

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024
Approved

Supervisor Kristen Lower, 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 January 8, 2024, 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 Kristen Lower, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Clerk Linda Ruwersma; and Trustees Shayne Becher, Tim Johnson, and Dennis Magirl. Trustee Jeremy Austin Arrived three minutes late. These minutes will not be approved until the February 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately five others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Marty Posekany, Linda Weger, Denise Webb, and Mary Sharp; and Deputy Nicholas Campbell.

Nothing was said during the First Public Comment.

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the December 11, 2023 Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the Treasurer report with an ending balance of \$807,895.94 as of December 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Trustee Jeremy Austin arrived at 7:03 pm.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the payment of the bills for the end of December in the amount of \$2,661.71 covering e-bills 1611-1613 and checks 2730-2739, coming out of the 2023 Budget; and bills for January in the amount of \$95,224.10 covering e-bills 1614-1615 and checks numbering 2740-2752, with all the bills totaling \$97,885.81. Ayes: 7, Kristen, Linda, Tim, Cindy, Dennis, Shayne, and Jeremy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, the Transit showing 234 runs, and the Fire report showing 5 incidents.

The December Sheriff report showed a total of 3,096 patrol miles, with 179 patrol hours, 73 traffic stops, 29 traffic citations, 127 property inspections, and 10 arrests. Deputy Campbell introduced himself and gave a brief report.

Trustee Becher gave a brief Planning Commission report stating the request to expand the Small Group Adult Foster Care Home to a Large Group Adult Foster Care Home on Roy Drive was denied, and they have decided to keep the same dates and times for 2024.

Zoning Official Kelley gave a brief Zoning report, and it was stated that Darcia Kelley has finished her Township Governance Academy Classes and will graduate at the Michigan Townships Association Meeting in April.

Supervisor Lower gave a Road Meeting update, a Cyber Liability Insurance update, and gave out the Board of Review dates for the year.

At approximately 7:20 pm, Supervisor Lower opened the Public Hearing concerning Regulatory Ordinance Proposed Chapter 25 regarding Fireworks. After hearing a few comments from the Board and explaining that we need to have Williams and Works look it over, the Public Hearing was closed at approximately 7:23 pm. We will approve the final format at the February Meeting.

The annual MTA Educational Conference & Expo will be held April 23-25, 2024, at the Grand Traverse Resort. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Township office.

After Clerk Ruwersma stated the need for a Free Little Library outside the Township Hall, Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to approve the purchase and installation of a composite Library Post and Topper Black and a pole not to exceed \$250.00. Ayes: 7, Kristen, Linda, Tim, Cindy, Dennis, Shayne, and Jeremy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to approve the purchase of another laptop from VC3 for the Clerk to take minutes on for \$1,027.00. Ayes: 7, Kristen, Linda, Tim, Cindy, Dennis, Shayne, and Jeremy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower explained to the Board that when the generator was installed in 2019, that the gas meter was bypassed so we have not been paying for the gas since its installation. We are in the immediate process of resolving the issue this week. No penalties were incurred, and the Township will not face any fines or back billing.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve Denise Ruwersma as the QVF election assistant for Eureka Charter Township for the three scheduled election in 2024 as follows: February 27, August 6, and November 5. Motion carried.

After a few comments and correspondence at the Second Public Comment, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
January 10, 2024