

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 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 June 13, 2022, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that five Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Darcia Kelley, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Trustees Tim Johnson, Brad Kelley, Jeremy Austin and Kristen Lower. These minutes will not be approved until the July 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Five others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger and Mary Sharp; and Deputy Austin Edwards.

During the First Public Comment, there was some discussion about direct deposit.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the May 9, 2022 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the Treasurer's reports showing a balance of \$1,154,116.44 as of April 30, 2022, and \$1,054,932.60 as of May 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the payment of the bills paid in June in the amount of \$179,081.99 covering the direct deposit payroll, e-bills 1450-1458, and checks numbering 2137-2171. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, Tim, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, Roads, the Transit showing 129 runs, and the Fire report showing 3 incidents.

The June sheriff report showed a total of 4,412 patrol miles, with 183 patrol hours, 47 traffic stops, 11 traffic citations, 167 property inspections, and 1 arrest. Deputy Edwards introduced himself as the new deputy for the Township and gave a brief report.

Trustee Lower gave a brief Planning Commission report concerning a resident wanting to have his property, which was previously zoned Suburban Residential, rezoned back to Agriculture from the present Suburban Residential.

Supervisor Kelley reported that the M-57 Development Property needs attention. It has been sitting idle since 2017 with a judgment against the development. Kelley will contact Mr. Jay Carlil suggesting the price needs to be reduced, the property needs to be finished, and it also needs to be reclaimed.

Supervisor Kelley gave a brief report stating she found someone to paint the lines on the pickleball court. She will report again next month.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to purchase the playground equipment with the \$50,000.00 stimulus money from the County. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, Tim, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The phones have been installed and are working very well.

Supervisor Kelley gave a brief report on possibly giving \$1,000.00 to support the Montcalm Economic Alliance. It was decided to wait and discuss this again next month.

Supervisor Kelley gave a brief report on the Burgess Lake Sanitary Sewer Feasibility Study. The cost of the study is \$17,000.00, and it was decided to have a special meeting sometime in July with the Burgess Lake residents to discuss this.

The Township Cleanup Day scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022, was again a huge success. Seven dumpsters were set up and filled on the Township's vacant lots across Jordan Road; five dumpsters for trash and two dumpsters for steel. The Township collected a total of \$481.60 from Greenville Steel. Approximately eighty-five residents came with thirteen tires being collected for a fee of \$5.00 each. The tires were taken to Pitsch Sanitation on Tuesday by resident Wes Ruwersma. Kristen and James Lower, Brad Kelley, Tim Johnson, Randy Klepper, Mary Sharp, and Linda Weger volunteered to assist along with Supervisor Darcia Kelley during the cleanup. Doug McFadden was also present with a trailer to collect electronics.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to appoint Renee Fountain as the election assistant for the August 2 Primary Election. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved with a second by Trustee Lower to amend the Payables & Post-Auditing Policy #0-06, item #9, stating the payroll should be paid by the 7th of each month. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved with a second by Trustee Johnson to agree to another three-year-contract with Berthiaume & Company for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 audits. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, Tim, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kelley reported that because the carpet in the meeting room and down the hallway is snagging and needing to be repaired, it will be replaced by Greenville Flooring for free in August with carpet squares.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Home and Richland Townships that was scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

The newsletter has been completed and will be sent out with the July tax bills.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Kelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25 pm.

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