

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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 February 12, 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, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson; Trustees Jeremy Austin, Dennis Magirl, Tim Johnson, and Shayne Becher. These minutes will not be approved until the March 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately eight others were in attendance including Zoning Official Darcia Kelley, Planning Commission Members Linda Weger and Marty Posekany; Zoning Board of Appeals Member Rod Roy, and Deputy Nicholas Campbell.

Nothing was said during the First Public Comment time.

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the January 8, 2024 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the Treasurer's reports showing an ending balance of \$995,804.59 as of 1-31-24. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Magirl to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$44,542.34 covering direct deposits 1359-1378, e-bills 1616-1626, and checks 2753-2781. Ayes: 7, Tim, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, Jeremy, and Dennis. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, Roads, the Transit showing 234 runs, and the Fire report showing 4 incidents.

Deputy Campbell gave a brief report. The January sheriff report showed a total of 4,056 patrol miles, with 241.5 patrol hours, 50 traffic stops, 9 traffic citations, 336 property inspections, and 7 arrests. He also stated there was a break-in on West County Farm Road with a loss of approximately \$6,000.00 worth of stolen merchandise.

Trustee Becher gave a brief Planning Commission Meeting report. He stated that Linda Weger is the new chairperson, with Marty Posekany as the vice-chair, and Denise Webb as the new secretary of the Planning Commission.

Darcia Kelley gave a brief Zoning report stating there have been some challenges with proposed plans and setbacks at Burgess Lake.

Supervisor Lower mentioned that there is still time to sign up for the MTA Conference on April 22-26, 2024, and the road contracts will be ready next month.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve for Clerk Ruwersma to reformat the **Regulatory Ordinance Chapter 25 Fireworks** document and bring back a final copy next month for approval. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to have Supervisor Lower research the subject of the responsibility and fees that are charged for land splits in other townships. Motion carried.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the Burgess Lake Road Private Drive. There are eight owners with approximately twenty-three parcels on this drive. After a lengthy discussion, Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to have Supervisor Lower pursue the issue and consult our attorney and report back next month. Ayes: 7, Tim, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, Jeremy, and Dennis. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower discussed the idea of having a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. After some discussion, Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Magirl to have Supervisor Lower pursue the idea of getting more quotes on developing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This is the first step before contacting the DNR about getting a grant from the State of Michigan to develop the land on the south side of the Flat River. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower will get some quotes on benches, a trash can, picnic tables, and lighting by the pickleball courts and report back next month.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the resignation of Mary Sharp from the Planning Commission Board effective April 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Magirl to approve to post the open position on the Planning Commission and to receive applications through April 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve Randy Klepper as the Planning Commission liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

The February Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Home and Richland Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 pm, at the Settlement Lutheran Church. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person.

After the Second Public Comment, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk
February 14, 2024