

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 September 13, 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, Brian Zayler, and Elaine Pendrick. Trustee Marty Posekany was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the October 11, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. The meeting was audio taped.

Approximately six others were in attendance, including Deputy Clerk Renee Fountain, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman, Deputy John Hammond, Zoning Official Tom Faussett, Reporter Lori Hanson, and Library Representatives Ann Roberts.

During First Public Comment, County Commissioner Tom Lindeman gave a brief update stating that the next County flyover is scheduled for the spring of 2012.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve the September 13 consent agenda. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the consent agenda included accepting the August 9, 2010 Board Minutes as written. The consent agenda also accepted the Treasurer's Report submitted with an ending balance of \$632,623.41 as of August 31, 2010; and the payment of the bills in the amount of \$32,556.63 covering e-bills #68 through #74 and checks numbering 11679 through 11717.

Also in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Mr. Tom Faussett showing 94 hours and the issuance of 13 open-burn permits. The Greenville Transit report showed 153 runs and the fire report showed 3 incident reports for the month. There was no Flat River Library Report. There were 3 building permits issued by the County for Eureka Township in July, and 6 for August.

Deputies Kevin Germain and Michael Kotenko were assigned to Eureka Township for the month of July and the sheriff report showed a total of 4,083 patrol miles, with 320 patrol hours, 41 traffic stops, 26 traffic citation, 44 property inspections, and 13 arrests. They were also assigned to the Township for the month of August, with the August sheriff report showing showed a total of 2,537 patrol miles, with 166 patrol hours, 15 traffic stops, 4 traffic citation, 39 property inspections, and 1 arrest.

Trustee Pendrick stated that the Daily News will be publishing an article about the Leaf Exchange Program that has been started in Eureka Township.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner will be hosted by Evergreen and Crystal Townships on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at 7:00pm at the Congregational Church in Crystal. Representative Mike Huckleberry is the scheduled speaker.

After a lengthy discussion about whether semis and other large vehicles should be parked in residential areas, the Board decided to leave Zoning Ordinance #79 as written concerning Sections 3 and 12, which prohibit parking large vehicles at residential homes unless the vehicles are used in performance of an active and permitted construction project on the site.

Mr. Zayler moved, with a second by Mrs. Ruwersma to send the Planning Commission's recommendation to change the current 18' height of accessory buildings to 24' back to them for review. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Zayler moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick for the Planning Commission to reconsider the chart that was reviewed at their previous Planning Commission Meeting concerning height of accessory buildings. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Shears gave the approval for Mr. Tom Faussett to take care of some minor repairs at the Hall such as caulking a hole in the siding and painting the Bilco door to the crawl space.

There is still an opening for someone to attend the October 18 District Meeting in Grand Rapids. Ann Roberts will check her schedule to see if she can make it. Others going are Joyce Sage, Linda Ruwersma, Cindy Hanson, Renee Fountain, Duane Putnam, Lee Gilman, and Mark Wilkin.

Secretary Renee Fountain will check with the City about their suggested listing of dry hydrants for Eureka Township and will report next month.

Treasurer Cindy Hanson recently received her recertification from the Association of Public Treasurers United States and Canada good through 2015.

Mr. Roy moved, with a second by Mrs. Pendrick to approve to set the Eureka Township millage rate for fire protection at 0.7500 mill and 1.0 mill for police protection. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hanson moved, with a second by Mrs. Ruwersma to approve setting the 2010 total millage for Eureka Township at 3.0425 mills, (0.8068 for permanent operating, 1.0 for police protection, 0.7500 for fire protection, and 0.4857 for roads). Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Nothing was said during the Second Public Comment. During Board Member Comments, Trustee Pendrick stated that Shaner Avenue Nursery will be replacing a few of the plants which are under warranty from when the landscaping was done at the Hall.

The fall Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 11, 2010, went very well. It was decided that a banner is needed for advertising and Secretary Fountain will check into this.

Newly appointed Flat River Library Representative Maureen Burns attended her first library meeting on September 8, 2010. She and Ann Roberts represent Eureka Township.

A proposed 2011 Budget will be discussed next month, with a public hearing being set for November 8, 2010.

Supervisor Shears adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:07pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
September 20, 2010

