EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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, October 12, 2026, at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Ruwersma stated all members were present which included the following: Supervisor Kristen Lower, Clerk Linda Ruwersma, and Treasurer Cindy Hanson; Trustees Paul Ruwersma, Shayne Becher, Jeremy Austin, and Tim Johnson. These minutes will not be approved until the November 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Approximately six others were in attendance including Zoning Administrator Darcia Kelley, Deputy Caleb Evans, and Cory Smith from the *Daily News*.

During the First Public Comment, 8th Circuit Judge Suzanne Kreeger, who has served Montcalm County for eighteen years, was present to inform the Board that she is retiring at the end of this year. She is endorsing Lori Shearer who is running on the November 3 Ballot for her 8th Circuit Judge position.

Financial Advisor, Tim Rozell, was present to address the Board about the Retirement Plan Advisors Security Benefit. He is retiring at the end of the year and brought his replacement, Hayden Nickell, who spoke to the Board and explained the 457 Program. Anyone interested in the program can call Hayden directly.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the September 14, 2026 Board Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Trustee Ruwersma moved, with a second by Trustee Johnson to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of $1,201,972.75 as of September 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Trustee Austin moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of $47,248.04 covering e-bills 1894-1902, the direct deposit payroll, and checks numbering 3745-3771. Ayes: 7, Tim, Kristen, Cindy, Shayne, Jeremy, Linda, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Sheriff, Zoning, and Planning Commission, with the Transit showing 156 runs and the Fire report showing 7 incidents.

The September sheriff report showed a total of one traffic stop, thirty-eight property inspections, and zero arrests.

Zoning Administrator Kelley gave a brief report stating that she had a busy month and has been working with Assessor Megan VanHoose on land divisions. She stated there are no issues to discuss this month, so there will be no Planning Commission meeting on October 17, 2026.

At approximately 7:31 pm, Supervisor Lower opened the Public Hearing concerning the 2027 Proposed Budget. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed at approximately 7:32 pm.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the Proposed Budget for 2027 with no changes showing the revenue of $1,095,770.24 and projected total expenses of $1,095,770.24. Ayes: 7, Tim, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, Jeremy, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve a three-year snow removal contract with North Shade Lawn for $95.00 per plow (including shoveling the sidewalks) and $80.00 for salting the Township lots. North Shade Lawn currently provides snow removal services for the Township. Ayes: 7, Tim, Kristen, Cindy, Shayne, Linda, Jeremy, and Paul. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lower gave an update on the new work station stating that it is up and running in the main office and is also available for the public to access to read property record cards. Lower also stated that the fire tender has been repaired and is back in service.

After reviewing the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance, Supervisor Lower stated she will work with Zoning Administrator Kelley to have the final draft ready for approval at the November 9 Board Meeting.

Supervisor Lower reported on the increase in car accidents on M-57 and M-91. She plans to bring this up at the Greater Greenville Transportation Committee later this month on October 28. She also mentioned that all of the Township's road projects should be completed by the end of this month.

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

The 20th Annual Eureka Township Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 6:00 pm. All elected and appointed members from the Township and their guests are invited.

After the Second Public Comment and the Audience and Board Member Comments, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk