

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 10, 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 Monday, May 10, 2021, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, it was stated that there was a quorum with the following Board Members present: Supervisor Darcia Kelley, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Trustees Jeremy Austin, Kristen Lower, Brad Kelley, and Tim Johnson. These minutes will not be approved until the June 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately four others were in attendance including County Commissioner Brendan Mahar, and Planning Commission Members Linda Weger, Marty Posekany, and Mary Sharp.

During the First Public Comment, Commissioner Mahar gave a brief update on county issues.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the April 12, 2021 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$725,615.12 as of April 30, 2021. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasure Hanson to approve the payment of the bills paid in April in the amount of \$43,886.72 covering e-bills 1347-1352 and checks numbering 1547-1588. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, the Transit showing 114 runs, and the Fire report showing 1 incident.

The April sheriff report showed a total of 3,857 patrol miles, with 152 patrol hours, 25 traffic stops, 4 traffic citations, 194 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasure Hanson to approve for Supervisor Kelley to contact the City regarding our Firefighting Services Contract. The need to add lift assist and dry hydrant maintenance to the contract was discussed. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kelley announced that Deputy Brian Snyder will be taking another assignment to work for the court security system in July and Eureka Charter Township will be assigned another deputy.

A brief Baldwin Lake Sewer Project report was given by Supervisor Kelley. The Water and Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement between the City of Greenville and Eureka

Charter Township was approved last month. A Special meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2021, at 7:00 pm to discuss the approved contract with residents. Doug Hinken will also be present at the meeting to answer questions.

The Township Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 8, 2021, was again a huge success. Six dumpsters were set up and filled on the Township's vacant lots across Jordan Road; five dumpsters for trash and one dumpster for steel. Approximately eighty-five residents came with eleven tires being collected for a fee of \$2.50 each. The tires were taken to Pitsch Sanitation on Monday by resident Wes Ruwersma. Brad Kelley, Jeremy Austin, Randy Klepper, and Linda Weger volunteered to assist along with Supervisor Darcia Kelley during the cleanup. Doug McFadden was also present with a trailer to collect electronics.

Last month Supervisor Kelley reported to the Board that in May 2021 Eureka Charter Township would be receiving half of the \$397,521.00 in stimulus money, and the other half in March 2022. Treasurer Hanson is working on filing with the IRS to receive this money.

Supervisor Kelley reported that articles for the newsletter are still being collected until May 31, 2021.

Treasurer Hanson reported that credit card payments will be accepted by this summer and an article will be placed in the newsletter regarding this.

Last month Supervisor Kelley explained the digital document preservation system and gave the quote of \$17,000.00 from Applied Imaging. She is in the process of getting a few more quotes and will bring these back to the Board at a later date. She still did not get a quote from Shumaker Technology Group who takes care of the Township's web site.

Supervisor Kelley gave a report concerning the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR) prepared by Assessor Megan VanHoose. She stated that Eureka Charter Township met all of the minimum requirements and received a perfect score.

Treasurer Hanson stated that the 2020 audit with Berthiaume & Company has been completed and the final reports were distributed.

There was some discussion about updating the cemetery software, and about raising the prices for cemetery lots. There was also some discussion about purchasing more land adjacent to the Township's property for additional cemetery space. This will be discussed again next month.

Discussion of purchasing iPads or to pay a stipend for Planning Commission Members and Board Members will be discussed again next month.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the Payables Post-Auditing Policy #0-06 with a few changes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the present Investment Policy #0-05 as written. Motion carried.

Next month the Social Security Policy #0-03 will be discussed.

Treasurer Hanson gave a brief Planning Commission update and shared an Ordinance handout from the Michigan Townships Association.

Treasurer Hanson will check into the next Montcalm Township Meeting/Dinner that is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 7:00 pm, to be hosted by Home and Richland Townships, and report back next month.

After the Second Public Comment and Board Member Comment, Supervisor Kelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:22 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
May 13, 2021