

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020
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 13, 2020, 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 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately two others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger.

At the First Public Comment, Linda Weger asked about if the M-57 housing development was able to continue with its construction, which it could not.

The sheriff report showed a total of 2,317 patrol miles, with 136.5 patrol hours, 4 traffic stops, 0 traffic citations, 110 property inspections, and 1 arrest.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve the April 13, 2020 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 2, 2020 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's reports submitted with an ending balance of \$1,148,068.75 as of February 29, 2020; and an ending balance of \$1,325,050.91 as of March 31, 2020; and the payment of the bills paid in April in the amount of \$47,997.34 covering e-bills 1206-1218 and checks numbering 16989-17045.

Also, in the consent agenda was the Greenville Transit report showing 216 runs for February and 131 runs for March; and the Planning Commission report. The fire, library, building, and zoning reports were not available.

Supervisor Roy reported that articles for the Eureka Township Newsletter are still being collected until May 31, 2020, and also that he has received all of the signed road contracts for the year.

Treasurer Hanson stated that the 2019 audit with Berthiaume & Company audit firm is not scheduled at this time, but they are still working on the information.

After some discussion, the Board decided to cancel the Spring Cleanup Day for May 9, 2020, and have more dumpsters at the Eureka Charter Township September 12, 2020 Cleanup Day.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner which would have been hosted by Reynolds and Winfield Townships, and scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2020, has been canceled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve Resolution 2020-003 to allow Clerk, Treasurer, and Supervisor to pay bills without Board approval for the month of May and per terms of Resolution and Emergency Management Act, PA 390 of 1976, because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, expiring May 30, 2020. Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, Austin, and Pendrick. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve an amendment to Zoning Ordinance 79, Chapter 8 Commercial Districts, Section 8.3 Permitted and Special Land Uses, under Restaurants, Lounges, Bars, and Pubs, adding *Special Land Use (S) under OSC-2 to Line Item #31 Restaurant, cafe, ice cream shop, retail bakery with drive-through service*. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve Resolution 2020-004 to place the following proposal on the August 4, 2020 Primary Election Ballot:

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Eureka Charter Township renew, at the previous voted increase, up to one (1) mill, (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value; example - a property with the taxable value of \$50,000 would be taxed \$50.00), thereby levying up to one (1) full mill, for the years 2020 through 2025, inclusive, for additional police protection and police equipment in Eureka Charter Township, which will collect in the first year an estimated total of \$148,680.12.

Ayes: 7, Roy, Ruwersma, Hanson, Posekany, Kelley, Austin, and Pendrick. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy stated that the Michigan Township Association has given the Townships the choice to refund the money paid for the canceled April 2020 conference or put toward next year's conference. The Board agreed for them to hold the money until next year.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission Meeting report. Supervisor Roy then adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
April 20, 2020