

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026
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 19, 2026, 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 and Clerk Linda Ruwersma; and Trustees Shayne Becher, Jeremy Austin, Tim Johnson, and Paul Ruwersma. Treasurer Cindy Hanson was late and arrived at 7:03 pm. These minutes will not be approved until the February 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately two others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger and Zoning Administrator Darcia Kelley.

Nothing was said during the First Public Comment.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the December 8, 2025 Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson arrived at 7:03 pm.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve the Treasurer's report with an ending balance of \$926,556.20 as of December 31, 2025. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve the payment of the bills for the end of December in the amount of \$17,285.06 covering e-bills 1808-1814 and checks 3482-3490, coming out of the 2025 Budget; and bills for January in the amount of \$29,977.60 covering e-bills 1815-1819 and checks numbering 3491-3513; with all the bills totaling \$47,262.66. Ayes: 7, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Paul, Shayne, Tim, and Jeremy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Roads, Sheriff, the Transit showing 124 runs, and the Fire report showing 2 incidents.

The December Sheriff report showed a total of 235 patrol hours, 19 traffic stops, 2 traffic citations, 104 property inspections, and 0 arrests.

Trustee Becher gave a brief Planning Commission report stating there will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, concerning the Stormwater Review in Section 4 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning Official Kelley gave a brief Zoning report with updates on the Visser Construction regarding the lots that border M57.

Supervisor Lower gave an update about possible road work to be done this summer, and she distributed a list of roads to consider. Lower will be meeting with the Montcalm County Road Commission on January 28, 2026, to go over the list of roads recommended by the Board.

Supervisor Lower gave out the Board of Review and Planning Commission Meeting dates for the year.

The next Greater Greenville Transportation Committee Meeting will be held on January 28, 2026, at 2:30 pm at the Oakfield Township Hall.

The annual MTA Educational Conference & Expo will be held on April 23-April 25, 2026, in Traverse City. There are nine members already signed up. Any other members wishing to attend should contact the Township office.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Coral Community Center. The meetings have been changed to the third Thursday every other month with two alternating locations only.

During the Board Member Comments, Trustees discussed the increase in the hall rental cost that was agreed upon at the December Meeting. Trustees also discussed increasing the pay for hall open/close and cleaning at this time.

Trustee Austin then moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve raising the opening/closing fee and cleaning fee for rentals from \$20.00 to \$30.00 each for the 2026 Fee Schedule. Motion carried

After the Second Public Comment, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:48 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk