

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 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, November 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; and Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the December 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately twelve others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Mary Sharp, Duane Putnam, and Linda Weger; Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, ZBA Member Wes Ruwersma, and Deputy Mike Kotenko.

During the first Public Comment, Supervisor Roy explained to the audience that the issue about a license to sell beer, wine, or other spirits for consumption on the premise at Frugthaven Farm, 11466 W. Carson City Road, Greenville, will need to go to the Planning Commission along with a site plan review before it comes to the Board. Trustee Posekany explained that there are many things to take in to account before the application goes to the Michigan State Liquor Board. Trustee Austin also gave his opinion about the procedure of this whole issue. After twenty-five minutes of discussion with the audience and the Board, the meeting continued.

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

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the October 14, 2019 Board Minutes as written; and the payment of bills for November in the amount of \$33,258.12 covering e-bills 1147-1159 and checks numbering 16781-16822. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$992,310.95 as of October 31, 2019.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 59 hours for October; the Greenville Transit report showing 383 runs; the planning commission report, and a fire report showing 2 incidents for October. There was no building report available.

The sheriff report showed a total of 6,690 patrol miles, with 285 patrol hours, 59 traffic stops, 14 traffic citations, 393 property inspections, and 6 arrests.

Last month 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.

None of the other nurseries have gotten back with Roy, so this will be postponed until spring.

Last month 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 checked on a few issues and stated there would also be a reduction in the insurance pricing of approximately \$200.00 per year for having cameras in operation at the Hall.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to contract with AlarmTek of Michigan to install a new security system at the Hall for \$600.00 with a monthly monitoring fee of \$29.95, replacing the current security system with EPS. Ayes: 7, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, Ruwersma, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to contract with AlarmTek of Michigan for \$4,749.00 for a camera system with a total of eight cameras for inside and outside of the Township Hall. Ayes: 7, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, Ruwersma, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The 14th Annual Eureka Township Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, with appetizers at 6:15 pm, and dinner at 6:30 pm, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall. All elected and appointed members from the Township and their guests are invited.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve Cutting Edge for snow removal for the 2019-20 Season with the rates as follows: \$45.00 per plow; \$20.00 per shovel the side walk; and \$40.00 per de-icing. These are the same rates as last year. Ayes: 7, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, Ruwersma, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

At approximately 7:40 pm, Supervisor opened the public hearing concerning an amendment to ***Land Division and Lot Line Adjustment Ordinance 78A, Section 5 Minimum Requirements for Approval***. After some discussion and board comments, the public hearing was closed at approximately 7:46 pm.

Clerk Ruwersma then moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the 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.

Deputy Kotenko gave a brief police report stating he was filling in for Deputy Syrjala.

Two positions on the Township Planning Commission for Tim Reno and Les Lillie; and two positions on the Zoning Board of Appeals for Jeremy Austin and Richard Pendrick

will expire on December 31, 2019. An ad was put in the *Daily News*, and the Board will be filling all of the positions at the December 9, 2019 Board Meeting.

A brief Board of Review Meeting to take care of corrections for the 2019 Tax Roll is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 5:30 pm at the Eureka Charter Township Hall.

The Board of Review schedule for Eureka Charter Township was distributed to the Board with the following dates for 2020: March 3 for an Organizational Meeting; March 11 and 12 for Regular Sessions; March 13 for the Signature Meeting; and again, on July 21 and December 15.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Evergreen and Bushnell Townships will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 7:00 pm, at the Stanton American Legion Hall. The Montcalm County Road Commission has agreed to pay for the meals of each elected township official attending the dinner.

Supervisor Roy gave an update on the roads stating that the MCRC is finished with the road work for this year, and the 2020 Road Projects Meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019, at 10:20 am in Stanton.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve a resolution stating Eureka Charter Township will be following the Federal Poverty Guidelines to determine Poverty exemptions for 2020. Motion carried.

The 2020 Budget was distributed by the Clerk, along with the Profit and Loss sheets.

During Audience and Board Member Comments, Mary Sharp inquired about a street light at the corner of Wise Road and Autumn Ridge. Posekany advised her to get the opinions of the neighbors and bring back the results to the Board. Resident Tony Adkison asked about a “no passing on the right” sign at the intersection of Snows Lake Road and M-91. It was also brought up again about the missing street sign at the corner of Dick and Johnson Roads.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report stating Linda Weger was voted in as the new Planning Commission Secretary. He also stated that Mike and April Petersen will be present at the next meeting to explain more about what they are doing at Frugthaven Farm.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 pm.

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