

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 13, 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 July 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, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, and Treasurer Cindy Hanson; and Trustees Shayne Becher, Paul Ruwersma, Jeremy Austin, and Tim Johnson. These minutes will not be approved until the August 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately ten others were in attendance including Planning Commission Member Linda Weger, Deputy Brian Snyder, County Commissioner Charlie Mahar, and Zoning Administrator Darcia Kelley.

During the first Public Comment, Mr. Duane Putnam and Mr. Randy Beard were present and spoke about the private road project on Burgess Lake.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the June 8, 2026 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve the Treasurer's reports showing a general fund balance of \$1,298,218.74 as of June 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Trustee Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the payment of the bills paid in the amount of \$251,015.35 covering direct deposits for payroll, e-bills 1865-1874 and checks numbering 3644-3678. Ayes: 7, Tim, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, Jeremy, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, the Transit showing 144 runs, and the Fire report showing 3 incidents.

The July sheriff report showed a total of 140 patrol hours, 9 traffic stops, 3 traffic citations, 127 property inspections, 0 arrests, with a total of 172.5 hours.

Trustee Becher gave a brief Planning Commission report stating that the Planning Commission discussed the draft Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance topic and will continue to do so.

Zoning Administrator Kelley gave a brief zoning report stating there were many zoning permits issued and a ZBA request with the appeal meeting being scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2026.

County Commissioner Charlie Mahar was present to give a report on what is going on in the County. He stated that the County Commissioners were still deliberating about allowing EGLE well monitoring on County property.

Supervisor Lower stated that the Summer Tax Bills and Newsletter were printed in color this year and have been sent with the tax bills. She also reported that the geologic study drilling by the pickleball courts will take place in a few weeks.

Lower also gave an update on several issues and stated that because the current fire trucks will not cost as much as expected to replace in the near future, the Township could discontinue investigation into a capital improvement plan. Both the fire tender and brush truck will be need to be replaced in the next few years, and will be budgeted for accordingly.

Also, during the website ADA compliance meeting, the files were converted to be in compliance with the State recommendations. Next, the potential road development off of Satterlee Road that the Board talked about last month has fallen through and the property is no longer available for acquisition. The parcel behind the old Satterlee School owned by PHL Development has a set price which is more than the Township is willing to pay at this time, so it will no longer be considered for a park

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve Resolution #2026-003 Resolution to request a speed study from Montcalm County Road Commission to establish a speed limit for Baldwin Lake Road. Ayes: 7, Tim, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, Jeremy, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower reported on a home on Fitzner Road that would like to be annexed into the City of Greenville. This will allow the residents to obtain City water. Due to a hazardous waste designation on the parcel, the County will not allow a new well to be drilled on the property.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the Supervisor to send a no contest letter to the City, the Boundary Commission, and the property owner concerning the 6692 Fitzner property annexation. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hanson gave a brief report on the 2025 audit which has been completed stating there were no unusual difficulties in performing the audit.

Clerk Ruwersma gave an update on the Countywide absentee Ballot issue. Ballots had to be reprinted, restuffed, and remailed in Eureka Charter Township because of a paper length issue.

The Profit and Loss Reports for the second quarter were handed out to the Board.

After the Second Public Comment time, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:13 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk