

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015
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, 2015, 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, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the October 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately eight others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger and Les Lillie, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, Assessor Deb Rashid, Montcalm County Sheriff William Barnwell, and Undersheriff Michael Williams.

During the first Public Comment Commissioner Tom Lindeman gave a brief update on County issues. He mentioned that the County is revamping the Montcalm County Website. It is possible that the townships will have to create their own website and not rely on the County. He also stated that building permit numbers have been down 6% for the last four months, but construction is up.

Assessor Deb Rashid was present to explain to the Board that she is hiring Denise Reed-Niswonger who will be helping her at Eureka Charter Township and taking over the office hours on Tuesdays at the Township Hall for Lisa Verberg.

Undersheriff Williams gave a brief Sheriff's report. Sheriff Barnwell discussed the proposed police protection rate for the upcoming three-year contract with the Board.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the items on the September 14, 2015 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 August 10, 2015 Board Minutes as written and the payment of bills for September in the amount of \$102,105.17, covering e-bills 611-619 and checks numbering 14444-14492. The Treasurer's report for August will be distributed next month.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 60 hours for August; the Greenville Transit report showing 179 runs; the Flat River Library report; the Planning Commission report; and the Fire report showing 6 incidents. There was no Building report available.

Deputies Doug Houser and Charlie Mahar were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of August. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,930 patrol miles, with 216.5

patrol hours, 82 traffic stops, 17 traffic citations, 148 property inspections, and 2 arrests. With the recent retirement of Deputy Douglas Houser, Deputy Charlie Mahar has taken over the day shift patrol for Eureka Charter Township, and Deputy Brandon Allen has been assigned to the afternoon patrol. Deputy Allen has been with the Montcalm County Sheriff Department since March of 2014 and previously worked for the Howard City Police Department.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the amendment to Zoning Ordinance #79, Chapter 3 General Provisions, Section 3.8 Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses, B. Accessory Uses, adding the following:

6d. Resident must agree to and sign the Eureka Charter Township Standalone Accessory Building Agreement, and also changing the amount of stipulations in #6 from three to ***four***. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy reported that he has not yet received a quote from the City concerning future police protection.

A big thank you to the various Board Members, including Brad Kelley, Tom Pridgeon, Tim Reno, Rod Roy, Wes Ruwersma, Marty Posekany, Linda Weger, and Randy Klepper, who worked at the September 13, 2014 Cleanup Day. Four dumpsters from Knight Transfer Services were filled with trash, and one dumpster from Greenville Steel with metal. Approximately eighty residents showed up, and seventeen tires were also collected.

Supervisor Roy gave a report about possibly installing additional lights on the southwest end of Baldwin Lake. He stated that after letters were sent out, the majority of the residents around the lake do not want any more lights, so the Township will not be installing any new lights at this time.

After many months of seeking out a person to represent Eureka Charter Township on the Montcalm County Economic Alliance, an application was received from Darcia Kelley. Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to appoint Darcia Kelley to be the Eureka Charter Township representative to the Montcalm County Economic Alliance with the term beginning immediately. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany gave a brief update on the playground equipment grant. The Board will find out in October if the Township will get the grant.

Proposed Cemetery Ordinance #86 was distributed to the Board for discussion. After minor changes to the proposed ordinance were made, a public hearing was set for Monday, October 12, 2016, at 7:00 pm, during the regular meeting.

A completed copy of the revised Proposed Cemetery Ordinance #86 will be available for Public Review on October 1, 2015, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall, M-F, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The proposed 2016 Township Budget was distributed to the Board for discussion. After making a few changes, Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to hold a Budget Public Hearing during the October 12, 2015 Township Board Meeting, to hear public comment on the proposed 2016 Eureka Charter Township Budget. Motion carried.

A completed copy of the revised Proposed 2016 Budget will be available for Public Review on October 1, 2015, at the Eureka Township Hall, M-F, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Belvidere and Cato Townships will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

This Year, a confirmation number will be given when registering for the Michigan Townships Association Conference being held January 19-22, 2016. This number will be necessary to have in order to book a hotel room. Registration will begin on October 27, 2015, therefore, those interested must let the Clerk know before that time.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the newly drafted Minimum Standards for Storm Water Design Criteria Resolution from the Montcalm County Drain Commission. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Not much was said at the Board and Public Comment time. After Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:34 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
September 21, 2015