

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 9, 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 Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, it was stated that there was a quorum with the following Board Members present: Supervisor Darcia Kelley, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Trustees Jeremy Austin, Kristen Lower, Brad Kelley, and Tim Johnson. These minutes will not be approved until the June 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately fifteen others were in attendance including Deputy Loghyn Danis; and Planning Commission Members Linda Weger, Duane Putnam, Marty Posekany, and Mary Sharp.

During the First Public Comment, Kevin Smith was present to ask the Board to ask the Montcalm County Road Commission to take care of the cost to take care of the restoration of the grass that was taken up when the Road Commission ripped up the grass on the road right-of-way. Supervisor Kelley directed Mr. Smith to talk to the Road commission.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the April 11, 2022 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for April was not available.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the payment of the bills paid in April in the amount of \$99,154.19 covering e-bills 1439-1449 and checks numbering 2062-2108. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, the Transit showing 114 runs, and the Fire report showing 6 incidents.

The April sheriff report showed a total of 4,592 patrol miles, with 265.5 patrol hours, 90 traffic stops, 26 traffic citations, 283 property inspections, and 6 arrests.

Trustee Kristen Lower gave a brief Planning Commission report concerning a split that was requested.

Supervisor Kelley reported that the Road Commission has started on the road projects beginning on River Road and are preparing parking spots by the river. Supervisor Kelley read a letter from Tessa Hoffman concerning her disapproval of the paving of the parking on River Road.

Supervisor Kelley gave an ARPA update report concerning the following: decided against tennis court and instead to install two pickleball courts with fencing, a new quote from Andrews Concrete, new black folding chairs being delivered the last week of May, and chairs will then be for sale for \$2.00 each on a first come service.

The property next to the Township Hall has been purchased from Mr. Allan Lehman, and survey stakes are in the ground if anyone would like to walk the property.

Supervisor Kelley reported that direct deposit for payroll should be ready to begin with the June checks. She also stated that the new phones have arrived and will be installed shortly.

Olivia Blomstrom from the Montcalm Economic Alliance was present to introduce herself. She gave a brief report of what is going on in the County and answered a few questions.

A public hearing concerning the proposed first reading of the Eureka Charter Township Zoning Ordinance was opened at approximately 7:40 pm. Hearing no comments from the audience, the public hearing was closed at approximately 7:42 pm.

Trustee Kelley then moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve and adopt the new Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map first adopted on December 16, 2007. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

There was a lengthy discussion about a possible sewer system for residents around Burgess Lake. The septic tanks are beginning to fail, and residents are requesting a feasibility study. Supervisor Kelley has contacted an attorney and an engineer to help out with this situation.

Supervisor Kelley reported that articles for the newsletter are still being collected until May 21, 2022.

The Township Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022. Seven dumpsters will be set up on the Township's vacant lots across Jordan Road; six dumpsters for trash and one dumpster for steel. An electronics trailer will also be available on site. Volunteers are always welcome.

The next Montcalm Township Meeting/Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 7:00 pm, and will be hosted by Home and Richland Townships.

During the Second Public Comment, John Hoppough was present to introduce himself and stated that he is running for the open County Commissioner seat in District #5.

During Board Member Comment, there was a suggestion about trimming the branches along the drive in the cemetery, questions about the Burgess Lake Study, and the service drive by Hobby Lobby Drive which is owned by K2 Development.

Supervisor Kelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
May 11, 2022