

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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 September 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that six Board Members were present which included the following: Supervisor Darcia Kelley, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, and Treasurer Cindy Hanson; Trustees Jeremy Austin, Brad Kelley, and Krisen Lower. Trustee Tim Johnson was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the October 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

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

During the First Public Comment, Mr. Jon McGowan was present to discuss the situation of a storage container on his property on Fletcher Road. After a fifteen-minute discussion, Supervisor Kelley said we would discuss this as a Board later in the meeting.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the August 8, 2022 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1,206,901.17 as of August 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to approve the transfer of \$68,000.00 from the general fund to Fund 446-948 Road Work. Ayes: 6, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the payment of the bills paid in September in the amount of \$297,769.09 covering the payroll, e-bills 1477-1486, and checks numbering 2264-2289. Ayes: 6, Darcia, Cindy, Linda, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, Library, the Transit showing 216 runs, and the Fire report showing 2 incidents.

Trustee Lower gave a brief Planning Commission report concerning an overview of the Special Land Use request for a ministorage facility.

The August sheriff report showed a total of 3,966 patrol miles, with 196 patrol hours, 101 traffic stops, 8 traffic citations, 132 property inspections, and 7 arrests.

Supervisor Kelley gave a brief zoning report stating there were complaints regarding blight issues and the abandoned house on the original HOPS business. She also gave a report concerning the Burgess Lake study. They have collected \$7,000.00 so far of the needed \$17,000.00.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to recommend Planning Commission members have training and not make it mandatory. Motion carried.

The board discussed and decided to use ARPA money in 2023 as follows in the approximate amounts: kitchen remodel for \$60,000, walking trail for \$75,000, Jordan Road parking for \$40,000, sidewalks by pickleball courts for \$5,000, fleece jackets for \$1,500, and road improvements for \$30,041.

Supervisor Kelley gave an update on the new suggested speed limits decided from the recent Speed Study that was taken on M-57 in the City of Greenville.

A draft of the 2023 Proposed Township Budget was distributed to the Board for discussion. After reviewing the new proposed budget with no changes, Treasurer Hanson moved with a second by Trustee Kelley to hold a Budget Public Hearing during the October 10, 2022 Regular Township Board Meeting to hear public comment on the proposed 2023 Eureka Charter Township Budget. Motion carried.

A completed copy of the revised Proposed 2023 Budget will be available for public review on September 19, 2022, at the Eureka Township Hall, M-F, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Crystal and Bloomer Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Trustees Kelley, Johnson, and Lower volunteered to work at the September 10, 2022 Cleanup Day along with Supervisor Kelley, Randy Klepper, and Marty Posekany. Six dumpsters from Knight Transfer Services were ordered, with five being filled; and also two dumpsters from Greenville Steel for metal. Doug McFadden was present to collect electronics. Twelve (12) tires were collected for \$5.00 a tire. Seventy-four (74) households took advantage of the cleanup day. Wes Ruwersma took the tires to Pitsch Sanitation on Monday.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve Renee Fountain as the election assistant for the November 8, 2022 Election. Motion carried.

During the second public comment concerning the situation with the McGowan storage container, it was decided that Zoning Official Darcia Kelley has the final decision and will contact him with that decision. He then has the option, if he does not agree with that decision, to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Kelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:28 pm.

Linda Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
September 14, 2022