

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011
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 May 9, 2011, 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, Brian Zayler, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the June 13, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

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

During the First Public Comment, Commissioner Lindeman mentioned that there was recently a rise in building projects for the first time in three years. Zoning Administrator Tom Faussett reported that free airplane rides will be given on Saturday, June 11, 2011, with registration beginning at 8:30am to 1:30pm at the Greenville Municipal Airport for those 8 to 17 years of age during the EAA Young Eagles aviation event.

Also Planning Commission Member Mark Wilkin thanked the Board once again for allowing him to attend the TGA classes offered by MTA. He had the suggestion of putting up a sign on Township property located on River Road giving access to the Flat River, with the sign stating the following: "Eureka Charter Township-Enter at your own risk." He also would like to see the Township have an annual picnic for the purpose of getting more residents involved with what is going on locally. Secretary Renee Fountain brought up the problem of traffic during the recent Pet Fest held at Town and County Animal Clinic. She felt relocating the outing off of M91 would be much safer for all who attend and agreed to write a letter to the Clinic concerning this matter.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the May 9 Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the April 11, 2011 Board Minutes as written along with the April 11, 2011 Election Minutes. The consent agenda also accepted the Treasurer's report submitted with an ending balance of \$635,046.54 as of April 30, 2011; and the payment of the bills in the amount of \$67,647.76 covering e-bills #'s 119-125 and checks numbering 12022 through 12075, omitting damaged checks 12068, 10269, and 12070.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 85 hours for April. The Greenville Transit report showed 268 runs. There were no fires reported for the month. The Flat River Library report showed the designated penal fines

were reported as \$35,678.50 for March. There was one building permit issued by Eureka Township in March.

Deputies Kevin Germain and Michael Kottenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of April. The sheriff report showed a total of 3,178 patrol miles, with 122.5 patrol hours, 48 traffic stops, 25 traffic citation, 76 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Mr. Mark Christensen from the Road Commission for Montcalm County was present to discuss the local road projects and to answer any questions the Board might have. He praised the Board for its cooperation with the RCMC and the Eureka Township Road Committee for how well organized they are. He said that as a whole we are all a joy to work with. He will be emailing the office a plan to show the Board how to use the Township's road money in the best possible way for future maintenance of the roads.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mr. Roy to approve to contract with the Road Commission for Montcalm County for the following road work:

1. Machine wedge and seal River Road from City limits south to Bridge and Fletcher Road from River Road east to end of pavement (1.20 miles long x 22 feet wide) for \$19,881.00
2. Machine wedge and seal Johnson Road from Dick Road to South County Line Road (1.50 miles x 22 feet wide) for \$25,258.00
3. Place a 165# Bituminous overlay on Palmer Drive from Baker Road north to new pavement (0.24 mile long x 22 feet wide) for \$27,752.00
4. Place a 250# Bituminous mat on Johnson Road from Harlow Road north to new pavement (0.26 mile long x 23 feet wide) for \$27,019.00
5. Salt stabilize Berridge Road from South County Line Road to Fenwick Road (1.75 miles) for \$3,511.00
6. Salt stabilize South County Line Road from M91 to Berridge Road (2.5 miles) for \$5,163.00

Also in the motion was to paint centerlines only on the following roads for \$1,845.00:

1. South County Line Road from West County Line Road to M-91(2.5 miles)
2. Satterlee Road from Baldwin Road to M-57 (1.4 miles)
3. Baldwin Road from Satterlee Road to Stakes Road (.75 mile)
4. Backus Road from M-57 to County Farm Road (1.5 miles)

And edge lines on the following local roads for \$3,766.00:

1. West County Line Road from M-57 to Wise Road (2 miles)
2. Harlow Road from West County Line to Greenville City limits (1.8 miles)
3. Johnson Road from Harlow Road to Wise Road (.75 mile)
4. Satterlee Road from M-57 to Station Road (.50 mile)
5. Station Road from Satterlee Road to West County Line Road (1 mile)
6. Baker Road from M-91 to River Road (.50 mile)

All contracts total \$114,195.00.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Cleanup Day banner has been delivered and ready to put up in the front of the Hall. Trustees Zayler and Posekany will be working at the scheduled Clean up Day on May 14, 2011, from 9am to 3pm.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner will be hosted by Maple Valley and Pierson Townships on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at 7:00pm.

Consumers Energy sent a letter to the Board concerning Mercury Vapor Street lighting being phased out. The Board chose option #1, which is to do nothing. This means when mercury vapor bulbs and fixtures burn out or fail, Consumers Energy will replace them at no cost with the nearest comparable high-pressure sodium light.

Mr. Posekany moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve to give the Graham's one additional month to clean up their property at 10213 S. Berridge Road, before taking any further action. They are in violation of the Township's Blight Ordinance and have been ticketed accordingly for complaint #11-261. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mr. Posekany to appoint Mr. Don Burns to the Baldwin Lake Improvement Board. Mr. Doug Drake recently resigned and recommended Burns for the position. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

There was a question asked concerning how many cremated remains could be buried in one cemetery plot. Planning Commission Member Wilkin said he would check into this for the Board and report back to us in June.

Mr. Zayler moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve to take Delivery Inc. to small claims court concerning the unpaid taxes on buildings and contents at the Greenville Municipal Airport. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears informed the Board that the Village of Sheridan terminated the existing contract they have with the Sheriff for the twenty hours of police protection. Last month the Board approved to contract with Montcalm County Office of the County Controller for an additional twenty hours a month of police protection, at \$2,841.67 a month, beginning July 1, 2011, until December 31, 2011, for a total of \$17,050.02 until the rest of the year, with the money coming out of the Sheriff Fund. This was on the stipulation that the Village of Sheridan terminated the existing contract; so the Eureka Township police protection will begin on July 1, 2011.

Resident Harry German was present to discuss his concerns about right-of-ways being assessed incorrectly. Supervisor Shears explained that the assessor will continue to work on attaining 100% compliance of the new state rule by correcting any right-of-ways that are still being assessed to a residence with their property parcel. Assessor Linda Miller stated earlier that she could complete it by the end of 2011 with some extra help not to exceed \$5,000.00. Supervisor Shears made it clear to Mr. German that this was not to be brought up to the Board in the future, but should be taken to the Board of Review.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Ruwersma to approve up to \$5,000.00 to be used toward getting the public right of ways of parcels in Eureka Township off of the

residence's tax rolls, and to redraw sketches on the computer that were previously lost. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1, Hanson. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pendrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Hanson to approve to contract with Shook Asphalt Co, Inc., to clean off existing asphalt at the Township Hall with power blower, seal coat parking lot with sealer, and stripe for parking; for a total of \$1,017.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1, Roy. Motion carried. Another quote from B & E Coating Services in Blanchard for \$1,383.00 was also submitted.

During the Second Public Comment Commissioner Lindeman stated that the Grattan Academy Recycling will be terminated soon, but the Recycle World at the corner of M91 and Sidney Road would still be open M-F from 8am to 4:30pm.

After some discussion concerning wood chips on the landscaping at the Hall, Secretary Fountain said she would take care of contacting Shaner Nursery and scheduling a delivery.

Mr. Faussett informed the Board that the Township will not be charged the \$135.00 permit fee from the Montcalm County Drain Commission for the dry hydrants being installed in Eureka Township.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:10pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
May 16, 2011