

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014**  
**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 November 10, 2014, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call found the following Board Members present: 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 December 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately fourteen others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger, Duane Putnam, and Randy Klepper; County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, City Councilmember Fran Schuleit, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, Deputy Clerk Michele Bigelow, and Deputy Douglas Houser.

Supervisor Roy welcomed the guests to the meeting and explained he would like to take care of a few issues that arose as a result of the election, before continuing with the rest of the meeting.

Clerk Ruwersma reported that the November 20<sup>th</sup> date for elected officials taking office does not apply for the Mid-term General Election. An elected official may be sworn into office two days after the certification of an election. The certification was complete for Eureka Charter Township for the November 4, 2014 Election on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, so Rodney Roy was sworn into office as Eureka Charter Township Supervisor on Friday, November 7, 2014.

She also stated that a Zoning Official cannot be sworn in as a Township Trustee. According to the Michigan Townships Association, before William Mark Wilkin can be sworn in as Eureka Charter Township Trustee he needs to resign from his present office of Zoning Official. The following procedure was recommended by the MTA. Supervisor Roy then read the resignation letter recently received from Eureka Charter Township Zoning Official Mark Wilkin.

Trustee Posekany then moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to accept the resignation letter from Mark Wilkin as the present Zoning Official. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma swore Mr. William Mark Wilkin in as Eureka Charter Township Trustee and he took his place at the table.

Trustee Wilkin then handed in his letter of resignation as Township Trustee to Supervisor Roy, as to have the opportunity to be re-appointed as the Eureka Charter Township Zoning Official.

Trustee Kelley then moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to accept the resignation of Mark Wilkin as Eureka Charter Township Trustee. Motion carried.

The possible vacant Trustee position was recently advertised for and applications were received from Linda Weger and Marty Posekany.

After some discussion, Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to re-appoint Mr. Marty Posekany as Eureka Charter Township Trustee, filling the vacancy of Mark Wilkin, with the term expiring November 20, 2016. Motion carried.

Mr. Marty Posekany was then sworn into office and was seated at the table as Eureka Charter Township Board Trustee.

Trustee Posekany had served as the Board liaison to the Planning Commission in the past and was asked if he was still interested in this position. Because Trustee Posekany agreed to be re-appointed, and no one else seemed interested in the position, Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley, to re-appoint Trustee Posekany as the liaison to the Eureka Charter Township Planning Commission. Motion carried.

The Eureka Charter Township Zoning Official position was advertised in the paper within the last six months and three applications from Bob Mulholland, Heather Lange, and Mark Wilkin were still on file when filling the vacant position of Tom Faussett; therefore, according to Township policy, it was not necessary to advertise again for the position.

Trustee Posekany then moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to re-appoint Mr. Mark Wilkin as the Eureka Charter Township Zoning Official. Motion carried.

During the first Public Comment, Commissioner Lindeman gave an update concerning County issues.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the items on the November 10, 2014 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 13, 2014 Board Minutes as written; and the payment of bills for November in the amount of \$64,339.95 covering e-bills 500-509 and checks numbering 13939 to 14002. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$706,436.53 as of October 31, 2014.

The consent agenda also included the zoning report from Mr. Mark Wilkin showing 96 hours for October; the Greenville Transit report showing 299 runs; the Flat River Library report; and the Building report showing 1 permit for September. There was no fire report for the month.

Deputies Douglas Houser and Clayton Thomas were assigned to Eureka Township for the

month of October. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,315 patrol miles, with 164.5 patrol hours, 51 traffic stops, 8 traffic citations, 113 property inspections, and 4 arrests.

The Eureka Charter Township 2015 Budget Hearing was opened to the public and discussion at approximately 7:23 pm. After a few audience and Board comments, the Budget Hearing was closed at approximately 7:40 pm.

Trustee Pendrick then moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve the Eureka Charter Township Proposed 2015 Budget as presented with minor changes within the Zoning Department Fund. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Gary Zarkowski from Green Timbers Association in Eureka Township was present to discuss his situation of having ten lots in Green Timbers, and wanting to reduce the amount to eight lots. Wilkin suggested for him to come to the Assessor's office and have lot line adjustments made so each lot is at least 20,000 square feet which is the minimum lot size for building in Eureka Township.

On October 28, 2014, Supervisor Roy sent a letter to the Friends of the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail-Trails stating that the Township is not in favor of the access restriction that is currently in place for some Township residents, and that the Township cannot financially contribute to the cause until an agreement is reached with all parties involved. The State Trails Planning Specialist replied to the letter stating that the land is clearly the DNR's and that they would consider any requests for crossings. Carolyn Kane, a trail representative, asked for a list of concerned property owners so they can start working through a process with the DNR.

Recently Supervisor Roy met with Square 9 Document Management System about digitizing the documents in the Eureka Township archives. Because they do not specialize in working with townships, Roy suggested waiting until the January MTA Conference and talk to a company representative who is familiar with digitizing township records.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve a 2014 budget transfer of \$14,000.00 from Contingency Fund 101-250-715 to Land Improvements Fund 101-265-970; and a Police Protection Millage bank transfer of \$13,000.00 to the Law Enforcement Fund 101-301-818. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany, to appoint Mr. Tony Adkison to the Zoning Board of Appeals, beginning immediately, filling the vacancy of Mr. Randy Klepper, with the term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried.

The Michigan Townships Association Annual Conference will be held in Grand Rapids on January 27-30, 2015. Those interested in attending need to tell Clerk Ruwersma by Monday, December 8, 2014.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to contract with Greenville Lawn Care for snow removal for the 2014-15 Season. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mark Wilkin informed the Board about the gravel pit that did not comply with recent requirements. The M-57 Development did pay their surety bond of \$26,800.00, received in November 2013. However, they failed to submit a reclamation plan as required. They were required by the ordinance to start the reclamation process within 18 months from the date the ordinance went into effect, which would have been August 18, 2014. They then have 120 days to complete the reclamation (by December 18, 2014). As far as we know, they have not submitted the reclamation plan and have not started the reclamation. Mr. Wilkin wrapped it up by stating that it looks like it will go to court.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Evergreen and Bushnell Townships will be Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 7:00 pm.

The Eureka Township Christmas Party is scheduled for Monday, December 15, 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.

Two positions on the Township Planning Commission and five positions on the Board of Review will expire on December 31, 2014, and the appointments for these will be made at the December 8, 2014 Board Meeting. Notices will be re-posted for the vacancies.

Supervisor Roy will be asking Planning Commission Chair, Tim Reno, to bring up at the next Planning Commission Meeting the possibility of changing the meeting night for the Planning Commission Meetings from the third Wednesday to the third Monday of each month. Reasons for the change would be that the Regular Board Meetings and Regular Planning Commission Meetings would never be in the same week and only Mondays would need to be set aside to attend these meetings, eliminating any confusion on the meeting night.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve a resolution proposal for AccessMyGov-Internet Services, through BS&A Software, allowing property owners to access their own property tax statements on-line free through the County website. Motion carried.

After Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:47 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
November 13, 2014