

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023**  
**Approved**

Supervisor Darcia Kelley, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall, 9322 SW Greenville Road, Greenville, MI, called the Regular Meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Board to order on February 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, it was stated that there was a quorum which consisted of the following Board Members: Supervisor Darcia Kelley, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson; Trustees Jeremy Austin, Kristen Lower, Tim Johnson, and Brad Kelley. These minutes will not be approved until the March 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately two others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger and Deputy Trevor Lincoln.

Nothing was said during the First Public Comment time.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Kelley to approve the January 9, 2023 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the Treasurer's reports showing an ending balance of \$838,063.60 as of 12-31-22, and an ending balance of \$886,335.97 as of 1-31-23. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$88,581.13 covering direct deposits 1123-1141, e-bills 1521-1530, and checks 2411-2431. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Brad, Jeremy, and Kristen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, Roads, the Transit showing 200 runs, and the Fire report showing 2 incidents.

Deputy Lincoln gave a brief report. The January sheriff report showed a total of 3,742 patrol miles, with 229.5 patrol hours, 108 traffic stops, 5 traffic citations, 173 property inspections, and 6 arrests.

Trustee Lower gave a brief Planning Commission Meeting report.

Supervisor Kelley gave a brief Zoning report, a kitchen remodel report, and a walking trail report.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the payment of \$5,200.00 to Stump Guy LLC for the removal of the stumps and cutting a path for a walking trail north of the hall. Ayes: 6, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Brad, Jeremy, and Kristen. Nays: 1, Tim Johnson. Motion carried.

Because the installation of the street light pole on Snows Lake Road is on M-91, there are more permits to pull than normal. It should be installed in the near future.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the road contract from Montcalm County Road Commission for tree removal on South County Line Road from the Flat

River Bridge to Berridge Road for \$13,850.00. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Lower moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the following Zoning changes:

**Chapter 4** Site Plan Review: Section 4.00 Purpose, adding “owner, Zoning Administrator and/or” after the words “land developer”

Section 4.01 Site Plan Required, C., striking the words “other than” and changing to “including”

**Chapter 6** Agriculture District: Section 6.01 Permitted Uses, adding the words “including Non-Commercial Greenhouses” to item A. Accessory Buildings and Uses

**Chapter 12** Waterfront Overlay District, Section 12.02 District standards, C. Required setbacks, Table 12.1 waterfront Overlay District regulations, changing the Minimum Rear Yard Setback from 50 feet to 35 feet. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Brad, Jeremy, and Kristen.

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to approve to discontinue the on-line payment for hall rentals and for zoning permits until the current problems can be solved. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kelley explained that the County is talking about a County-wide Blight Ordinance. She stated that in the future Eureka Charter Township might need to amend their ordinance.

There was some discussion of a millage for a Township-wide trash service.

The February Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Eureka Charter and Sidney Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person.

Supervisor Kelley mentioned that there is still time to sign up for the 2022 MTA Conference on April 18-20, 2023.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve Resolution #2023-001 combining Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 into a single Precinct for the May 2, 2023 Special Election. Motion carried.

After the Second Public Comment and a few other Board Comments, Supervisor Kelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk  
February 16, 2023