

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021
Unapproved

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, November 8, 2021, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that all Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Darcia Kelley, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson; and Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, Tim Johnson, and Kristen Lower. These minutes will not be approved until the December 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately eight others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Mary Sharp, Marty Posekany, and Linda Weger; and Deputy Emily Paulsen.

During the First Public Comment, PC Member Linda Weger thanked the Board for allowing her to go to the recent training sessions.

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

Treasurer Hanson gave a brief verbal Treasurer report and explained the early payoff of the Greenville West Drain.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve a budget transfer of \$10,000.00 from Contingency Fund 250-715 and a transfer of \$1,575.00 from Zoning 722-702, designating \$11,575.00 into Drain Fund 445-000. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve to assess the special assessment for the Greenville West Drain residents as originally agreed for the next two years. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$65,549.69 covering e-bill 1393 and checks numbering 1811-1859. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, and the Transit which showed 116 runs.

The November sheriff report showed a total of 3,914 patrol miles, with 151.5 patrol hours, 73 traffic stops, 14 citation, 154 property inspections, and 4 arrests. Deputy Paulsen gave a brief report stating she responded to noise complaints and wrote out several citations this week at the DNR gun range.

Supervisor Kelley gave a brief zoning report that included her meeting with the DNR regarding problems associated with the Belding Sportsman's Club.

Trustee Lower gave a brief Planning Commission report concerning McQueen's Auto Service and the Ride All Property/M57 Development.

Supervisor Kelley gave a report on the stimulus money; Treasurer Hanson reported that Eureka Charter Township has been approved for the full stimulus amount of \$421,396.00 and should receive \$210,698.00 within 30 days.

Two positions on the Township Planning Commission, one position on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and one position on the Flat River Library Board will expire on December 31, 2021. Applications came in from Mary Sharp, Randy Klepper, and Susan Hoppough for Planning Commission; Lee Gilman for ZBA; and Ann Roberts, Kristen Jeffery, and Jan Wheelock for the Library Board.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson, to approve the re-appointment of Lee Gilman to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with a three-year term ending December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the re-appointment of Mary Sharp to the Planning Commission for a three-year term, with the term ending December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the re-appointment of Randy Klepper to the Planning Commission for a three-year term, with the term ending December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the appointment of Jan Wheelock to the Flat River Library Board with the four-year term beginning January 1, 2022, and ending on December 31, 2025. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the final review of the Eureka Charter Township New Code of Ordinances. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the payment of \$700.00 to Jeremy Austin for moving the furniture before and after the carpet installation. Ayes: 6, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 1, Jeremy Austin. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the final review of the Eureka Charter Township Disaster Plan with a few changes. Motion carried.

Life Line Screening is scheduled to be at the hall on Thursday, November 18, 2021, for the day.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve to amend the Assessor's Contract paying \$29,500.00 to Assessor as a contractor and \$500.00 as an employee, so the assessor can legally sign the tax warrant. Motion carried.

After some discussion about the insurance policy quote from Ted Hartleb Agency, Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the 2022 insurance coverage with Ted Hartleb Agency for \$7,025.00, which includes the bonding through RLI Surety. Ayes: 7, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, Darcia, Linda, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the Eureka Charter Township Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test Policy #0-12. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the Eureka Charter Township Hall Rental Policy #0-13 with no changes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the Eureka Charter Township Pavilion Rental Policy #0-14 with minor changes. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Maple Valley and Pierson Townships will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 7:00 pm. The Montcalm County Road Commission has agreed to pay for the meals of each elected township official attending the dinner.

The Annual Eureka Township Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, with appetizers at 6:15 pm, and dinner at 6:30 pm, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall. All elected and appointed members from the Township and their guests are invited.

There were a few comments during the Second Public Comment time concerning the traffic on S. Greenville Road. During Board Member Comments, Trustee Austin brought up the issue of fences, building setbacks, and the number of out buildings on properties in the Township. Trustee Lower will bring these suggestions back to the next Planning Commission Meeting.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Kelley then adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:05 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
November 10, 2021