma stated that she will be putting an ad in the paper for appointments for the following positions that all expire on December 31 of this year: Zoning Board of Appeals-two positions; and Planning Commission-two positions. These will also be put on the website.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report stating the last time the PC Bylaws were updated was 2009, so they will be working on that in the near future.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:18 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
October 17, 2019