

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 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 August 10, 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, Brian Zayler, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the September 14, 2009 Regular Board Meeting. Approximately 10 others were in attendance. The meeting was not audio taped due to a faulty tape recorder. Zoning Administrator Tom Faussett, Library Representative Ann Roberts, Deputy Clerk Renee Fountain, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, and City Mayor Ken Snow were also in attendance.

At the First Public Comment, which opened at 7:01 pm, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman gave a brief update on County issues. Public Comment closed at 7:10 pm.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the August 10 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the July 13, 2009 Board Minutes as written, the Treasurer's Report as submitted with an ending balance of \$572,049.96 as of July 31, 2009; and paying the bills in the amount of \$37,380.68 with checks numbering 11134 through 11175 omitting check #11152.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 92 hours for the month of July. A fire report showed 4 calls for the month of July and the Greenville Transit report showed 143 rides. A Building report from the County showed 6 permits for the Township for the month of June.

Deputies John Hannon and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of July and the sheriff report showed a total of 2,342 patrol miles, with 229.0 patrol hours, 34 traffic stops, 6 traffic citations, 46 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Library Representative Ann Roberts stated there is no Library Report due to the Library meeting being this Wednesday, August 12.

Trustee Roy brought in a landscaping quote from Nature Need Landscaping Construction and Design for \$4,170.99 for the landscaping project at the Hall. Trustee Pendrick brought in different quotes from Shaner Avenue Nursery for various prices depending on labor and materials used. There was discussion about whether money was available in the budget for the project, so at this time budget adjustments and amendments were made.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to make the following adjustments to the 2009 Budget:

Administration Fees	\$15,000.00
City of Greenville Tax Sharing	<u>15,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$30,000.00

And the following amendments also to the 2009 Budget:

Supervisor Travel	\$1,500.00
Board of Review	1,000.00
Election Supplies	3,000.00
Land Improvements	6,000.00
Roadwork	13,000.00
Utilities	2,500.00
FICA	<u>3,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$30,000.00

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to transfer \$53,621.72 from the General Fund to cover expenses for the Township Addition. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve to have Shaner Avenue Nursery complete the landscaping project at the Township Hall according to their drawing for \$2,958.81, which includes labor and materials. (Mr. Faussett will purchase the needed soaker hoses for the project.) Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to send Chapter 5 of the Master Plan back to the Planning Commission to review based on suggestions and concerns from Landplan Incorporated. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Shears to send letter stating Eureka Township gives the Montcalm County Drain Commission permission to reapportion the Greenville West Drain Special Assessment pertaining to the four parcels owned by Wal-Mart Stores East, LP from Eureka Township to the City of Greenville for the remaining 14 years. Motion carried

Supervisor Shears announced that Michigan is the host state for the annual Legislative Conference, NATaT, being held September 8-11, 2009, in Washington, D.C. Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Ruwersma to allow the Supervisor and Clerk to attend the NATaT conference. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Township Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Eureka and Sidney Townships will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at 7:00 pm, here at the Eureka Township Hall.

A Public Hearing will be held during the Regular September 14, 2009 Board Meeting to entertain public comment concerning rescinding Ordinances #27 Salvage, Waste, Junk, Vehicles, Rubbish, Etc. and Ordinance #28 Dismantled Inoperable Motor Vehicle

Ordinance and amending Ordinance #45 Blight Ordinance, making the amended Ordinance #45 Blight Ordinance a combination of the three ordinances.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to amend Lot Line Adjustment Ordinance #78 and Liquor License Ordinance #78, both having the same number, renumbering them to Ordinance #78A Lot Line Adjustment and Ordinance #78B Liquor License Ordinance, as suggested by the MTA. Also in Ordinance #78B, Section 7.0, B, should read that the civil infraction fine shall be not more than \$200.00 for the first offence instead of \$500.00, and not more than \$500.00 for a second offence instead of \$1,000. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to publish the Ordinances on the Montcalm County Website. Motion carried.

Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols & Carter submitted a bill for an additional 14.5 hours of labor totaling \$2,927.00 for the audit that was performed concerning the 2008 Fiscal Year. Phil Saurman conducted the audit and based this additional charge on professional services beyond the scope of the audit concerning bank account and CD documentation, reconciliations, documenting new fire vehicle, payroll corrections, property tax collection/disbursement procedures, and budget amendments. Payment of this bill will be discussed next month.

The Second Public Comment was opened at 8:40pm. Mr. Tom Faussett reported that Jorgensen's Market located at 6403 S. Greenville Road is applying for a liquor license. Comment time was closed at 8:43pm.

Supervisor Shears announced an M-Dot meeting scheduled at the Hall on Thursday, August 20, from 4-6pm concerning M-57 becoming three lanes west of Greenville. EPS is weekly emailing an open/close log report showing who is at the Hall using the alarm system. Attorneys Mullendore and Thrall will not support Eureka Township or the City of Greenville concerning the rock dam issue. Three dumpsters will be called in from Knight's Transfer Service for the September 12 Clean up Day and an additional dumpster from Greenville Steel for the metal. A ribbon cutting will be held at Action Sports on Wednesday, August 19 at noon for anyone interested in attending.

Anyone interested in attending one of the fall MTA District Meetings needs to notify the Clerk by September 14 for the Township to take advantage of the early bird rate. This year one may attend a meeting free with the payment of two registrants.

Trustee Pendrick reported that she discussed the issue of Eureka Township residents getting their leaf clippings picked up by the City with Greenville Manager George Bosanic. It was decided that it would be possible for a charge and possibly a news release could be sent out to see how interested the residents are and how they want the Board to handle this.

Mr. Faussett reported that the meeting that was held with the City of Greenville concerning the present Fire Contract between the Township and City was very productive. The present Fire Contract has been in place since 1993 and needs updating.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:03 pm.

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