

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021
Unapproved

Supervisor Darcia Kelley, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI, called the Regular Meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Board to order on July 12, 2021, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that there was a quorum, which included the following Board Members: Supervisor Darcia Kelley, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, Tim Johnson, and Kristen Lower. These minutes will not be approved until the August 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately nine others were in attendance including Deputy Emily Paulsen, and Planning Commission Members Linda Weger, Marty Posekany, and Mary Sharp.

During the first Public Comment, Mr. Les Lillie was present asking about the cemetery policy concerning benches in the Eureka Township Cemetery. Because it was on the agenda, it was discussed later.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the June 14, 2021 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$687,575.92 as of June 30, 2021. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the payment of the bills paid in the amount of \$93,897.82 covering e-bills 1358-1368 and checks numbering 1633-1674. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, the Transit showing 103 runs, Road Commission, and the Fire report showing 5 incidents.

The June sheriff report showed a total of 4,645 patrol miles, with 212 patrol hours, 56 traffic stops, 8 traffic citation, 264 property inspections, and 1 arrest. Deputy Paulsen was present to give a brief report.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasure Hanson to approve option #1 for \$3,900.00 concerning updates for the Eureka Charter Township Fire Tanker used by the City of Greenville for a total of \$4,060.53 with the additions. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve Resolution #2021-001 Acceptance of American Rescue Act Funds. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Last month the Board approved to have Supervisor Kelley offer Mr. Al Lehman approximately \$120,000.00 for the property adjacent to the Hall. He declined the offer because a house is included on that property. Mr. Lehman is allowed to split this property and will get back to the Board by the first part of August with a decision.

Supervisor Kelley reported that the revised fire services contract with the City of Greenville will be given to the Board at the next meeting. She also reported that mulch will be delivered and placed in the playground area at the hall on Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to accept Treasurer Hanson's resignation as the Board liaison to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the appointment of Trustee Kristen Lower as the Board liaison to the Planning Commission effective immediately. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Belvidere and Cato Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve FOIA Public Records Policy #007 as written. Motion carried.

The huge tree at the Eureka Township Cemetery was removed, the stump ground up, and the ground leveled. In the process of the tree removal, the grave of Jane Faussett was disturbed. After the paving of the cemetery drive, a row of shrubs will be added next to the roadway.

There was some discussion about amending the Cemetery Ordinance concerning benches and this will be brought up again next month.

Supervisor Kelley handed out Disclosure Whistle-blowing Policy #008 that will be discussed next month.

There were a few comments during the second public comment time concerning benches at the cemetery. There was also some discussion about the lighting at the back of the hall and upgrades to the playground equipment.

Supervisor Kelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:26 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
July 14, 2021