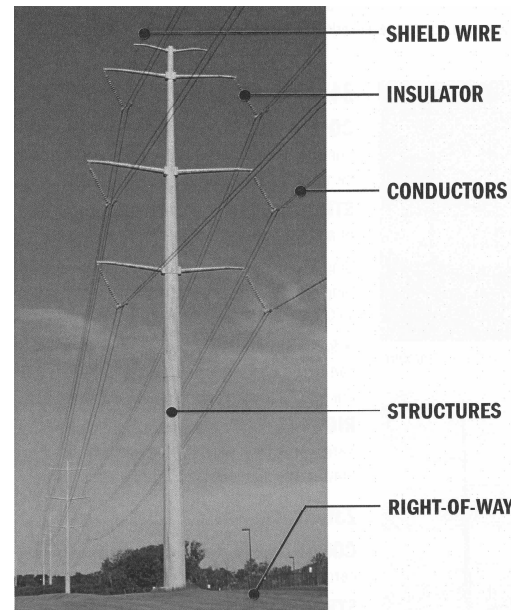




Power Line Near YOU?

There is now a much greater chance that the new CapX 2020 high-voltage power line from South Dakota will be routed directly through Eureka Township enroute to Hampton.

The big change announced by CapX planners at the end of May was that the new power line must be routed through the "Lake Marion" substation located on the west side of Pillsbury near 242nd Street. Previously, everyone had thought that this substation could be served by a stub line branching off the main power line which would allow the main line to stay along a logical straight corridor further south, i.e. Highway 19 and County Road 86.



A key public hearing on the Certificate of Need for the power line is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, at Lakeville South High School Auditorium. Hearing times begin at 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

Members of your Town Board and Planning Commission have been involved with CapX project representatives in preliminary routing discussions to be sure the many valued areas and resources throughout the Township have been identified to make the best case we can to route the power line elsewhere, such as south of County Road 86.

A non-profit group led by Eureka residents that includes members from other townships is spearheading the local and neighboring effort to have the need proven, make the approval process more transparent to the public, and change some of the eminent domain practices affecting fair treatment of property owners. **This Citizens Energy Task Force (CETF) (www.CETF.us) is holding a special event Sunday, June 22 from 6 pm to 9 pm, to help inform residents of alternatives to the high-voltage line approach, provide tips and facts to help you be a more effective speaker at the hearing and raise funds. More details follow inside this newsletter.**

The CETF has been working hard with other groups to share technical knowledge in order to be able to question the actual need for the line and understand its limitations. Equally important is understanding the alternatives that would make the new high-voltage line unnecessary by better utilizing existing lines and more decentralized power generation. Other groups across Minnesota are also trying to assure that the process is open and fair.

NOW is the time to add your voice and support with a show of numbers at the public hearing. The CETF is also asking for your support because the outside expertise needed to be effective is not free.

A map on the next page shows corridors that CapX is focusing on routings through Eureka Township, though other routings are still possible. With it is more explanation of how the Lake Marion routing has changed the whole situation to our detriment.

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CapX 2020 Overview – provided by Citizens Energy Task Force (CETF)

Go to www.CETF.us or www.ilsr.org to learn more about the CapX power lines and choices for an alternative energy future.

Xcel Energy and 10 other utilities have proposed to build hundreds of miles of new high voltage power lines from North Dakota and South Dakota across Minnesota to Wisconsin. These 345 kV power lines will cost at least \$1.3 to \$1.6 billion to ratepayers and will define the energy future for Minnesota and the upper Midwest. As many as 73,000 landowners across Minnesota have been told that these power lines may cross their property. This is the largest single power line proposal in Minnesota's history.

Although Minnesota has laws preferring renewable energy and setting standards for the percentage of renewable energy that utilities must use in the future, the utilities are claiming that they can build the CapX 2020 lines without considering these laws. The CapX 2020 projects have been proposed based on inaccurate forecasts for future growth in the use of electricity. The utilities have ignored new state laws requiring substantially higher energy conservation efforts and dramatic reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. As proposed, these new power lines favor large remote power plants, including coal plants, rather than smaller community-based renewable energy sources.

The decision on whether or not the CapX 2020 power lines will be built is a critical decision about Minnesota's energy future. Whether or not the power lines may cross their land, citizens concerned about rate increases, conservation, renewable energy, local jobs or the long-term ability of Minnesota to provide our own energy security have a lot at stake with the CapX 2020 projects.

Public hearings Thursday, June 26, 2008 at Lakeville South High School Auditorium , hearings at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m..

