

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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 December 9, 2024, 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, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Shayne Becher, Jeremy Austin, Tim Johnson, and Paul Ruwersma. These minutes will not be approved until the January 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately ten others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, Zoning Official Darcia Kelley, Zoning Board of Appeals Member Evan Hansen, and Deputy Caleb Evans.

Nothing was said during the First Public Comment.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to add the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan to the agenda. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to add approve the November 11, 2024 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$749,121.77 as of November 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve a budget transfer of \$14,000.00 from Contingency Fund 250-715 transferring \$2,000.00 to Planning Commission 721-701, and \$12,000.00 to the Sheriff Fund 301-818. Ayes: 7, Tim, Jeremy, Paul, Cindy, Linda, Shayne, and Kristen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$55,668.82 covering e-bills 1699-1706 and checks numbering 3115-3140. Ayes: 7, Tim, Jeremy, Paul, Cindy, Linda, Shayne, and Kristen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Zoning and Sheriff, with the Transit showing 164 runs. There was no Planning Commission Meeting in November and no fire report was available.

The November Sheriff report showed 285.5 patrol hours, 95 traffic stops, 1 traffic citation, 164 property inspections, and 1 arrest. Deputy Evans gave a brief report stating there was a vehicle stolen from Eureka Charter Township that was found in Troy, Michigan.

Zoning Official Darcia Kelley gave a brief zoning report stating there were a few complaints for the month and there has been improvement at the residence on S. Johnson Road. She also talked about Dexter's Food Truck and the addition of a storage facility. They were initially supposed to stay temporarily, but are still operating after six months. The Board asked Kelly to help them to come back into compliance and not worry about the length of stay for now. A follow up letter will be sent to Dexter's Food Truck owner and Larry's Northtown Furniture owner regarding the ordinance violation

Supervisor Lower asked for suggestions for road improvements to bring to the future meeting with the Montcalm County Road Commission which will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, in Stanton.

Supervisor Lower suggested to have the trail named The Eureka Loop Trail and stated a sign could be purchased for \$90.00 and a post constructed for approximately \$150.00. She will report back next month with more information.

Last month there was some discussion of headstone cleaning at the Eureka Township Cemetery. Supervisor Lower spoke with Neil Fisher from Grave Tech LLC from Crystal and will report back again next month.

The Board of Review will be meeting at the hall on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 5:00 pm to finish up the end of the year property disputes.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner hosted by Montcalm and Fairplains Townships will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm. The Montcalm County Road Commission has agreed to pay for the meals of each elected township official attending the dinner.

The Annual Eureka Township Christmas Party is scheduled for this Thursday, December 12, 2024, with dinner at 6:00 pm, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall. All elected and appointed members from the Township and their guests are invited.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve a Public Hearing during the January 13, 2025 Board Meeting concerning the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve the Monthly Board Meeting dates, time, and place as the second Monday of each month, 7:00 pm, at the Eureka Charter Township Hall, 9322 SW Greenville Road, Greenville. Ayes: 7, Tim, Jeremy, Paul, Cindy, Linda, Shayne, and Kristen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the 2025 General Appropriations Act printed as follows: Estimated township general fund revenues for calendar year 2025, including an allocated millage of 0.7739; voter-authorized millage of 2.1887 mills; and other revenues shall total \$1,018,900.00. Ayes: 7, Tim, Jeremy, Paul, Cindy, Linda, Shayne, and Kristen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve Resolution 2024-006 to Establish Township Trustee's Salary at \$160.00 per meeting when in attendance; \$80.00 per month when not in attendance of the monthly meeting; and \$110.00 per special meeting for 2025 Ayes: 7, Tim, Jeremy, Paul, Cindy, Linda, Shayne, and Kristen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve Resolution 2024-007 to Establish the yearly Township Supervisor's Salary at \$21,000.00 and the Treasurer's Salary and Clerk's Salary each at \$22,000.00 for 2025. Ayes: 7, Tim, Jeremy, Paul, Cindy, Linda, Shayne, and Kristen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the following for the 2025 calendar year:

*Banks - Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank, Isabella Bank & Trust, Choice One, Commercial Bank, and MI CLASS fund.

*Maintenance - Linda Ruwersma to clean the Township Hall, with each worker being responsible for their own office

*FOIA Coordinator - Linda Ruwersma

Attorneys - Mika Meyers PLC

Ayes: 7, Tim, Jeremy, Paul, Cindy, Linda, Shayne, and Kristen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to appoint Tim Johnson and Shayne Becher to the Election Committee until November 20, 2028. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Clerk Ruwersma to approve Supervisor Lower to attend the Michigan Township Governance Academy and apply for a scholarship through the program. Ayes: 7, Tim, Jeremy, Paul, Cindy, Linda, Shayne, and Kristen. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower informed the Board that the car parked at the pickle ball parking lot is from the Michigan Liquor and Control Commission. They asked permission to park it there for six months. She will be following up with the legality of this.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 pm.

Linda Ruwersma
Eureka Charter Township Clerk

Kristen Lower
Eureka Charter Township Supervisor