

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023
Unapproved

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 August 14, 2023, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Linda Ruwersma stated that six Board Members were present, which included the following: Supervisor Kristen Lower, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Trustees Shayne Becher, Jeremy Austin, and Dennis Magril. Trustee Tim Johnson was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the September 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately four others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Marty Posekany and Linda Weger; and Deputy Tyler Hoskins.

Nothing was said during the first public comment.

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the July 10, 2023 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the Treasurer's reports showing a balance of \$1,005,036.63 as of July 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the payment of the bills paid in August in the amount of \$67,747.42 covering e-bills 1570-1579 and checks numbering 2578-2609. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from Zoning, Sheriff, and Planning Commission, with the Transit showing 171 runs, and the Fire report showing 3 incidents.

The July Sheriff report showed a total of 2,396 patrol miles, with 113 patrol hours, 41 traffic stops, 3 traffic citations, 63 property inspections, and 12 arrests. Deputy Hoskins gave a brief sheriff report, and Trustee Shayne Becher gave a brief Planning Commission report.

Supervisor Lower gave an update on the consolidated waste disposal survey that was sent out with the tax bills, which included discussion about recycling at the Township Hall. This subject will be discussed next month. There was also the suggestion to replace the top section of the Township sign which is badly faded.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve for the Supervisor Lower to get the top portion of the sign replaced for up to \$1,200.00. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried

Supervisor Lower will get some quotes concerning the pickleball court water runoff issue to bring back next month.

There was a brief discussion concerning keeping Darcia Kelley on as Zoning Administrator. With no objections, Clerk Ruwersma then moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to end the probationary period for Zoning Administrator Darcia Kelley, and accept her new hours of Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm and by appointment. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve setting the 2023 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: 6, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to appoint Trustee Shayne Becher to the Election Committee for the remainder of 2023, replacing the position held by Brad Kelley. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower reported that there was an issue with the septic backing up during a hall rental, and Clerk Linda Ruwersma took care of the plumbing issue, the septic pumping, and the carpet cleaning so things were all set for the next weekend's rentals.

Supervisor Lower reported that the Board of Review met on July 18, 2023, when three veteran-related adjustments were made. She also gave an update concerning the recent Greater Greenville Transportation Meeting.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2023, and will be hosted by Maple Valley and Pierson Townships.

Supervisor Lower stated that she will be attending a class hosted by the Mecosta County Assessors Association on Monday, August 28, 2023. This class is \$10.00 per Township and is open to any Board members. If you would like to attend this class, let the office know by Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

A 2024 preliminary budget was handed out for discussion. Supervisor Lower explained the budget and asked for suggestions. With a few adjustments, a proposed budget will be handed out at the September 11, 2023 Board Meeting.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the new contract with its entirety from Assessor Megan VanHoose, which included an annual salary of \$37,000.00 up from the current salary of \$31,500.00. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Hanson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0.

The next Township Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2023. 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.

The Michigan Townships Association 2023 Professional Development Retreats are being held at the Boyne Highlands in Harbor Spring in September and October. Let the office know by September 5 if you are planning to attend.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Lower then adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:04 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMMC/CMC
August 21, 2023