

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 September 13, 2021, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy Clerk Deb Homant stated that five Board Members were present which included the following: Supervisor Darcia Kelley and Treasurer Cindy Hanson; Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, and Kristen Lower. Clerk Linda Ruwersma and Trustee Tim Johnson were absent, and the minutes were taken by Deputy Clerk Deb Homant. These minutes will not be approved until the October 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately six others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Marty Posekany, Mary Sharp and Linda Weger; Deputy Charlie Mahar, and newly elected County Commissioner Scott Painter.

Nothing was said during the First Public Comment.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve the August 9, 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 \$595,324.10, as of August 31, 2021. Ayes: 5, Darcia, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the payment of the bills paid in September in the amount of \$52,817.24 covering e-bills 1377-1384 and checks numbering 1720-1768. Ayes: 5, Darcia, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, the Transit showing 146 runs, and the Fire report showing 0 incidents.

The August sheriff report showed a total of 3,417 patrol miles, with 183 patrol hours, 68 traffic stops, 10 traffic citations, 121 property inspections, and 1 arrest. Deputy Mahar gave a brief report stating they try to educate people and ticket the worst offenders. They are trying hard to enforce the rules at the Sportsmen's Club.

Newly elected County Commissioner Scott Painter was introduced and shared information on the County's Hazardous Waste and Tire Collection days.

Supervisor Kelley gave a brief zoning report stating the month saw fewer new zoning permits but quite a few complaints and zoning violations.

The ordinance for Adopting Utility Use Requirements for the Baldwin Lake Water and Sewer Services Areas was developed by the Township lawyer and shared at this meeting. This will be added to the Draft Regulatory Ordinance book to be reviewed and adopted as a whole at a later date.

Treasurer Hanson gave a Township Stimulus money update. An ACH account has been set up for the deposit of these funds. It is supposed to be deposited sometime in mid September.

Trustees Kelley, Austin, and Lower volunteered to work at the September 11, 2021 Cleanup Day, along with Supervisor Kelley, Marty Posekany, and Linda Weger. Five dumpsters from Knight

Transfer Services were filled and also two from Greenville Steel for metal. Seventeen (17) tires were collected for \$2.50 a tire. Sixty eight (68) households took advantage of this service.

The Zoning Ordinance review is continuing with the Planning Commission. Board Liaison Lower shared that changes to the Wind Energy section have been approved by the Township lawyer and Chapters one through four of the Draft Zoning Ordinance will be discussed at the September 15 PC Meeting.

A draft of the 2022 Township Budget was distributed to the Board for discussion. After reviewing the budget with no changes, Treasurer Hanson moved with a second by Trustee Austin to hold a Budget Public Hearing during the October 11, 2021 Township Board Meeting to hear public comment on the proposed 2022 Eureka Charter Township Budget. Motion carried.

A completed copy of the revised Proposed 2022 Budget will be available for public review on September 23, 2021, at the Eureka Township Hall, M-F, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Pine and Douglass Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve setting the 2021 total millage for Eureka Charter Township at 2.9963 mills (0.7827 for permanent operating, 0.9909 for police protection, 0.7336 for fire protection, and 0.4891 for roads). Ayes: 5, Darcia, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Three bids were received for new carpet in the Township building. Vogue, Furniture Shed, and Greenville Flooring and Mattress all submitted bids. There was discussion on whether to have them move furniture or not and keeping it local. Trustee Austin will ask his sons to help with moving furniture. Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson, to accept the bid from Greenville Flooring and Mattress, less the costs for moving furniture, for a total amount of \$10,264.48.

The Draft Regulatory Code of Ordinances were shared as a first reading. Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson, to accept the Draft, with the addition of the ordinance regarding the Baldwin Lake Water and Sewer Services Areas, and proceed with the steps for adoption. The Draft will be posted on the Township website for public viewing. Ayes: 5, Darcia, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The following two policies were handed out for review next month: Purchasing and Bid Policy and Capitalization Policy.

During Board Member and Public Comment time there was a suggestion to add the Hazardous Waste and Tire Collection information to the Township Facebook page.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Kelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:47 pm.

Deb Homant
Eureka Charter Township Deputy Clerk
September 14, 2021