

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023
Unapproved

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 Monday, May 8, 2023, 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 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately seven others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger, Marty Posekany, and Mary Sharp.

During the First Public Comment, Amy Thomas, Director of Montcalm County Central Dispatch Authority, was present to express her sincere thanks for all of the work put in for the special election.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Lowers to approve the April 10, 2023 Board Minutes and the May 1, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Lowers to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1,199,248.17 as of April 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Trustee Kelley moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the payment of the bills paid in April in the amount of \$68,817.08 covering direct deposit payroll, e-bills 1548-1556, and checks numbering 2485-2518. 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 221 runs, and the Fire report showing 4 incidents.

The April sheriff report showed a total of 3,447 patrol miles, with 309.5 patrol hours, 119 traffic stops, 3 traffic citations, 134 property inspections, and 11 arrests.

Trustee Kristen Lower gave a brief Planning Commission report concerning a Special Use Permit for a small kennel home business, discussion about construction of a Dollar General, and a proposed Solar Garden.

Supervisor Kelley announced that this is her last meeting as Supervisor, and that Kristen Lower was appointed as the new Eureka Charter Township Supervisor effective May 18, 2023. She also stated that the new Trustees replacing Brad Kelley and Kristen Lower were Shayne Becher and Dennis Magirl, effective May 18, 2023. They were both in attendance of tonight's meeting.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Lower to appoint Shayne Becher as the Board liaison to the Planning Commission effective May 18, 2023, with his first Planning Commission Meeting being on June 21, 2023. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve to hire ChuckFlash Court Menders to redo the pickle ball courts for a quote of \$8,500.00. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kelley gave a brief report on the new walk path. It should be completed in a few weeks.

The Township Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 2023. Eight dumpsters will be set up on the Township's vacant lots across Jordan Road; six dumpsters for trash and two dumpsters for steel. An electronics trailer will also be available on site. Volunteers are always welcome.

Supervisor Kelley reported that articles for the newsletter are still being collected until May 31, 2023.

Trustee Kelley then moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve KCI to print and mail the newsletter along with the tax bills for an upfront payment for postage of \$994.75. Ayes: 7, Darcia, Linda, Cindy, Tim, Jeremy, Kristen, and Brad. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kelley distributed a copy of the County-wide Blight Ordinance from Mike Williams. This will be discussed next month.

The next Montcalm Township Meeting/Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 6:00 pm, and will be hosted by Evergreen and Bushnell Townships.

During the Second Public Comment, many thanks were directed to Trustee Brad Kelley and Supervisor Darcia Kelley for their service on the Board and was reciprocated by them.

Supervisor Kelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:40 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
May 11, 2023