Citizens Energy Task Force, North American Water Office and Institute for Local Self-Reliance are joining forces to demand an alternative to the CapX power lines. Conservation, renewable energy and community-based wind development will need fewer large power lines and provide lower costs, more local jobs, better environmental protection and a more secure energy future.

A **BARN DANCE** has been organized by **The Citizens Energy Task Force (CETF)** for **June 22nd, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at 8919 280th St. W.** (County Road 86), **between Northfield and Lakeville.** **This event will provide more information on the power lines and help to raise funds.** Coaching with CETF attorney Paula Maccabee will be available for citizens who want to speak up in public hearings. **Enjoy music, food, dancing and good conversation!**

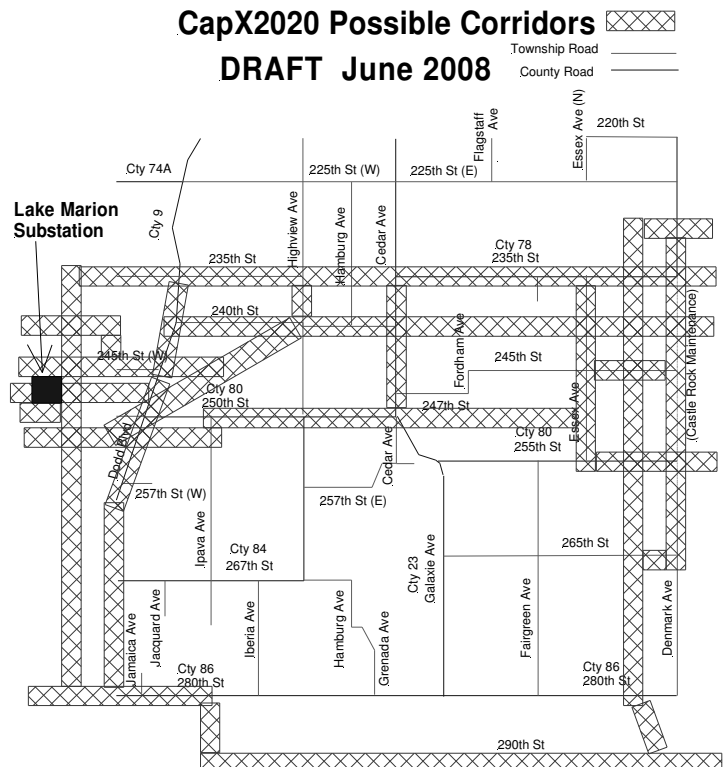
The Lake Marion Substation Impact

The CapX assertion that the new power line must be routed through the Lake Marion site instead of being linked from a stub means that there must be both a route into and out of the substation. They indicate that Federal law governing the national power grid requires that these two routes must be more than a mile apart to reduce the chance of both links being out of service at the same time, blacking out a wide area of service. Thus it is not practical to come up one side of I-35 and down the other.

This means three general route configurations come into play:

- 1) Come north from 19 or 86 in Scott County so it can come east to Lake Marion substation, then south along I-35 or Pillsbury back to 86.
- 2) North from 86 along I-35 or Pillsbury to the substation, then east across northern Eureka.
- 3) North from 86 along I-35, east through the Lake Marion substation at least one mile, then back south on a possible Dodd and Pillsbury route.

Your location in Eureka may still be at risk even if you are not along one of the indicated corridor links because as links are removed from consideration for whatever reason(s), CapX may seek to look at new links.



How Wide an Easement for the Power Line?

The pole line would be positioned in the middle of a 150-foot wide easement. As long as the poles are outside a road easement, the balance of the power line easement may extend over a road. This is frequently done and reduces the amount of private land needed for the power line easement. County road easements are usually 66 feet wide in total, so this would absorb one side of the power line easement if the poles were positioned just outside the County road easement. Since our Township roads are not platted with 66-foot easements, the potential exists for the power line easement to extend into properties across the road from the pole location side.

Updates on Other Construction Projects in Eureka

MinnCan Oil Pipeline - MinnCan planned to bore under Township roads so that they would remain fully open during construction. But they have now identified the crossing of Essex as a location where there is not enough room to bore, so they have requested to open cut the road. They indicate that they would only close half the road width (one lane) at a time to complete the work. Ironically, the lack of room to bore is because there is already another pipeline along one side of our road.

Northern Natural Gas Pipeline - Northern Natural Gas completed their major work across the Township last Fall, but now is planning a new project to construct a link along 225th Street from Highview east to Flagstaff. They have done some preliminary surveying of the area but we have not been informed of a schedule yet.

