

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 September 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that all seven Board Members were present which included the following: Supervisor Kristen Lower, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, and Treasurer Cindy Hanson; Trustees Jeremy Austin, Shayne Becher, Dennis Magirl, and Tim Johnson. These minutes will not be approved until the October 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately seven others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Marty Posekany, Mary Sharp, and Linda Weger; and Zoning Official Darcia Kelley.

Nothing was said during the First Public Comment.

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the August 14, 2023 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$965,530.24 as of August 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the payment of the bills paid in September in the amount of \$136,844.16 covering the payroll, e-bills 1580-1587, and checks numbering 2610-2637. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Johnson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from Planning Commission and Zoning, with the Transit showing 275 runs, and the Fire report showing 5 incidents. The August sheriff report was not available.

Trustee Becher gave a brief Planning Commission report about an overview of the Visser Construction project for the Ride All Property Drive and a request to abandon an undeveloped road at Burgess Lake.

Zoning Official Darcia Kelley gave a brief zoning report stating she has been busy with building permits and has been working with the Assessor on a couple of land splits.

A draft of the 2024 Proposed Township Budget was distributed to the Board for discussion. After reviewing the new proposed budget with a few changes, Treasurer Hanson moved with a second by Trustee Austin to hold a Budget Public Hearing during the October 9, 2023 Regular Township Board Meeting to hear public comment on the proposed 2024 Eureka Charter Township Budget. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Johnson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

A completed copy of the revised Proposed 2024 Budget will be available for public review on September 18, 2023, at the Eureka Township Hall, M-F, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Supervisor Kristen Lower had volunteered to work at the September 9, 2023 Cleanup Day along Linda Weger and Brad Kelley. Six dumpsters from Knight Transfer Services were filled along with two dumpsters from Greenville Steel for metal. Doug McFadden was present to collect electronics. One tire was collected for \$5.00. Approximately sixty-five households took advantage of the cleanup day.

Supervisor Lower gave a brief report on the Consolidated Waste Disposal Inquiry. After a fifteen-minute discussion, Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to not have a Township-wide trash service at this time, and to contract with Waste Management to provide recycling for cardboard only at the Township Hall. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Johnson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Two quotes came in concerning the pickleball court drainage problem, one from North Shade Lawn for \$7,580.00 for a drainage channel, and one from Northland Excavating for \$1,695.00 for grading the outside area of the court. After some discussion, Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Magirl to not do anything at all at this time and revisit this in the spring. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower gave a brief road report and stated that South County Line Road has the highest traffic count of dirt roads in Eureka Charter Township being considered for paving next year. An updated zoning map was included with the packet. Lower also reported that Assessor Megan VanHoose recently received her Level 4 Master Assessor License and is starting a new job as the Kent County Equilization Director and will no longer be working as the Gaines Charter Township Assessor. Megan VanHoose will continue her duties as Assessor for Eureka Charter Township.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the Metro Act Right of Way Permit which will expire December 31, 2028. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Magirl to approve Denise Ruwersma as the Election Assistant for the November 7, 2023 Election. Motion carried.

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve resolution #2023-002 to combine Precincts 1 and 2 into one precinct for the November 7, 2023 Election. Motion carried.

During the second public comment, there was some discussion about the early voting, the charter franchise fees, roads, county-wide trash service, and recycling.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Reynolds and Winfield Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:11 pm.

Linda Ruwersma, MPMC/CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
September 14, 2023