

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013**  
**Approved**

Interim 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 April 8, 2013, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call found the following Board Members present: Interim 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 May 13, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately thirteen others were in attendance including Deputy Doug Houser, Secretary Michele Bigelow, Planning Commission Members Mark Wilkin, Duane Putnam, and Linda Weger; County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Library Representative Ann Roberts, City Council Member Brian Greene, and Zoning Official Tom Faussett.

At the First Public Comment, Mark Wilkin mentioned that when he attended the City Council Meeting it was stated that 58% of the people who ride on the Greenville Transit are disabled; that makes it seem this is a necessary outreach for Eureka Township residents. Tom Lindeman also gave a brief update on County issues.

Trustee Pendrick moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve the April 8, 2013 Agenda and Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the March 13, 2013 Board Minutes as written. It also approved the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$762,994.78 as of March 31, 2013; and the payment of the bills paid in April in the amount of \$35,615.44 covering e-bills 300-308 and checks numbering 13082-13118.

Also in the consent agenda were the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 92 hours for March and the Greenville Transit report showing 200 runs. There were no fires reported for the month.

Deputies Clayton Thomas and Doug Houser were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of March. The sheriff report showed a total of 4,187 patrol miles, with 203 patrol hours, 44 traffic stops, 13 traffic citations, 168 property inspections, and 8 arrests.

Mr. Mark Wilkin gave a brief update on trying to obtain a grant to construct a pavilion. He stated that he was denied one grant and if we get a grant from the DNR then they will have control over the structure and that might not be in the Township's best interest. He was also told by the M-Tec Building Program that they would build the pavilion labor free. Wilkin and others had many questions about specifics. There was much discussion of where to construct the pavilion and the materials used to build it. The Township gets the franchise fee from the cable company and has been setting this money aside for years

to be used for something of this nature. There were also comments about using the whole empty lot across Jordan Road for a parking lot and possibly recycling. Residents Ann Roberts and Cindy Lillie volunteered to be on a committee with Trustee Kelley and Planning Commission Member Wilkin.

Interim Supervisor Roy gave a brief update on the Mersen Annexation. Roy stated that the Township is still waiting for a response from the City regarding a written PA 108 Agreement which was recently delivered to the Greenville City Council. As of now, the Township has been forced to allow the State Boundary Commission to decide on the annexation issue. Mersen would have to pull their request from the SBC for it to be settled between the City and Township, otherwise we are at a stalemate.

The yearly audit was conducted on April 1 and 2, 2013, by Kristina Kinde from Abraham and Gaffney, PC. She stated that the Treasurer and Clerk did a fine job managing the Township's records.

Township Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2013, from 9am to 3pm. Trustees Posekany and Kelley volunteered to assist Rod Roy during the day. Four dumpsters will be coming for trash and another one from Greenville Steel for metal.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Posekany to approve the proposed revision to Zoning Ordinance 79, adding a new Chapter 19 Solar Energy Systems with the following section headings: Purpose, Definitions, General Requirements, and Permit Required. (This also changes the present Chapter 19 Administration and Enforcement to Chapter 20.) Motion also included amending Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 2.1 Definitions-S adding the following definitions:

**Solar Energy Systems (SES):** *A system which converts solar energy for electricity generation, space heating, space cooling or water heating primarily for onsite use and which consists of solar panels, photovoltaic laminates, electrical lines, pipes, batteries, mounting brackets, frames, foundation and other appurtenances or devices necessary for the operation of the system. This definition does not include small devices or equipment such as solar powered lawn or building lights which house both the solar energy generating system and the system which uses that energy to operate.*

**Solar Access:** *The right of a property owner to have sunlight shine onto the property owner's land.*

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the proposed revision to Zoning Ordinance 79, Chapter 13, Signs, Section 13.4 General Sign Provisions, changing the wording to read as follows:

G. Electronic Signs:

1. No sign shall contain or appear to contain graphics or copy that is obscene, flashing or blinking, or resembling police or emergency lights.
2. There will be a minimum of five (5) seconds between changes in messages, text, graphics, etc.
3. Sign will be dimmed at night so it isn't a distraction.

4. Message panels shall be included in the number, size and location limitation of the District in which it is located.
5. No advertising shall include off-site (off-premises) locations, events, directions, announcements, notices, opinions, subjects, candidacies or products, except as may otherwise be permitted by this Ordinance.
6. Electronic signs attached to existing signs are included in total square footage allowed for the sign.
- H. No sign shall contain any physical attachments that are moving or animated. (This does not pertain to the LED portion of a sign.)

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Evergreen and Bushnell Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 7:00pm at the Greenville Danish Sisterhood Building.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve to contract with the Road Commission for Montcalm County in 2013 for the following road projects:

1. Place a 165# Bituminous Overlay on Crestview Drive and Williams Court located in Ridgewood Estates (0.5 mile long x 26' wide) for \$56,462.00
  2. Place a 165# Bituminous Overlay on Ridgewood Drive in Ridgewood Estates (0.25 mile long x 26' wide) for \$32,131.00
  3. Place a 165# Bituminous Overlay on Leland Drive from Youngman Road east to end (0.2 mile long x 19' wide) for \$21,288.00
  4. Machine wedge and seal Baker Road from M-91 east to the Flat River bridge (0.6 mile long) for \$11,404.00
  5. Machine wedge and seal Wise Road from Johnson Road to West County Line Road (0.5 mile long) for the Township's cost of \$5,867.00
  6. Place a 165# Bituminous Overlay on Avalon Road from Baker Road north to end of pavement (0.3 mile long x 20' wide) for \$22,931.00
- for a total of \$150,083.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Articles for the Eureka Township Newsletter are being collected until May 30, 2013.

The quarterly Profit and Loss statements were distributed and discussed. Trustee Posekany then moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to transfer \$20,000.00 from Contingency Fund #101-250-715 to Legal Fees Fund #101-101-801. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved with a second by Trustee Pendrick to accept the permanent resignation of Laura Shears who stepped down as Township Supervisor in December 2012 because of medical issues. She has now moved from the Township and is no longer a Township resident. This would then make the previously appointed positions also permanent. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma distributed a letter from Jon Kooi stating that his business is merging with A&M Lawn & Landscape out of Edmore. The letter stated there would be no changes this year except that the bills will be from A&M. The Board agreed to continue

with A&M Lawn & Landscape for the 2013 Season for lawn care at the Hall and Cemetery.

During the Board Comments, Trustee Posekany gave a brief update on the last Planning Commission Meeting.

Interim Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
April 15, 2013