

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 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 Monday, April 13, 2026, 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 Trustees Paul Ruwersma, Jeremy Austin, Tim Johnson, and Shayne Becher. Treasurer Cindy Hanson and Clerk Linda Ruwersma were absent with Deputy Clerk Denise Ruwersma taking the minutes. These minutes will not be approved until the May 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

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

There were no comments made during the First Public Comment time.

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

Trustee Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the Treasurer's reports from February and March, with an ending balance of \$1,305,421.96 as of March 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve the payment of direct deposits and bills paid in April in the amount of \$36,622.29 covering e-bills 1837-1844 and checks numbering 3557-3581. Ayes: 5, Tim, Kristen, Shayne, Jeremy, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Sheriff, Zoning, and Road Commission, with the Transit showing 171 runs, and the Fire report showing 6 incidents.

The March sheriff report showed a total of 154 patrol hours, 16 traffic stops, 97 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

There was no Planning Commission Meeting in March, but Zoning Official Darcia Kelley gave a brief report stating things are starting to pick up. There were 5 complaints, 4 zoning permits, 17 burn permits, and 8 inspections. She also stated that the new owners of Magnum Sports on M-91 are continuing to work on their licensing and getting the location ready for a car repair shop.

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

- 1. Gravel re-surface with natural gravel Lake Road from M-57 (Carson City Road) north to County Farm Road (1.5 miles) for \$50,819.00**
- 2. Gravel re-surface with natural gravel Backus Road from County Farm Road north to the Township line (1.0 miles) for \$33,879.00**
- 3. Gravel re-surface with natural gravel West County Line Road from Slawson Lake Road to M-57 (Carson City Road) (0.86 miles) for \$29,362.00**

4. **Gravel re-surface with natural gravel West County Line Road from Dick Road to South End (1.01 miles) for \$33,879.00**
5. **Gravel re-surface with natural gravel Barber from West County Line Road to Satterlee (0.96 miles) for \$33,879.00**

For a total of \$181,818.00

Ayes: 5, Tim, Kristen, Shayne, Jeremy, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve Resolution 2026-002 for the following wording to be placed on the August 4, 2026 Ballot:

**Eureka Charter Township, Montcalm County
Proposition for Renewal of Police Protection Millage**

This proposition will allow Eureka Charter Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, to continue to levy the previous voted increase on general ad valorem taxes of one mill, to provide funds for Police Protection and Police Equipment in Eureka Charter Township.

Shall the expired previously voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Eureka Charter Township renew, at the previous voted increase, up to one (1) mill, (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value; example - a property with the taxable value of \$50,000 would be taxed \$50.00), thereby levying up to one (1) full mill, for the years 2026 through 2031, inclusive, for additional police protection and police equipment in Eureka Charter Township, which will collect in the first year an estimated total of \$204,618.61?

Ayes: 5, Tim, Kristen, Shayne, Jeremy, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner is scheduled for this Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm, at the MCRC Building in Stanton.

Supervisor Lower reported that the Tire and Electronics recycling will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 9am to noon in Stanton; and the Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 9am to noon also in Stanton.

There was some discussion about obtaining quotes for a new copier printer and also of digitizing the Township records.

Supervisor Lower mentioned that the County is considering eliminating their private road ordinance. She also stated that we have our own ordinance which addresses this issue.

After the Second Audience Comments, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:53pm.

Denise Ruwersma,
Eureka Charter Township Deputy Clerk

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk