

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020
Approved

Supervisor Rodney Roy, 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 9, 2020, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that all Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Rodney Roy, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson; and Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, Marty Posekany, and Elaine Pendrick. These minutes will not be approved until the December 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately twelve others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Mary Sharp, Duane Putnam, Linda Weger, and Les Lillie; County Commissioner Brendan Mahar, Zoning Official Mark Wilkin, ZBA Member Randy Beard, Supervisor-elect Darcia Kelley, Trustee-elect Kristen Lower, Trustee-elect Tim Johnson, and Deputy Brian Snyder.

During the first Public Comment, Richard Pendrick gave a little speech thanking the Board for all they have done over the years, especially his wife, Elaine Pendrick.

Trustee Kelley then presented Supervisor Roy and Trustees Posekany and Pendrick each with a card and gifts from the Boards in appreciation for their service on the Eureka Charter Township Board for the past several years. This will be their last meeting as elected board members.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve the items on the November 9, 2020 Agenda and the Consent Agenda. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approving the Consent Agenda included accepting the October 12, 2020 Board Minutes as written; and the payment of bills for November in the amount of \$38,338.65 covering e-bills 1283-1295 and checks numbering 17330-17382. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$1,097,095.68 as of October 31, 2020.

The consent agenda also included the planning commission report and the Greenville Transit report showing 126 runs. There were no building, sheriff, fire, or zoning reports available.

In September, it was brought to the Board's attention that Montcalm County has created an Interlocal Agreement for a County Designated Assessor that needs to be on file with Montcalm County before December 31, 2020. Supervisor Roy has attended the meetings and reported back to the Board that Charles Zemla has agreed to be the designated assessor. It will cost each municipality \$250.00 per year, and a bill will come in January. All of the municipalities have agreed to this.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve Cutting Edge for snow removal for the 2020-21 Season with the rates as follows: \$65.00 per plow and shoveling of the side walk; and \$60.00 per de-icing. Ayes: 7, Hanson, Austin, Posekany, Pendrick, Kelley, Ruwersma, and Roy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Roy reported that the two Class C licenses for The Black Lab Taproom and Eatery proposed to be built at 6090 S. Greenville Road and for the Frugthaven Farm have been submitted to the State of Michigan Liquor Commission. He also stated that the restroom lights will be installed by G&D Electric in December. Roy also reminded the Board that there will be no Township Christmas party this year.

An interview was held on Friday, November 6, 2020, with proposed zoning applicant Kimberly Walters. The interview went well, but she called November 9, 2020, to decline the position of zoning official at this time.

Supervisor Roy said he would take over the position for the first three months in 2021 until we can fill the position if no more resumes come in for the position. This will be decided next month.

Two positions on the Township Planning Commission; one position on the Zoning Board of Appeals; and five positions on the Board of Review will all expire on December 31, 2020. An ad was put in the *Daily News*, and the Board will be filling all of the positions at the December 14, 2020 Board Meeting.

A brief Board of Review Meeting to take care of corrections for the 2020 Tax Roll is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 5:00 pm at the Eureka Charter Township Hall.

Supervisor Roy stated that the road projects for this year have been completed, and the Road Projects Meeting will be scheduled between December 1, 2020, and February 1, 2021, to discuss projects for the 2021 season.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Maple Valley and Pierson Townships that was to be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, will probably be canceled.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Pendrick to approve a resolution stating Eureka Charter Township will be following the Federal Poverty Guidelines to determine Poverty exemptions for 2021. Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve zoning amendments to Zoning Ordinance 79, for the following:

1. Chapter 11 Special Land Uses, Section 11.4 Specific Standards for Special Land Uses, adding ***W. General Requirements for Drive-Thru Establishments***, (and the twelve associated requirements).

2. Chapter 14 Landscaping and Screening, Section 14.5 Additional Landscaping and Screening, adding the following: ***D. The parking and maneuvering areas of any drive-thru site shall be fenced and screened from the view of any abutting Residential District or use by a decorative fence or wall, or a landscaped equivalent. E. Outdoor speakers a drive-thru facility shall be located in a way that minimizes sound transmission toward adjacent property.***
3. Chapter 8 Commercial Districts, Section 8.3 Permitted and Special Land, Item #32 Bar, lounge and pub not including adult entertainment, adding “S” for Special Land Use under OSC-2.

Motion carried.

Trustee Posekany moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the proposed zoning amendment wording for Zoning Ordinance 79, to amend Chapter 6 Agricultural Zoning District (AG), Section 6.4 Special Land Uses, adding the following: ***n. Event Venue***; and also adding the following to Chapter 8 Commercial Districts, Section 8.3 Permitted and Special Land Uses: ***75. Event Venue*** with “S” under OSC-2 and RC.
Motion carried.

Deputy Snyder gave a brief police report and stated he was sorry there was no report, but those responsible for preparing it have been sick.

County Commissioner Mahar gave a brief report, and Trustee Posekany gave a brief Planning Commission report stating that the “event venue” has recently been the big topic of discussion.

During Audience and Board Member Comments, many thanked the retiring Board members for their service. It was brought up about having better lighting on the outside of the hall, so this will be addressed.

The 2021 Budget was distributed by the Clerk, along with the Profit and Loss sheets.

Supervisor Roy adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
November 11, 2020