

EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 September 14, 2026, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated that all Board Members were present which included the following: Supervisor Kristen Lower, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, and Treasurer Cindy Hanson; and Trustees Jeremy Austin, Paul Ruwersma, and Shayne Becher, Trustee Tim Johnson was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the October 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately nine others were in attendance including Planning Commission Members Linda Weger and Denise Webb, Zoning Administrator Darcia Kelley, and Sheriff Caterino.

During the First Public Comment, Jennifer Sternisha was present and spoke representing her husband Ed who is running for 8th Circuit Court Judge in November against Lorri Shearer.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve the August 10, 2026 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1,287,422.59 as of August 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the payment of the bills paid in September in the amount of \$90,887.23 covering the payroll, e-bills 1884-1893, and checks numbering 3716-3744. Ayes: 6, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, Jeremy, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Sheriff and Zoning, with the Transit showing 137 runs, and the fire report showing 3 incidents.

The August sheriff report showed a total of 176 patrol hours, 13 traffic stops, 1 traffic citation, 156 property inspections, and 0 arrests.

There was no Planning Commission Meeting in August to report on. Zoning Administrator Darcia Kelley gave a brief report stating there is a public hearing scheduled for September 16, 2026, at the next Planning Commission Meeting regarding the ADU Ordinance.

A 2027 preliminary budget was handed out for discussion. The Clerk stated that the proposed budget will be handed out at the October 12, 2026 Board Meeting, and a completed copy of the Proposed 2027 Budget will be available for public review by Monday, September 21, 2026.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve a 2027 Budget Public Hearing during the October 12, 2026 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower reported that Progressive Tree Service will be taking care of cutting down the dead tree by the pickleball court and doing some other tree trimming work. She also reported that the broken yellow lid on the recycling bin has been replaced.

Trustee Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve to spend up to \$2,605.00 to purchase one new computer from VC3. Ayes: 6, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, Jeremy, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to approve setting the 2026 total millage for Eureka Charter Township at 2.5744 mills (0.7512 for permanent operating, 0.6000 for police protection, 0.7339 for fire protection, and 0.4893 for roads). Ayes: 6, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, Jeremy, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve waiting until October to vote on a possible three-year contract with North Shade Lawn for Snow Removal and Salting beginning with the 2026-27 Season; locking in the prices submitted. This is our current lawn care provider and previous winter service provider. Double A gave a quote also. Supervisor Lower will check with North Shade Lawn and bring a contract to the October Meeting. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Ruwersma to wait until the spring to resurface or make repairs on the pickleball court. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve to spend \$1,564.70 for Fire Tender repairs to be paid out of the fire millage account. Ayes: 6, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, Jeremy, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

It was discussed that the Clerk will post an ad in the paper advertising for the 2027 appointments on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review, Library Board, and on the Planning Commission. These will also be posted on the website.

There was some discussion of changing the November 9 meeting date to the following week because Supervisor Lower will not be able to attend, but the Board decided to keep the meeting at the normal scheduled date and time.

Tim Rozelle from Retirement Plan Advisors will be present at the October meeting to present information regarding the 457 Deferred Compensation Plans for anyone interested.

The next Montcalm Townships Association Meeting/Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 6:00 pm in Coral.

After the second public comment, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Linda Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk