

EUREKA! THE NEWS

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APRIL, 2007



ELECTION OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Eureka Township Supervisors
Meet monthly, 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Dan Rogers, Chair
952-469-3739, term to 3/09
Jeff Otto, Vice Chair
952-469-8561, term to 3/10
Cory Behrendt, term to 3/09
952-985-5411
Gloria Belzer, term to 3/08
612-202-5821
Brian Budenski, term to 3/08
952-985-7240

Eureka Planning Commission
Meet monthly, 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Mike Greco, Chair
952-469-8418, term to 4/08
Sharon Buckley, term to 4/09
952-469-2290
Kenny Miller, term to 4/10
952-469-4803
Ken Olstad, term to 4/08
952-985-7248
Nancy Weber, term to 4/09
952-469-5146

Township Contact, Clerk/Treasurer
Nanett Chaplain, 952-469-3736
Monday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
At other times, calls transferred to
voice mail; all calls are returned.

- for general information
- to get on meeting agenda
- for building, etc. permit info.

E-mail: eureka@frontiernet.net
Website [ht.://eurekatownship-mn.us](http://eurekatownship-mn.us)
• official meeting minutes
• ordinances, calendar, etc.
• permit applications

Township Roads:
Brian Budenski, 952-985-7240
Jeff Otto, 952-469-8561
Emergency 911-ambulance/police/ fire
(non-emergency 651-437-4211)

Official Notices posted on bulletin
board outside the Town Hall, 25043
Cedar Ave., and published in
This Week Life and Times newspaper.

Editor: Carolyn Papke, 651-463-8546
Mailings by George Molter

Four hundred thirty-eight Eureka citizens cast ballots for 2 township supervisor positions. That's a 43% turn out of eligible voters! Congratulations on coming out to vote; it's hard to imagine that ten years ago only 41 people voted! This is the March 13, 2007 results:

Supervisor position #1 (1 year remaining):

Brian Budenski - 235 votes Charles "Butch" Hansen - 201 votes

Supervisor position #5 (3 year term):

Peter Johnson - 109 votes **Jeff Otto** - 313 votes

New supervisors have already engaged in training from the Mn. Association of Townships. Thanks to all Supervisors of 2006 for their extensive time commitments and diligence in conducting Township business and gathering information to make informed decisions.

TOWN BOARD REORGANIZATION 3/27/07 to 3/11/08

CHAIR: Dan Rogers

VICE-CHAIR: Jeff Otto

SUPERVISOR ASSIGNMENTS

Roads - Jeff Otto and Brian Budenski
Road Weed and Cutting Inspector - Brian Budenski
Communications/Newsletter - Gloria Belzer
Airlake Airport Contact - Jeff Otto, Dan Rogers
County Contact - Cory Behrendt, Dan Rogers
Elko-New Market Contact - Brian Budenski
Sheriff Contact - Gloria Belzer
Compliance Officer - Cory Behrendt
Technical Advisory Committee - Cory Behrendt, Dan Rogers
Lakeville Fire Contact - Dan Rogers
Farmington Fire Contact - Brian Budenski
AL Ambulance - Dan Rogers
Cannon River Watershed - Gloria Belzer, Cory Behrendt
Vermillion River Watershed - Jeff Otto, Dan Rogers
Wetland Contact for O.S. Soil & Water - Brian Budenski

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Two open positions on the Planning Commission were filled by the Town Board Supervisors on April 9. From four applicants, Kenny Miller was appointed to a three-year term, ending 5/1/2010 (replacing Rich Stevens), and Ken Olstad was appointed to fill out the remainder of Commissioner Kevin Flaherty's term, ending 5/1/2008. The Commission has been very active this year in reviewing and making recommendations regarding building permits, conducting public hearings, developing and streamlining application procedures and forms, reviewing and recommending improvements to existing ordinances, and preparing for the comprehensive plan update required by the Metropolitan Council for next fall. Efforts of retiring members Rich Stevens and Kevin Flaherty are very much appreciated.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP...by Cory Behrendt

The annual meeting was held on March 13th, following the close of Township elections. During the meeting, the Board reviewed the 2006 year including a historical analysis of Township finances. The planning commission provided a 2006 recap, and the Historical Committee presented the "History Wall" created for the Township. Many "Thanks" to the History Committee for the stunning display recognizing our history, while completing it solely from generous donations of town residents.

At the meeting, town residents voted to keep the tax levy for next year (2008) at the same level for the current operating year (2007). While township spending is limited by the total revenue, it can move funding between expense items to accommodate budget limitations. For 2007, the levy funded 83% of budgeted expenses; in 2008 the levy will fund 78% of budgeted expenses.

