

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026
Unapproved

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 August 10, 2026, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Linda Ruwersma stated that the following Board Members were present: Supervisor Kristen Lower and Clerk Linda Ruwersma; and Trustees Paul Ruwersma and Tim Johnson. Treasurer Cindy Hanson and Trustees Shayne Becher and Jeremy Austin were absent. These minutes will not be approved until the September 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Nothing was said during the first Public Comment.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve the July 13, 2026 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the Treasurer's reports showing a balance of \$1,248,726.83 as of July 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Trustee Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the payment of the bills paid in August in the amount of \$45,603.57 covering e-bills 1875-1883 and checks numbering 3679-3715. Ayes: 4, Tim, Kristen, Linda, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from Zoning and Planning Commission, with the Transit showing 176 runs, and the Fire report showing 9 incidents. There was no Sheriff report available.

Zoning Administrator Kelley gave a brief Zoning report and also a Planning Commission report stating there was a special meeting on July 29 concerning a minor change at Burgess Lake. Secondly, the potential ordinance concerning Accessory Dwelling Units discussed at the PC meeting has been sent to the attorney for review. She also stated that there was a ZBA meeting held on July 20 concerning a lot on Backus Road where the appeal was granted.

Supervisor Lower gave an update on the homeowner who was considering an annexation request stating he was able to have special abatements on his property, allowing the installation of a new well. After the well was installed, the water testing came back clear, therefore he no longer wants to continue with the annexation process. Supervisor Lower did not send a letter to the Boundary Commission.

After Clerk Ruwersma gave a brief report on the recent August 4 Election, Trustee Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the purchase of a computer and desk for a Deputy Clerk station, not to exceed \$2,000.00. Ayes: 4, Tim, Kristen, Linda, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried

A 2026 Budget was distributed for discussion concerning the proposed 2027 Budget which will be discussed next month.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm, at the Montcalm County Road Commission building in Stanton.

The Michigan Township Association fall retreats are coming up in September and October. Let the Clerk know as soon as possible if you plan to attend or if you are interested in any online classes.

Supervisor Lower gave a Greater Greenville Transportation Committee Meeting update and stated that Eureka Charter Township will be hosting the next meeting here at the Hall on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

There was some discussion about cutting down the dead pine trees between the pickle ball courts and the Flat River Academy.

Supervisor Lower reported that she received a citizen's petition for a Special Assessment to treat Eurasian Milfoil in Burgess Lake. The citizen is working with the PLM Lake Management to coordinate this petition and determine the estimated cost for the treatment. The Supervisor will send the petition to our legal counsel for review. With the lengthy process, this might not come to the Board until the summer of 2027.

After the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:42 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma,
Eureka Charter Township Clerk