

**EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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 February 9, 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, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, and Treasurer Cindy Hanson; and Trustees Paul Ruwersma, Tim Johnson, Jeremy Austin, and Shayne Becher. These minutes will not be approved until the March 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately five others were in attendance including Zoning Administrator Darcia Kelley, Deputy Clerk Denise Ruwersma, and Planning Commission Member Linda Weger.

Nothing was said during the First Public Comment time.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the January 19, 2026 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 \$934,968.31 as of 1-31-26. Motion carried.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$31,620.21 covering direct deposits, e-bills 1820-1826, and checks 3514-3533. Ayes: 7, Tim, Kristen, Jeremy, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Roads, the Transit showing 124 runs, and the Fire report showing 9 incidents. No Sheriff report was available.

Trustee Becher gave a brief Planning Commission Meeting report and stated they appointed new officers to their Board. He also reported that they held a public hearing for Zoning Ordinance Amendments concerning Stormwater Review and recommend them for adoption.

Darcia Kelley gave a brief Zoning report stating there was one accessory building zoning permit issued for an Agriculture building. She also stated she is working with the Planning Commission on options to allow Accessory Dwelling Units in the Township. James Lower spoke to the members about ADU's at their last meeting.

Supervisor Lower mentioned that the road contracts will be ready next month.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve to adopt Resolution #2026-001 in support of the Michigan Department of Transportation prerogative to repave and restripe public road M-91 from Van Deinse Road to Wise Road as presented by Jason Cole via MDOT. Ayes: 7, Tim, Kristen, Jeremy, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve Ordinance Change #26-01 to amend the Eureka Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 4 Site Plan Review, Section 4.01 Site Plan Required, adding the following subsection:

**F. Stormwater Review.**

- 1. As part of the site plan review process, all new land uses requiring site plan review under this section, including but not limited to residential uses, commercial uses, industrial uses, special land uses, site condominiums, condominiums, and planned unit developments, shall be subject to stormwater review and must obtain approval for the proposed stormwater management plan for the new land use from the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner's Office. Stormwater management for new land uses, including but not limited to stormwater facilities, shall comply with the currently applicable Site Development Rules for stormwater management adopted by the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner.**
- 2. After written approval is obtained from the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner's Office, a copy of such approval shall be provided to the Township Zoning Administrator.**
- 3. Stormwater approval from the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner's Office shall not generally be required for farms, single-family and two-family dwellings, and accessory buildings, unless the Township Zoning Administrator determines that stormwater review is necessary due to the elevation or topography of the lands. The Township Planning Commission may exempt a proposed land use from stormwater review and approval, in its discretion, if due to the size of the proposed building(s) or structure(s), the location or other factors, it determines that stormwater review is not necessary.**

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

Supervisor Lower happily reported that after a two-year struggle with trying to access the proper Federal Treasury Portal, the COVID-19 Relief Funds Filing recoupment appeal has finally been approved, and we will soon be able to complete the missing filings for the COVID-19 Relief monies previously granted to the Township.

Some goals for 2026 discussed were as follows: paving the parking lot by the pickleball court, an underground sprinkling system, sound absorbers for the meeting room, and an upgrade to Grosvenor, Stakes, and Baldwin Roads.

There was some discussion of the potential for Hillside Drive to connect with Satterlee Road. Supervisor Lower is working with the City of Greenville to obtain crash safety

grant money, and is also reaching out to stakeholders of the parcels involved to help provide a safe exit from the platted parcels.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the reaffirmation of the Eureka Charter Township Principles of Governance provided by the Michigan Townships Association. Motion carried.

The February Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm, at the Coral Community Center.

After the Second Public Comment, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:01 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC  
Eureka Charter Township Clerk