

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021**  
**Approved**

Supervisor Darcia Kelley, at the Eureka Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI, called the Regular Meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Board to order on February 8, 2021, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that a quorum was present which included the following Board Members: Supervisor Darcia Kelley, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Kristen Lower, Tim Johnson, and Brad Kelley. These minutes will not be approved until the March 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately eight others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger, Duane Putnam, Marty Posekany, and Mary Sharp; and Deputy Brian Snyder.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the January 11, 2021 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1,201,500.37 as of January 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda which included approving the payment of February bills covering e-bills 1318-1329 and checks numbering 17468-17509, voiding check #17475, with a total of \$34,740.44. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Also, in the consent agenda was the zoning report from Darcia Kelley; the Greenville Transit report showing 97 runs for January, the fire report showing 0 incidents, the Planning Commission minutes from January, and the Flat River Library approved minutes from December 2020. Supervisor Kelley also gave a brief Road Commission report.

The January sheriff report showed a total of 4,847 patrol miles, with 259.5 patrol hours, 11 traffic stops, 1 traffic citation, 563 property inspections, and 0 arrests.

During the first Public Comment, Attorney Jeff Sluggett was present to discuss the Baldwin Lake Sewer Project Agreement. He filled the Board in on what has happened in the last several years. He stated that after the 2014 Joint Meeting with the City of Greenville, nothing had been done, so City Manager George Bosanic recently brought this to the Supervisor Kelley's attention. The grinder pumps are starting to fail and need to be replaced, and the City also has a liability being on the private property of the residents. After thirty minutes of discussion and question and answer time, it was decided to have a meeting with Manager Bosanic and the City's Engineer Mr. Doug Hinken, along with a few Board Members to get further information and look at the possible

options. Mr. Sluggett also mentioned that the Sewer and Water System is the City's so when the Township decides to create a non-regulatory ordinance concerning this, it would have to have the same restrictions as the City's ordinance.

The February Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Reynolds and Winfield Township has been canceled.

Last month Supervisor Kelley received a quote from G & D Electric for \$2,525.00 to install outside lighting. Quotes from Buist Electric for around \$6,000.00 and from JZ Electric for \$7,110.00 were also received. The quotes were not for the same lighting, so new quotes came in from G & D Electric for \$2,850.00, Buist Electric for \$9,089.00, and from JZ Electric for \$4,400.00, some of the additions were for a 20' pole by the pavilion, a new light put on the existing pole near the parking lot, and three wall packs along the back of the building.

After some discussion, Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve for JZ Electric to install the outside lighting at the hall for \$4,400.00, with a third wall pack and a larger pole than what they had listed. Ayes: 6, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, and Brad. Nays: 1. Kristen. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kelley was also getting quotes for changing all the lighting at the Hall to LED lighting. The Board decided to wait and look into it at a later date.

Last month there was some discussion about the Trustee's Salary Resolution which was approved at the December Meeting. A raise from \$145.00 to \$160.00 per meeting had been discussed. After some discussion, Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve to raise the Trustees salary to \$160.00 per month, if in attendance of the meeting, effective immediately. Ayes: 5, Darcia, Cindy, Tim, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 2, Linda and Jeremy. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve the proposed wording for the two amendments to Ordinance 79 concerning Event Venues. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Supervisor Kelley to approve to rescind Soil Removal Ordinance 49, as it is now part of the regulatory Mining Ordinance 84. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve to cancel the Verizon phone plan that has been used by the zoning official. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve for Darcia Kelley to receive \$25.00 per month for supervisor phone expense and \$10.00 a month for zoning official phone expense, effective immediately. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

It has been several years that the Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk have received a \$15.00 a month mileage allowance. After some discussion, Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve to increase the allowance to \$25.00 per month for the three officials, effective immediately. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The two policies to be reviewed for the month were the Cell Phone Policy adopted November 12, 2007, and the Credit Card Policy adopted February 12, 1996. The Board decided to wait until next month to discuss these. The Anti-Fraud, Anti-Theft and Anti-Corruption Policy adopted November 14, 2011, and the Expense Policy adopted March 14, 1994, were handed out and will also be discussed next month.

Treasurer Hanson gave a brief Planning Commission report stating there was a public hearing concerning Events Venues, and new Planning Commission officers were chosen as follows: Mr. Duane Putnam was appointed as Chair, Marty Posekany as Vice-Chair, and Linda Weger as Secretary.

After the Second Public Comment and a few other Board Comments, Supervisor Kelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:34pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
February 12, 2021