

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023**  
**Approved**

Supervisor Kristen Lower, at the Eureka Township Hall, 9322 SW Greenville Road, Greenville, MI, called the Regular Meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Board to order on June 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that there was a quorum which included the following: Supervisor Kristen Lower, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, and Trustees Tim Johnson, Shayne Becher, Jeremy Austin and Dennis Magirl. Treasurer Cindy Hanson was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the July 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Eight others were in attendance including Zoning Official Darcia Kelley, ZBA Member Rod Roy, and Planning Commission Members Linda Weger, Marty Posekany, Duane Putnam, and Mary Sharp.

There were no comments during the First Public Comment.

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

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the Treasurer's reports showing a balance of \$1,152,387.93 as of May 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the payment of the bills paid in June in the amount of \$146,008.28, covering the direct deposit payroll, e-bills 1557-1565, and checks numbering 2520-2548. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Johnson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, the Transit showing 247 runs, and the Fire report showing 2 incidents.

Supervisor Lower gave a brief Planning Commission report concerning public hearings for rezoning Ride All parcels and regarding a change to the ordinance for Urban Residential from a three-quarter-acre minimum size to a half-acre minimum acre size.

Zoning Official Darcia Kelley gave a brief zoning report concerning complaints and the burning ban.

Supervisor Lower stated that the walking trail was paved on May 23, 2023, and that the newsletter will go out with the tax bills and with a survey concerning a county-wide trash pick-up.

The Township Cleanup Day scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 2023, was again a huge success. Kristen Lower, Brad Kelley, Tim Johnson, Marty Posekany, and Linda Weger volunteered to assist for the morning. Doug McFadden was also present with a trailer to

collect electronics. Eight dumpsters were set up and filled on the Township's vacant lot on Jordan Road; six dumpsters for trash and two dumpsters for steel. The Township collected a total of \$421.28 from Greenville Steel for the steel collected. Approximately eighty-three residents came with three tires being collected for a fee of \$5.00 each. The tires were taken to Pitsch Sanitation on Tuesday by resident Wes Ruwersma.

Two quotes came in for paint removal on the pickle ball court, one from Wash Pros LLC for \$3,250.00 plus approximately \$1,000.00 for cleanup; and another quote came in from Prestige Mobile Services for \$2,200.00 for removing the paint and clean up. There was a fifteen-minute discussion concerning how to proceed.

Trustee Johnson then moved, with a second by Trustee Magirl for Wash Pros LLC to remove the paint on the pickle ball court and clean up the area for approximately \$4,200.00. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Johnson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve to set a public hearing at the July 10, 2023 Board Meeting concerning Chapter 14 Blight and the County-wide Blight Ordinance. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved with a second by Trustee Becher to amend Zoning Ordinance regarding the Zoning Map referenced in Section 5.01; and Table 9.1 in Section 9.03, as follows:

***The Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of Eureka Charter Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, the map being incorporated by reference in the Zoning Ordinance for Eureka Charter Township pursuant to Section 5.01, are hereby amended so that the following parcels shall be rezoned to UR, Urban Residential District, from AG/SR, Agricultural/Suburban Residential. The parcels are in Eureka Charter Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, and is described as follows: 8115 Ride All Drive, Greenville, Michigan 48838. The parcel's identifications numbers are #59-008-018-008-98 and #59-008-018-008-20.***

Section 9.03 of the Eureka Charter Township Zoning Ordinance is amended as follows: ***The minimum lot area dimension standard for Urban Residential is established as 0.50 acres by striking out 0.75 acres and replacing it with 0.50 acres in Table 9.1 Urban Residential District Regulations.*** Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Johnson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

After a fifteen-minute discussion concerning a more secure Microsoft Outlook Township email system, Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve to allow \$1,680.00 to convert the Township email system to a Microsoft outlook-based system. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Johnson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower gave an update on the completed audit with no questions from the Board.

In the packet was a resignation letter from Zoning Official Darcia Kelley stating she would not be able to work at the hall three days a week as required, and felt like she should resign from her position. After a lengthy discussion on the zoning official position, Trustee Austin moved with a second by Trustee Johnson to not accept the resignation of Darcia Kelley as Zoning Official and allow her to stay on working at the hall on Fridays and by appointment for ninety days. If things do not work out with the current working schedule after sixty days, the Township will then post the position. Motion carried.

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

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:23 pm.

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