

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024
Unapproved

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 July 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, it was stated that there was a quorum with the following Board Members present: Supervisor Kristen Lower and Clerk Linda Ruwersma; and Trustees Shayne Becher, Dennis Magirl, Jeremy Austin, and Tim Johnson. Treasurer Cindy Hanson was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the August 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately twelve others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger, Zoning Official Darcia Kelley, and Deputy Edwards.

Nothing was said during the first Public Comment,

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the June 10, 2024 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Magirl to approve the Treasurer's reports showing a general fund balance of \$1,260,305.34 as of June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Trustee Magirl moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the payment of the bills paid in the amount of \$321,916.04 covering direct deposits for payroll, e-bills 1658-1664, and checks numbering 2915-2940. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Johnson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, the Transit showing 192 runs, and the Fire report showing 5 incidents. Deputy Edwards gave a brief sheriff report.

Trustee Becher gave a brief Planning Commission report stating that the Planning Commission was in agreement to send the Master Plan, which was originally adopted in 2020, to the Board for approval. It was mentioned that there is no Planning Commission business scheduled for July, therefore the July Planning Commission Meeting may be canceled.

The June sheriff report showed a total of 4,476 patrol miles, with 211 patrol hours, 77 traffic stops, 9 traffic citations, 250 property inspections, and 1 arrest.

The July sheriff report showed a total of 3,740 patrol miles, with 169 patrol hours, 40 traffic stops, 2 traffic citations, 169 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Zoning Official Kelley gave a brief zoning report on the recent land use and noise issues that she has been dealing with.

Supervisor Lower stated that the Summer Tax Bills and Newsletter have been sent out, and the picnic tables and benches for the pickle ball court area have been ordered. There was some discussion about needing volunteers for unloading the tables otherwise there will be a delivery charge of \$2,000.00.

After a lengthy discussion concerning the FOIA Response Appeal by resident Jaqueline Tessmer to Eureka Charter Township, Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to deny the FOIA Response Appeal by Jaqueline Tessmer for a five-page document showing the exterior and interior of the residence at 6449 Shearer Road, and is withheld from disclosure pursuant to Section 13(1)(a) of FOIA. Ms. Tessmer shall be informed of this decision in writing. Ayes: 6, Ruwersma, Johnson, Austin, Becher, Magirl, and Lower. Nays: 0. Motion carried; appeal denied.

The Planning Commission has reviewed the Master Plan and recommends renewal as is. After some discussion of the renewal of the Master Plan, Supervisor Lower stated we could wait until next month to approve the Master Plan adopted in 2020 to give the Board a chance to review it.

Supervisor Lower gave an update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Survey Link has been posted on line and was also in the newsletter that was sent out with the tax bills for the public to give their opinion and submit ideas.

The Profit and Loss Reports for the second quarter were handed out to the Board.

During the second public comment time, there were several comments from neighbors of the resident submitting the FOIA request about the subsequent appeal and the continual harassment from this neighbor.

Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:33 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk

Kristen Lower
Eureka Charter Township Supervisor