

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 9, 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 June 9, 2014, 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, Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, and Brad Kelley. These minutes will not be approved until the July 14, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately twelve others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Mark Wilkin, Les Lillie, and Linda Weger; Flat River Library Director Laura Powers, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, City Councilperson Fran Schuleit, Deputy Douglas Houser, and Curtis Wildfong from the *Daily News*.

During the first Public Comment Flat River Library Director Laura Powers, was present to explain the summer reading program. She stated that over 10,000 hours of reading were completed during the reading program during the summer of 2013.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the June 9, 2014 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the May 12, 2014 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$930,568.96 as of May 31, 2014; and the payment of the bills for June in the amount of \$97,115.77, covering e-bills 448-456 and checks numbering 13686-13732.

The consent agenda also included the Flat River Library report; the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 84 hours for May; and the Greenville Transit report showing 267 runs. There were no fire or building reports available for the month.

Planning Commission Liaison Marty Posekany gave a brief planning commission report. He stated that there are three public hearings scheduled for the June meeting and they are still working on the master plan.

Deputies Charlie Mahar and Douglas Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of May. The sheriff report showed a total of 4,040 patrol miles, with 191 patrol hours, 72 traffic stops, 16 traffic citations, 132 property inspections, and 6 arrests.

Supervisor Roy gave a brief pavilion update stating the pavilion should be complete in approximately 90 days. He also gave a siren update saying the siren on South River Road is hooked up and ready to test. The company will be out next week to activate the siren so it will be ready for any upcoming severe weather. The siren is located at the corner of Baker Road and South River Road.

Supervisor Roy also reported that Mr. Tom Hirschy has removed the double wide from his property and the yard debris has been buried. His property at 11990 S. Berridge Road is now in compliance.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve a variance to the Eureka Township Anti-Noise Ordinance #30 for the Danish Festival for Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16, 2014, from 10:00 pm to 11:59 pm, at the Klackle Orchards Pavilion. Motion carried.

Mr. Jim Hoisington was present to introduce himself as a Democratic candidate running for 70<sup>th</sup> District Representative. He stated and explained his "Seven Point Plan" and left some literature on the back table.

Judge Don Hemingsen was also present to introduce himself as a candidate running for another term as the 64B District Court Judge. He handed out literature and explained some of the different programs presently available in Montcalm County.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve to contract with the RCMC to place a bituminous overlay on east Baldwin Lake Road from Baldwin Lake Road to Como Lake Drive (.5) miles. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy explained to the Board that Deb Rashid started working temporarily as assessor, along with her partner Lisa Verburg, on May 14, 2014, for Eureka Township. According to MTA, the legal minimum pay for an employee is set at \$455.00 a week or \$1,971.67 a month.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to pay Deb Rashid and Lisa Verburg, together as a team, \$455.00 a week until a permanent assessor is hired. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, June 16, 2014, at 6:00 pm, to interview candidates for the assessor's position, discuss assessor wages, discuss duties, etc., and to possibly hire a new assessor for the open position of Eureka Charter Township Assessor. Motion carried.

Nothing was said at the Second Public Comment.

During Board Comment, Supervisor Roy mentioned about the upcoming MTA training opportunities available for any Board or Commission Members.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Pierson and Douglass Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 7:00 pm.

Clerk Ruwersma reported that Eureka and Sidney Townships will be hosting the Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at 7:00 pm, at the Eureka Township Hall. This will be the Annual Event with a silent auction.

Clerk Ruwersma also mentioned that the EAA Young Eagles Aviation Event is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2014, at 8:30 am, at the Greenville Airport for those 8-17 years of age.

Treasure Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve Secretary Renee Fountain as an election assistant prior to and for the August 5, 2014 Primary Election. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley mentioned that he has a few concerns about the intersection at Stakes and Baldwin Roads. He feels the corner needs another stop sign because of the steep hill. Another corner he has concerns about is the intersection at South Greenville and Snows Lake Roads. The high rye grass at the corner makes it very difficult to see oncoming traffic. Supervisor Roy will contact the Road Commission about these issues and get their recommendation.

After Supervisor Roy reported that the signs stating “no burning” are being made to post at the Eureka Township Cemetery, he adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
June 16, 2014