

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022
Approved

Supervisor Darcia Kelley, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall, 9322 S. Greenville Road, Greenville, MI, called the Regular Meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Board to order on February 14, 2022, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, it was stated that there was a quorum which consisted of 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 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately six others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger, Mary Sharp, Duane Putnam, and Marty Posekany; Deputy Supervisor Rod Roy, and Deputy Logyhn Danis.

Nothing was said during the First Public Comment time.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the January 10, 2022 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for January was not available.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$34,295.01 covering e-bills 1411-1420 and checks 1941-1982. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Brad, Jeremy, and Kristen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, Roads, the Transit showing 141 runs, and the Fire report showing 2 traffic incidents.

Deputy Danis introduced herself and gave a brief sheriff report. The January sheriff report showed a total of 2,925 patrol miles, with 157 patrol hours, 27 traffic stops, 2 traffic citations, 165 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Trustee Lower gave a brief Planning Commission Meeting report stating that there will be a public hearing February 16 at the Planning Commission Meeting, and the members also chose Planning Commission officers for the year. Supervisor Kelley also gave brief zoning and road reports.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve the road contract from Montcalm County Road Commission for tree removal on South County Line Road from Ranney Road to Flat River Bridge (.70 miles) for \$37,590.00. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kelley gave a brief report on the stimulus money. The township has been granted additional funds making the total \$421,396.00. She stated that Mr. Lehman is willing to sell a 2-acre parcel of his property for \$60,000. Some other ideas were

widening South River Road for parking for the kayakers on the Flat River, walking trails, and playground equipment. She also stated that Montcalm County would like to utilize their stimulus money in a manner that maintains public recreational services to its municipalities. We will be giving them ideas.

Planning Commission Chair Putnam read a letter he drafted to the Township concerning fences. After a twenty-minute discussion, Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Lower for the following wording to be sent to the Planning Commission in Section 3.09 concerning fences: ***In a non-residential area of the Township, a fence in the required front yard may be up to six feet in height and of a solid material provided the fence is at least fifteen feet behind the right-of way setback and does not interfere with the clear vision of a public or private roadway of a vehicle exiting the property on which the fence is constructed.*** Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the Citizens' Rights and Guidelines for Eureka Charter Township Board Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kelley mentioned that there is still time to sign up for the 2022 MTA Conference located in Lansing on April 25-28, 2022.

The February Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Reynolds and Winfield Township is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at the McKenna's Restaurant in Lakeview. The cost of the dinner tomorrow is \$15.00 instead of \$12.00 per person.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to install a streetlight at the far end of Jordan Road at the second entrance of the Eureka Township Cemetery. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Brad, Jeremy, and Kristen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

After some discussion concerning a Planning Commission annual report, it was decided to continue to allow the Planning Commission to prepare their monthly reports as they have done in the past.

After the Second Public Comment and a few other Board Comments, Supervisor Kelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:26 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
February 16, 2022