

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010
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 November 8, 2010, 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 December 13, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approximately six others were in attendance, including Deputy Clerk Renee Fountain, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Deputy Kevin Germain, Planning Commission Member Mark Wilkin, and Zoning Official Tom Faussett.

During First Public Comment, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman gave a brief update on County issues.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve the November 8 consent agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the October 11 Election Minutes and Board Minutes as written. The consent agenda also accepted the Treasurer's Report as submitted with an ending balance of \$623,517.17 as of October 31, 2010; and the payment of the bills in the amount of \$25,838.06 covering e-bills #80-84 and checks numbering 11756 through 11798.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 76 hours for the month of October. The Greenville Transit report showed 176 rides and the fire report showed 4 incident reports for the month.

Deputies Kevin Germain and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of October and the sheriff report showed a total of 4,001 patrol miles, with 374 patrol hours, 40 traffic stops, 16 traffic citation, 70 property inspections, and 8 arrests.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the transfer of \$2,500.00 from budget item number 101-101-910 Insurance and Bonds to item number 101-262-702 Election Inspectors for the 2010 Township Budget. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. John Anderson was present to give the Board a thirty-minute presentation about Instone Information Services he has designed for cemetery documentation. The service would computerize current burial records, lot records, photograph every tombstone, and do many other things to help maintain the cemetery on a state-of-the-art program.

Supervisor Shears opened the Budget Public Hearing at 8:51pm. After some public comment the public hearing was closed at 8:57pm. After each line item of the Proposed 2011 Budget was discussed by the Board, Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve the Budget with changes. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. A copy of the 2011 Budget is available for distribution at the Eureka Township Hall.

Mr. Zayler moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve the 2011 Eureka Township Fee Schedule with several changes, effective January 1, 2011. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. A copy of the 2011 Fee Schedule is available for distribution at the Eureka Township Hall.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner will be hosted by Fairplain and Montcalm Townships on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at 7:00pm, at the Settlement Lutheran Church in Gowen.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Ruwersma to approve the Instone Cemetery Program from Mr. John Anderson, which will include his time for data creation, the Instone Software, a one-time map fee, and a visual software program for a not to exceed price of \$2,800.00, with no annual fees. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. When completed, the program will belong to the Township and we will be able to continue updating cemetery records as needed.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve the installation of a new street light on Youngman Road between Meijer Drive and the dead end of Youngman Road near M57. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Eureka Township will be increasing the per unit rate charge for lights at the Ridgewood Lighting District from \$44.00 to \$60.00 for the 2010 tax roll. This will help the Township catch up with the past deficit and the much higher electric rates.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve Greenville Lawn Care to complete the work on the Eureka Township property of removing and grinding up of two large tree stumps, the clean-up of debris, delivery of and screening of topsoil; and spreading grass seed for a total of \$225.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mr. Zayler to approve Jeffrey Excavating to complete the demolition of the block cement building in the Eureka Township Cemetery with haul-away service and clean up for a for a total of 500.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ruwersma moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve a snowplowing contract for the 2010-2011 season with Greenville Lawn Care for the following per visit prices: Plow \$20.00, Shoveling walks \$15.00, De-ice walks \$8.00, De-ice parking lot \$35.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Ruwersma to approve the purchase of 40 Hon 8.5 lb. steel folding chairs with a 5 year warranty for a total of \$899.90 from Arrow Swift in Greenville. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the purchase of a Toshiba laptop with warranty from Staples for a total of \$979.96 for Assessor's office. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Brad's Cleaners will be performing carpet cleaning services at the Hall on November 16, along with the waxing of all tile floors.

Treasurer Hanson has agreed to serve for another term as one of the Montcalm County Community Information System representatives for the Montcalm County website.

The 2010 Eureka Township Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14.

During Board Member Comments there was discussion of the streetlight still out at the corner of Leland Drive and Youngman Road; the Open House for St. Paul Lutheran Church being November 21, 2010, at 3:30pm-6:00pm, with the dedication service at 2:00pm; the leaf exchange program is now advertized on Cable; and checking into whether or not the Township credit cards are being charged tax on its purchases.

During the Second Public Comment, Mr. Faussett mentioned that our Burning Ordinance will need to be amended because of the State law coming into effect on April 1, 2011, banning the burning of all household trash in Michigan. The definition of household trash per DEQ is as follows: plastics, foam, treated wood, paper and other rubbish generated at a household. The amendment will not change the provisions that allow the burning of leaves, brush, and other yard clipping, or having recreational campfires. He also mentioned that he is still working on the installation of dry hydrants in the Township.

Supervisor Shears had Citizen Advisory Council applications available for anyone interested in voluntarily serving on a council for the Department of Natural Resources and Environment for the Lake Michigan, Lake Erie, and Lake Huron regions.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:25pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
November 15, 2010

