

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 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 June 8, 2026, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that there was a quorum which included the following: Supervisor Kristen Lower, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, Treasurer Cindy Hanson; and Trustees Tim Johnson, Jeremy Austin, and Shayne Becher. Trustee Paul Ruwersma was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the July 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Five others were in attendance including Zoning Administrator Darcia Kelley, Deputy Brian Snyder, and Planning Commission Member Linda Weger.

During the First Public Comment, a resident was present to share her concerns with the Board about data centers. The Board agreed with her concerns.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the May 11, 2026 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the Treasurer's reports showing a balance of \$1,317,608.31 as of May 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the payment of the bills paid in June in the amount of \$129,757.96 covering direct deposit payroll, e-bills 1856-1864, and checks numbering 3611-3642. Ayes: 6, Tim, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, and Jeremy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Zoning, Sheriff, with the Transit showing 136 runs, and the fire report showing 6 incidents.

The June sheriff report showed a total of 116.5 patrol hours, 5 traffic stops, 119 property inspections, and 1 arrest.

Darcia Kelley gave a zoning report and then stated that the Planning Commission will continue their review of a potential ordinance for Accessory Dwelling Units in Eureka Charter Township. There was no Planning Commission Meeting in May.

There was some discussion about addressing the erosion damage to the Township-owned river access on River Road. The problem has been resolved by a resident, so nothing will be done for now.

Clerk Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve a Brother Color Desktop Copier for \$2,155.00. Another option was purchasing a Toshiba eStudio 331ac

Color Copier for \$3,310.00. Ayes: 6, Tim, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, and Jeremy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower reported that the fire tender is currently back in service and that the City of Greenville is in the process of purchasing a new fire engine. She will be meeting with the Public Safety director concerning Township investment in new equipment.

A draft of the yearly newsletter was distributed to the Board. Corrections and/or revisions are welcomed.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the payment of approximately \$2,826.87 to KCI for the printing of tax bills, newsletter, and postage. Ayes: 6, Tim, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, and Jeremy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower announced she will be meeting with the website developers from Shumaker Technology Group to make sure we are in ADA Compliance.

After a lengthy discussion concerning connecting the Crestview neighborhood with Satterlee Road, Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to allow Supervisor Lower to enter into negotiation of a reasonable cost of transfer of an easement from Jon Town if an agreement can be made. Supervisor Lower may approve a survey for the easement. Motion carried.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the use of Township property for the Michigan Geologic Survey drilling, and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) the use of the borehole for groundwater monitoring; whereas the hole must be repaired to the previous condition at the termination of its use. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Township Meeting/Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 6:00 pm, and will be held at the Coral Community Center.

Supervisor Lower stated that the Grosvenor Drive connection is now complete and open to traffic. The speed limit around Baldwin Lake is currently 25mph. The City of Greenville tried to change it to 15mph, but that is not reflected by law.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:32 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk