

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024
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 10, 2024, 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, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, and Trustees Tim Johnson, Shayne Becher, Jeremy Austin and Dennis Magirl. These minutes will not be approved until the July 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Twelve others were in attendance including Zoning Official Darcia Kelley, Board of Review Member Rod Roy, Deputy Caleb Evans, and Planning Commission Member Linda Weger.

There were no comments during the First Public Comment.

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Trustee Becker to approve the May 13, 2024 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the Treasurer's reports showing a balance of \$1,285,969.05 as of May 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Trustee Becker to approve the payment of the bills paid in June in the amount of \$117,230.63, covering the direct deposit payroll, e-bills 1650-1657, and checks numbering 2884-2911. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Johnson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission and Zoning Official, and the fire report showed three incidents. Trustee Becher gave a brief Planning Commission report stating a Special Land Use Permit was approved for a location on County Farm Road. Zoning Official Darcia Kelley gave a brief zoning report stating the complaints were mostly about illegal dumping, fencing issues, and parked vehicles.

Supervisor Lower stated that the pickleball lighting project is scheduled to begin soon with the poles to be installed in August.

The Cemetery Sexton, Greg Terry, has agreed to identify the corner markers in the Eureka Township Cemetery for \$60.00 and will work by his own fee for other jobs.

The Burgess Lake Drive Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. The Township attorney was also present and they did not come to an agreement; they want to meet again in September.

Last month Treasurer Hanson gave a brief update on the 2023 audit. She stated that Berthiaume & Company have successfully completed the audit and that there are no issues at this time. No additional questions were posed after Trustees reviewed the audit.

Last month the Board accepted the resignation letter from Lee Gilman, opening his three-year-term position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Four candidates applied for the position as follows: James Lower, Duane Putnam, Paul Ruwersma, and Mark Wilkin. Ruwersma and Wilkin were in attendance and had the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Trustee Magirl then moved, with a second by Treasurer Hanson to appoint Mark Wilkin to the Zoning Board of Appeals with the term ending December 31, 2024. Ayes: 3, Hanson, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 4, Ruwersma, Austin, Becher, and Johnson. Motion denied.

Trustee Johnson then moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to appoint Paul Ruwersma to the Zoning Board of Appeals with the term ending December 31, 2024. Ayes: 5, Ruwersma, Johnson, Austin, Becher, and Lower. Nays: 2, Hanson and Magirl. Motion carried.

After some discussion about purchasing benches and picnic tables for the pickleball court area, Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve to purchase three picnic tables and two benches with mounting brackets with shipping for a not-to-exceed total of \$4,500.00. Ayes: 7, Ruwersma, Hanson, Johnson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Crystal and Bloomer Townships is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

During the Audience and Board Member Comments, Jason Evans and Tom Ginster were both present to state they are candidates for Montcalm County Prosecutor on the August Primary Ballot.

Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:44 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk

Kristen Lower,
Eureka Charter Township Supervisor