

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 September 14, 2020, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that six Board Members were present which included the following: Supervisor Rodney Roy and Clerk Linda Ruwersma; Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. Treasurer Cindy Hanson was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the October 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Approximately nine others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Mary Sharp, Duane Putnam, and Linda Weger; Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, and Supervisor-elect Darcia Kelley.

During the first Public Comment Jeff Smith was present to share his plan for a business with his wife, Shannon Smith, called The Black Lab Taproom proposed to be built at 6090 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, in the spring of 2021. He will be attending the next Planning Commission Meeting to discuss this.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the items on the September 14, 2020 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the August 10, 2020 Board Minutes as written and the payment of bills for September in the amount of \$98,892.28 covering e-bills 1261-1272 and checks numbering 17241-17287, with check #17278 as damaged. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,221,839.80 as of August 31, 2020.

The consent agenda also included the August zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin; the Greenville Transit report showed seventy-three runs; the fire report showed six incidents, and the Flat River Library report. There was no building report available.

The sheriff report for August showed a total of 4,154 patrol miles, with 200 patrol hours, 34 traffic stops, 9 traffic citations, 211 property inspections, and 1 arrest.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief report on the finished 2020 Master Plan. Williams & Works will continue to work on any ordinance changes until they are completed. Roy also stated the road projects for the year have almost been completed.

Trustees Kelley and Posekany volunteered to work at the September 12, 2020 Cleanup Day, along with Supervisor Roy. Mark Wilkin, Randy Klepper, and Linda Weger also helped out. Six dumpsters from Knight Transfer Services were filled and also two from Greenville Steel for metal. Approximately eighty-eight loads came in. Twenty-two tires were collected for \$2.50 a tire and the tires were taken to Pitsch by Wes Ruwersma for a fee of the collected \$55.00.

Last month Mr. Richard Pendrick resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Two applicants, Mr. Lee Beard and Mr. Lee Gilman, applied for the position. Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to appoint Lee Beard, who was in attendance at the Board Meeting, to the Zoning Board of Appeals, completing the three-year term for Richard Pendrick, ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried.

A draft of the 2021 Township Budget was distributed to the Board for discussion. After reviewing the budget with no changes, Trustee Posekany moved with a second by Trustee Kelley to hold a Budget Public Hearing during the October 12, 2020 Township Board Meeting to hear public comment on the proposed 2021 Eureka Charter Township Budget. Motion carried.

A completed copy of the revised Proposed 2021 Budget will be available for public review by Monday, September 28, 2020, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall, M-F, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Belvidere and Cato Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm, but might very well be canceled.

Zoning Official Mark Wilkin turned in a letter of resignation. Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to accept the letter from Mr. William Mark Wilkin with his resignation effective December 30, 2020. Motion carried. An ad will be placed in the local newspaper, put on the Township's website, and other places. The goal is to appoint a new zoning official at the November 9, 2020 Board Meeting.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve setting the 2020 total millage (L-4029) for Eureka Charter Township at 3.0239 mills (0.7899 for permanent operating, 1.000 for police protection, 0.7404 for fire protection, and 0.4936 for roads). Ayes: 6, Posekany, Austin, Ruwersma, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy received quotes for better lighting in the men's restroom from G&D Electric for \$600.00 and also from JZ Electric for \$734.00. The board decided to try some other things to brighten the restroom rather than spend so much at this time.

Supervisor Roy explained a proposal from Sheriff Mike Williams. He asked if the Board would like to have Eureka Charter Township share a deputy with Montcalm Township. The Board discussed this and the consensus was that the Board does not want to share a deputy with Montcalm Township.

It was brought to the Board's attention that Montcalm County has created an Interlocal Agreement for a County Designated Assessor that needs to be on file with Montcalm County, approved by the State of Michigan, before December 31, 2020. Supervisor Roy will be attending the meetings and reporting back to the Board with more information.

The designated assessor will be a paid position. If the County does not designate an assessor for this position, the State will take over the duties.

After much discussion, Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve that Supervisor Roy be the authorized representative for Eureka Charter Township and continue pursuing the Montcalm County Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor by attending the meetings and reporting back to the Board next month. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy commented on the correspondence letters to and from Kristen Lower concerning the Insurance Services Office Fire Ratings in the Township. He will be communicating with her more about this in the near future. There was also some discussion about the dry-hydrants in the Township.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to pay the Election Meeting Trustee Members \$50.00 per meeting effective for tonight's meeting and for the rest of 2020. Ayes: 6, Posekany, Austin, Ruwersma, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried

During Board Member and Public Comment time there was little discussion.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve for Renee Fountain to be the election assistant for the November 3, 2020 Election. Motion carried.

After Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission Meeting report, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:50 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
September 16, 2020