

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022
Approved

Supervisor Darcia Kelley, at the Eureka Township Hall, 9322 SW Greenville Road, Greenville, MI, called the Regular Meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Board to order on August 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Linda Ruwersma stated that seven Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Darcia Kelley, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Trustees Brad Kelley, Jeremy Austin, Tim Johnson, and Kristen Lower. These minutes will not be approved until the September 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately seven others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Marty Posekany, Duane Putnam, Mary Sharp, and Linda Weger; and ZBA Member Rod Roy.

Nothing was said during the first public comment.

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

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve the July 19, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the Treasurer's reports showing a balance of \$1,203,257.98 as of 6-30-22, and \$1,178,560.96 as of July 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the payment of the bills paid in August in the amount of \$80,094.43 covering e-bills 1467-1476 and checks numbering 2212-2263, voiding check #2244. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Zoning, Sheriff, Roads, Planning Commission, the Transit showing 165 runs, and the Fire report showing 0 incidents.

The July sheriff report showed a total of 3,244 patrol miles, with 157.5 patrol hours, 37 traffic stops, 8 traffic citations, 113 property inspections, and 5 arrests. Supervisor Kelley reported that Deputy Loghyn Danis has recently resigned from the Montcalm County Sheriff Department.

The residents around Burgess Lake are still working on gathering the needed \$17,000.00 for the sanitary sewer feasibility study. As of today, a total of \$5,900.00 has been collected.

Supervisor Kelley explained the situation concerning the Focus on the Family tax-exempt property. It has gone to the tax tribunal and the Supervisor Kelley and Assessor VanHoose have agreed to represent the Township at the tax tribunal.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve Eureka Charter Township Legal Counsel Policy #0-17. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kelley gave an update on the following hall improvements: newly painted bathrooms, pickle ball courts, future playground equipment, wood chips, and fencing around courts.

Supervisor Kelley has been attending the MTA Township Governance Classes and brought back some suggestions concerning Planning Commission training and packet reviews. This will be brought up again next month.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 20, Section 20.07 Construction, Layout and Maintenance to read as follows:

H. All parking areas, driveways, maneuvering aisles, entrances and service roads to commercial properties shall be maintained by the property owner. Any surface damage including, but not limited to, potholes and large cracks must be repaired as soon as favorable weather conditions and the materials necessary for repair are available. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve setting the 2022 total millage for Eureka Charter Township at 2.9626 mills (0.7739 for permanent operating, 0.9798 for police protection, 0.7253 for fire protection, and 0.4836 for roads).

Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

A preliminary budget was handed out for discussion. Supervisor Kelley explained the ARPA money and informed the Board that a proposed budget for 2023 will be handed out at the September 12, 2022 Board Meeting with the public hearing being held on October 10, 2022.

The next Township Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2022. Six dumpsters from Knight Transfer Services will be delivered and two dumpsters for the metal from Greenville Steel. Tires will also be collected for \$5.00 a tire. An electronics trailer might be available for the day. Volunteers are welcomed to help.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve to extend Jan Wheelock's term on the Flat River Library Board through December 31, 2026, instead of December 31, 2025, to stay on the library term schedule. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve to extend Maureen Burn's term on the Flat River Library Board through December 31, 2023, instead of December 31, 2022, to stay on the library term schedule. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2022, and will be hosted by Pine and Douglass Townships.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Kelley then adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
August 10, 2022