

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026
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 March 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that the following Board Members were present: Supervisor Kristen Lower, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson, Trustees Jeremy Austin, Shayne Becher, Tim Johnson, and Paul Ruwersma. These minutes will not be approved until the April 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately four others were in attendance including Deputy Tyler Caterino.

Nothing was said during the First Public Comment. No Treasurer report was available.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve the February 9, 2026 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the payment of the bills paid in March in the amount of \$44,063.10 covering the payroll direct deposits, e-bills 1827-1836, and checks numbering 3534-3556. Ayes: 7, Tim, Linda, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, Shayne, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, and Sheriff: with the Transit report showing 168 runs, and 3 incidents on the fire report.

The January sheriff report showed a total of 130 patrol hours, 43 traffic stops, 89 property inspections, and 0 arrests. Deputy Caterino gave a brief report on notable events in February.

Trustee Becher gave a brief report stating the Planning Commission reviewed the pros and cons of having Accessory Dwelling Units in the Township. No decision was made. They also voted to have Tim Reno take over as chair of the Planning Commission and Linda Weger as vice-chair.

The Zoning report stated that Magnum Sports on M-91 has a new owner, who will have a car repair shop at that location.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve to contract with the Montcalm County Road Commission in 2026 to place five applications of chloride on local roads in the Township based on the following: 18.12 miles @ 1,650 GPM x 5 applications x \$0.175/gallon for \$26,160.75. Ayes: 7, Paul, Linda, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, Shayne, and Tim. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

After a fifteen-minute conversation about the roads, Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve to contract with the Montcalm County Road Commission in 2026 for the following road projects:

1. **Over band crack seal, locations to be determined by Township and Road Commission for \$8,700.00**
2. **Seal coat with fog seal Johnson Road from Harlow Road to Wise Road (0.75 miles) for \$13,864.00**
3. **Seal coat with fog seal Station Road from West County Line Road to Satterlee Road (1.0 miles) for \$17,539.00**
4. **Seal coat with fog seal Jordan Road from M-91 (Greenville Road) west to the end (0.40 miles) for \$6,587.00**
5. **Seal coat with fog seal Slawson Lake Road from Ojibwa Trail to Lynwood Drive (0.50 miles) for \$8,770.00**
6. **Pave asphalt mat on South County Line Road from Ranney Road to the Flat River Bridge (0.66 miles) for \$155,350.00**
7. **Spray brush along local roadsides to be determined by MCRC for No Charge**
For a total of **\$210,810.00**. Ayes: 7, Tim, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, Jeremy, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower gave an update on the M-91 Paving/Restriping Project stating that the City also approved a resolution in support of it, with the project beginning in 2027.

The Board of Review met last week for an organizational meeting, and Linda Weger was chosen as the chair. The BOR met today on March 9 for an annual petition hearing, and will meet again on March 11, to convene at 9:00 pm.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to move \$11,547.00 from the Fund Balance to 265-975 Township Improvements, to cover the 2025 budgeted item for Garry Tissue Contracting. Ayes: 7, Tim, Linda, Cindy, Jeremy, Kristen, Shayne, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

There was some discussion about the Police Millage and a new contract for 2027. Supervisor Lower spoke with Sheriff Mike Williams and he is confident that the County will be able to provide at least one deputy for the Township for the next four years. Clerk Ruwersma will have the ballot millage wording ready for next month.

The April Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm, at the Montcalm County Road Commission Building.

After Board Member and Audience Comments, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk