

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022
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 March 14, 2022, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy Homant stated that the following Board Members were present: Supervisor Darcia Kelley, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Kristen Lower, and Brad Kelley. Clerk Linda Ruwersma and Trustee Tim Johnson were absent. Deputy Clerk Deb Homant was present to take the minutes. These minutes will not be approved until the April 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Nothing was said during the First Public Comment.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve the February 14, 2022 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the Treasurer's reports showing a balance of \$846,297.70 as of January 31, 2022, and \$964,637.77 as of February 28, 2022. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the payment of the bills paid in March in the amount of \$36,634.67 covering e-bills 1421-1430 and checks numbering 1983-2024. 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 138 runs, and the Fire report showing 2 incidents.

The February sheriff report showed a total of 2,629 patrol miles, with 141 patrol hours, 27 traffic stops, 4 traffic citations, 119 property inspections, and 0 arrests. Deputy Sheriffs Mahar and Danis were not able to come, but Deputy Sheriff Paulsen stopped in and listened to a few audience concerns.

The Planning Commission report was given by Supervisor Kelley. She stated that the commissioners denied a zoning request from builder Al Lehman and that a public hearing has been set for Wednesday, March 16, to gain input on the Proposed Draft Zoning Ordinance.

Treasurer Hanson shared that the Township has gained an additional several hundred dollars in ARPA funding. There was some brief discussion regarding putting ARPA funds toward various proposed projects.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to use ARPA funds to purchase property adjacent to the Township Hall from Al Lehman for \$60,000.00. Ayes: 5, Darcia, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to use ARPA funds to accept a bid for a tennis court/two pickle ball courts in an amount up to \$22,000.00. Ayes: 5, Darcia, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to use ARPA funds to improve and add parking to the kayak area along River Road for \$20,256.00, as well as add an asphalt mat on South County Line by the bridge for \$7,548.00, with work completed by the Road Commission of Montcalm County for a total cost of \$27,804.00. Ayes: 5, Darcia, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to use ARPA funds to purchase 100 mesh folding chairs from Arrow Swift in the amount of \$9,625.00. Ayes: 5, Darcia, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to use ARPA funds to pay the \$124,112.70 difference between the contracted road work for 2022 versus what was in the budget. Ayes: 5, Darcia, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kelley stated that the Michigan Township Association Annual Conference will be held April 25-28, 2022.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Day and Ferris Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

A public hearing is scheduled for March 16, 2022, during the Planning Commission Meeting regarding the Zoning Ordinance.

Supervisor Kelley shared that the Township website domain name is now eurekatownshipmi.gov.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve to contract with the Montcalm County Road Commission in 2022 for the following thirteen road projects:

- 1. To place an Asphalt Overlay on Youngman Road from Meijer Drive north to the end (.23 miles) for a Township cost of \$16,888.00**
- 2. To place Asphalt Overlay on Jordan Road from the Township Hall driveway to M-91 for \$2,601.60**
- 3. Gravel re-surface with limestone South County Line Road from Ranney Road to Flat River Bridge (0.70 miles) for \$29,950.60**

4. **Gravel re-surface with limestone River Road from Baker Road to the end (0.25 miles) for \$10,348.75**
5. **Gravel re-surface with limestone Backus Road from County Farm Road north to Township line (1.0 mile) for \$41,395.85**
6. **To place Asphalt Overlay on Baker Road/River Road from M-91 to the bridge over Flat River (0.60 miles) for \$50,132.00**
7. **300 Ton Limestone Maintenance Gravel throughout the Township for \$6,349.50**
8. **Spray Brush along roadsides for \$1,700.00**
9. **Overband Crack Seal throughout the Township for \$7,491.05**
10. **To place an Asphalt Overlay on Fletcher Road from Stakes Road to M-91 (0.9 miles) for a Township cost of \$56,389.60**
11. **To place Asphalt Overlay on Backus Road from Kent Road to County Farm Road (1.0 mile) for \$77,044.00**
12. **Pavement Markings on Snows Lake Road from M-91 east to the end (1.8 miles) for \$1,314.95**
13. **To place four applications of chloride on local roads in the Township based on the following: 21.26 miles @ 1,650 GPM x 4 applications x \$.175/gallon for \$24,555.30**
for a Township total of \$326,161.20.

Ayes: 5, Darcia, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kelley discussed starting Direct Deposit for payroll. All Board members present agreed to pursuing this and discussing it further at next month's meeting.

Articles for the spring newsletter will be collected by Deb Homant until May 31, 2022.

Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022.

Board Member and Audience Comments were given. A suggestion was made to sell the old folding chairs for \$5 each.

Supervisor Kelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:58 pm.

Deb Homant,
Eureka Charter Township Deputy Clerk

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
March 22, 2022