During the meeting residents directed the town Board by majority vote to:

- * Establish a town hall rental policy/procedure and agreement
- * Establish a 5 year continuous improvement plan for roads
- * Complete landscaping around the town hall (\$?)
- * Complete lighting of the Flag (approx. \$1,500) w/ \$1,000 being donated by a citizen.
- * Install a sound system/recording system (approx. \$8,000)
- * Install parking stops, parking lines, handicap markings (approx. \$1,700)
- * Install through building mail drop and staff mailboxes (approx. \$900)

Funds for the above items, approximately \$11,100, will come directly from township reserves added to the general fund. While the township is not required to complete these items, it does attempt to complete as many as possible, as time allows.

Next year's annual meeting will be held Tuesday March 11, 2008 at 8:15 PM, at the Eureka Town Hall.

ROAD PROJECTS FOR 2007

Each year the Township budgets funds to maintain roads and right of ways in the township. As typically done, maintenance is spread out across each quarter of the township. Maintenance funds are focused on those roads and areas that need the most maintenance. In addition, certain projects such as right of way maintenance, culvert repair, sign replacements, etc. are also planned and budgeted on a yearly basis.

For this year, the following projects are being planned.

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| * Highview (North End) - Limestone | * Hamburg (North End) - Class 5 |
| * 225th (Cedar to East 1 Mile) - Limestone | * Granada (272nd to 26th) - Class 5 |
| * Iberia (North End) - Class 5 | * 265th (? To ?) - Class 5 |
| * Denmark (255th to 260 quadrant) - Limestone | * 225th at Essex Road Grade Project |
| * Erosion Control Project (Chub Lake) w/ \$5,000 provided by Cannon Water Shed | |
| * Multiple Sign Repairs and Placements | * Right of Way Maintenance Per Road Review on April 21. |

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, all Township Supervisors and road maintenance contractor will inspect all Township roads to observe conditions and plan for future road needs. Additional 2007 maintenance may be added or completed based on available budget.

WATERSHED NEWS ...by Gloria Belzer

North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization - The WMO has grants for cost sharing projects in the Trout Brook sub-watershed and the WMO is cooperating with the County's shoreland ISTS (septic) inspection and upgrade program. The WMO is working on water monitoring at the outlet of Chub Creek this year and has a small amount of money for education. Eureka Township has received a grant of \$5,000 from the Cannon River Watershed towards a water quality improvement project including stabilization activities such as rip-rap and erosion control blanket along Grenada Avenue tributary to Chub Lake. This grant must be utilized by the end of 2007.

Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization - Eureka Township must pass a resolution adopting the Vermillion River Watershed Plan and commit to carrying out the entire Watershed Plan including land use regulations or carry out selected portions of the Watershed Plan or defer the implementation of the Plan to the VRWJPO. If the local unit of government has not adopted a local water management plan by November 3, 2007, the VRWJPO has the authority to regulate land use according to their Watershed plan and rules per Minn. Stat. 103B.211subd. 1(3)(i)

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2007 EUREKA CALENDAR.....events at Eureka Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Apr. 17	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Eureka Strategic Vision Citizens Advisory Com. (CAC)
Apr. 21	Sat.	8:00 a.m.	Supervisors' Township Road Inspection
Apr. 24	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Joint meeting of Supervisors, Planning Com., and CAC
Apr. 26	Thurs.	10:30 am - noon	Completed building permit applications due for May*
May. 7	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
May. 14	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting
May. 24	Thurs.	10:30 am - noon	Completed building permit applications due for June*
June 4	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
June 11	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting
June 21	Thurs.	10:30 am - noon	Completed building permit applications due for July*
July 2	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
July 9	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting
July 26	Thurs.	10:30 am - noon	Completed building permit applications due for August*
Aug. 6	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
Aug. 13	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting

*NOTE: All new structures, most types of remodeling (both interior and exterior), and some types of repairs require a building permit under the Minnesota State Building Code and Eureka Township Ordinances. If you are in doubt about whether a project requires a permit, please contact the Town Clerk at 952-469-3736.

Eureka Township Ordinances are available from the Town Clerk at \$25 for hard copy, \$2 for CD disk, or can be accessed on our website, <http://eurekatownship-mn.us> or at Farmington or Lakeville Libraries, or Eureka Town Hall, or the County Law Library.

BUSINESS ADS BY RESIDENTS and/or LANDOWNERS IN EUREKA TOWNSHIP

This is not meant as an endorsement of products, services, or business status by Eureka Township.

Eureka landowners/residents, who wish to advertise their businesses, can place a "business card ad" by the quarter at \$35 or annually for \$125. Any revenue would be applied to the cost of printing & mailing the newsletter. Contact Eureka Newsletter Editor at 651-463-8546.


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