

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009
Approved

Supervisor Laura Shears, at the Eureka Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI, called the Regular Meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Board to order on October 12, 2009, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call found the following Board Members present: Supervisor Laura Shears, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Rodney Roy, Marty Posekany, Elaine Pendrick, and Brian Zayler. These minutes will not be approved until the November 16, 2009 Regular Board Meeting. Approximately nine others were in attendance. The meeting was audio taped. Deputy Clerk Renee Fountain and City Council Member Corey Smith were also in attendance.

No comments were made at the First Public Comment time.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve the October 12 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the September 14 Board Minutes as written with the following corrections from the last page in bold and italic: Residents can purchase the recyclable paper bags from the ***Township*** for 10 cents each with the Township residents prepaying \$1.50 per bag to be recycled. The transactions will be handled at the ***Township*** Hall.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted with an ending balance of \$542,465.24 as of September 30, 2009. It also included paying the bills in the amount of \$58,999.79 covering E bills #1-5 and checks numbering 11220 through 11258.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 78 hours for the month of September. A fire report showed 6 runs for the month and the Greenville Transit report showed 242 rides for September. A Building report from the County showed 3 permits for the Township for the month of August.

Deputies Doug Houser and Michael Kottenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of September and the sheriff report showed a total of 4,418 patrol miles, with 341.5 patrol hours, 50 traffic stops, 12 traffic citation, 59 property inspections, and 6 arrests.

Library Representative Cindy Lillie gave a brief Flat River Library Report stating that the County Penal Fines for September were \$30,144.96.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to pay Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols, & Carter the requested amount of \$2,927.00 extra for the 2008 audit. Ayes: 4. Nays: 3, Zayler, Posekany, and Pendrick. Motion carried.

There was some discussion of a new flag pole in front of the Township Hall. Supervisor Shears had a quote from Greenville Hardware, but Mr. Roy said he will check into getting one donated before we move ahead with a final decision.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Bushnell and Bloomer Townships will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 7:00 pm at the Danish Brotherhood Hall in Greenville. Cindy Davis from the Michigan Townships Association will be the speaker.

Approval was given for Eureka Township Representative Bill Braman from the Greater Area Community Foundation to continue to Represent Eureka Township. A letter will be sent supporting this decision.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to accept the following changes concerning recommended by the Planning Commission for the following definitions for Platted Subdivision, Site Condominium, and Special Land Uses to be added to Chapter 2:

SECTION 2.16 DEFINITIONS-P

PLATTED SUBDIVISION - Residential development comprised of partitioning or splitting of a tract of land or parcel into individual privately owned lots meeting all requirements of the Michigan Land Division Act 288 of 1967 as amended (previously known as the Michigan Subdivision Control Act of 1967).

SECTION 2.18 DEFINITIONS-S

SITE CONDOMINIUM - Residential development comprised of a Master Deed over the entire Site Condominium with privately owned (deeded) or rented building portions and commonly owned elements within the project, meeting all requirements of the Michigan Condominium Act 59 of 1978 as amended.

SPECIAL LAND USES - Property land uses that are not necessarily appropriate for all areas within a zoning district, but are permitted with reasonable deviations or restrictions as specified by the Planning Commission to assure that the uses are compatible with the primary uses surrounding the special use location within the district.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Proposed 2010 Budget was discussed by the Board. Each line item was read and adjustments were made. A Budget Public Hearing is set for November 9, 2009, at 7:00pm during the November Meeting to entertain comments from residents concerning the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010. A completed copy of the Proposed 2010 Budget will be available for Public Review on October 26, 2009, at the Eureka Township Hall.

During the Second Public Comment and Board Comments, Sheriff Michael Kotenko suggested for the Township to use the extra money in the Sheriff fund for a new

computer for his use at the Township Hall. The present computer in the Secretary/Sheriff office is not working to its full capacity.

A tentative date is set for October 20, 2009, at 4:00pm for Supervisor Shears, Zoning Officer Tom Faussett, and Trustee Rod Roy to meet with City Manager George Bosanic and Mayor Ken Snow to discuss a new Fire Contract between the City and Township.

Eureka Township Road Committee will meet with the RCMC on October 21, 2009, at 6:00pm to discuss roads for the 2010 season. The Road Committee now consists of Supervisor Shears, PC Member Mike Blanding, and Trustee Zayler.

Supervisor Shears reported that the roof of the small brick building in the Eureka Township Cemetery is in need of repair. It is leaking and should either be fixed or the building should be torn down. She also stated that a headstone, with the name 'Pullman' dating back to the 1800s, is in the building.

Susie Vogelsong, manager of "The Community Closet" in Six Lakes, sent a letter to the Board requesting financial support to keep the 'Closet' in operation. It is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Belvidere Community Church. No decision was made at this time concerning a donation.

The last date for recycling pick up at the Grattan Academy will be Tuesday, October 13, 2009. A County drop off site will soon be available for recyclables.

Treasurer Hanson reported that 23% of Eureka Township residents did not pay their property taxes on time in September compared to last year's amount of 24% who did not.

Trustee Elaine Pendrick reminded those present that Saturday, November 7, 2009, is the day set aside by the City for the disposing of leaf clippings for Eureka Township. Residents can purchase the recyclable paper bags from Eureka Township for 10 cents each with the Township residents prepaying \$1.50 per bag to be recycled. The transactions will be handled at the Eureka Township Hall.

Clerk Ruwersma had information regarding an office mail receptacle for the Township Hall. More information will follow concerning prices for the product and installation.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:17 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
October 20, 2009

