EUREKA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 11, 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, May 11, 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, Jeremy Austin, and Tim Johnson. Trustee Paul Ruwersma was absent. These minutes will not be approved until the June 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

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

During the First Public Comment, the owner from the landscaping business across the road was present to ask the Township to lower the speed limit in our commercial area on M-91 from 55mph to 45mph because of the trucks that enter the road from the business.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustee Austin to approve the April 13, 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 $1,337,049.67 as of April 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Trustee Becher moved, with a second by Trustin Austin to approve the payment of the bills paid in April in the amount of $31,838.04 covering direct deposit payroll, e-bills 1845-1855, and checks numbering 3583-3610. Ayes: 6, Tim, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, and Jeremy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The reports available were from the Planning Commission, Zoning, Sheriff, with the Transit showing 167 runs, and the fire report showing 9 incidents.

The April sheriff report showed a total of 130.5 patrol hours, 15 traffic stops, 81 property inspections, and 2 arrests.

Trustee Becher gave a brief Planning Commission report stating there was discussion about potentially allowing attached and detached Accessory Dwelling Units in the Township. This will be an ongoing discussion for the future. He also stated that three site plans for the installation of solar panels were approved for High Grade Materials.

Zoning Official Kelley gave a brief zoning report stating zoning permits have picked up and solar panels were approved for High Grade Materials. She also stated that she will open the Township Hall on June 1, 2026, and have a meeting with some Burgess Lake residents concerning issues on Burgess Lake Drive.

Supervisor Lower reported that she is still in the process of getting quotes for a printer replacement. There was some discussion about putting up fencing at the River Road tube launch or repairing the site for launchers. The Board encouraged Lower to check into a way to promote the launch.

Greater Greenville Transportation Committee Updates were given by Supervisor Lower. She stated that road upgrades for Satterlee, Baldwin Lake, Stakes, and Berridge Roads were discussed, along with adding bike lanes on M-91 north of Greenville.

Assessor Megan VanHoose was present to give her annual report, which lasted about ten minutes.

Treasurer Hanson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve to reimburse Assessor VanHoose $1,724.62 for an 11-inch Cellular iPad Pro 256GB with Apple Pencil and Keyboard. Ayes: 6, Tim, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, and Jeremy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

There was some discussion of a potential cloud-based tax software for the future. BS&A has announced by the year 2030 they will be moving away from supporting local server-based software which the Township has had for the past fifteen years. The assessor and treasurer are willing to begin this transition next year, so Supervisor Lower will continue to look into this.

There was also some discussion of a Capital Improvement Plan for the Township so the Township can plan where the monies are designated for the future.

Supervisor Lower will be producing the newsletter this year. Any articles need to be turned in to her in the next few weeks.

Trustee Johnson moved, with a second by Trustee Becher to approve truck repairs on the Township Fire Tender for $3,090.59. Ayes: 6, Tim, Kristen, Linda, Cindy, Shayne, and Jeremy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The next Montcalm Township Meeting/Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2026, 6:00 pm, and will be held at the Coral Community Center. The Greenville Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2026. The Township audit will be performed in person this year and is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

After a few comments were made during the Second Public Comment time concerning the tube launch and the Greenville Airport, Supervisor Lower adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:58 pm.

Linda J. Ruwersma, CMC
Eureka Charter Township Clerk