Interceptor Sewer Line - The current phase of work along Dodd Boulevard from 235th Street to 245th Street is planned to be completed by early July. This goal is to avoid safety concerns when the Lakeville Pan-O-Prog "Friday Night Cruise" uses the route on July 11. The next phase will be to build along 245th Street to link up with construction in Scott County. Despite the best efforts of our attorney, the Metropolitan Council will not pave 245th Street but has indicated that the road will be rebuilt as a better-than-before gravel road that should correct the frost boil soft areas in the vicinity of the Vermillion River crossing and lowlands. The final phase affecting Eureka Township will then be to resume construction along Dodd from 235th Street north to Lakeville.

Road Graveling - By the time you read this, we should be starting on our own road graveling projects. With the support indicated by citizen motion at the Township Annual Meeting last March, we are utilizing road-related funds unspent last year to expand the amount of work this year to catch up on our diet of gravel and limestone needs. The primary source of the funds is from the 225th Street Vermillion River crossing rebuild project that was cancelled and a reimbursement from Northern Natural Gas for road maintenance. In both cases, the funds became available too late in 2007 to apply to road graveling. Plans for approximately 7 miles of work include:

- 225th Street from Cedar to Flagstaff
- Hamburg from 240th Street north to where it was graveled last year
- 235th Street from Dodd to Highview
- Fordham and 245th Street from Fordham to Essex
- Ipava from 280th (Cty 86) north to where it was graveled last year

We are holding some of the dust control funds in reserve for use in areas receiving gravel.

Otte Excavating has been awarded the Road Maintenance contract beginning July 1, 2008. Anderson Sand and Gravel will provide the Class 5 gravel and limestone needed for the coming year.

Other News

Comprehensive Plan Committee Open House – A second open house by this group is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2008 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. A reminder postcard will be sent to landowners.

Lakeville Annexation of Hat Trick Property -Earlier this year we were informed by the City of Lakeville that Hat Trick Investments, LLC had requested that its 97-acre property on the east side of Cedar Ave. and bordering the Lakeville-Eureka line on its north be annexed into Lakeville. The Lakeville City Council agreed to proceed with a Statutory Annexation, which would give the Township little say in the process. A team of two Board Supervisors and our Township Attorney have met with Lakeville officials and, by the time you read this, will have met with Hat Trick representatives to seek an Orderly Annexation Agreement instead.



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2008 Eureka Calendar...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

June 22	Sunday	6:00 p.m.	Citizens Energy Task Force information meeting regarding CapX 2020 Power Line , 8919 280th St. West
June 25	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Comprehensive Plan Committee Open House
June 26	Thursday	12 noon	Deadline for receipt of applications for July 2008 Planning Commission Meeting
June 26	Thursday	1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.	Public Hearing on CapX 2020 Certificate of Need Lakeville South High School Auditorium
July 7	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
July 14	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
July 24	Thursday	12 noon	Deadline for receipt of applications for August
August 4	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
August 11	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
August 21	Thursday	12 noon	Deadline for receipt of applications for September

***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 Uniform 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 a hard copy, \$2 for a CD disk or can be accessed on the website, <http://eurekatownship-mn.us>, or at the Dakota County libraries in Lakeville and Farmington, or Eureka Town Hall or the Dakota County Law Library.

Reminders from the Sheriff's Office

Detective Richard Schroeder, assigned to the Crimes Against People and Property Unit of the Dakota County Sheriff's Office, recently attended a Town Board meeting to share information regarding what the Office is encountering in our area. His reminders include:

- **Mailbox theft** – Criminals target mailboxes with outgoing mail in them, flags up. Within hours they have checks printed up with the victims' bank routing numbers on them and will spend thousands of dollars. One way to combat this is to buy a locking mailbox so that the mail can't be removed from the mailbox but still allows the mail carrier to deposit the mail. This type of mailbox can be obtained at any hardware or home improvement store.
- **Burglaries** - The majority of burglaries are possible because of unlocked doors to homes, sheds and vehicles. The primary method of entry to houses was through the open service door on the side of the house or garage. It is strongly recommended that residents lock their doors and leave valuable items in the house, not in their cars. Again, all the criminals need is one piece of paper with the victims' personal information on it and within a short period of time they have fraudulent credit cards and checking accounts.
- **Gasoline Thefts** – A large number of gas thefts have occurred so far this year. They are taking place at all hours of the night and the thieves will use any means possible to gain access to the gas tanks. Residents are instructed to leave lights on around the storage fuel tanks and to report any suspicious vehicles they see in their area.

Concern was expressed that with the economy being what it is, things are probably going to get much worse before they get better and the thefts of gas and identity will only keep increasing, especially since the legal penalty for such actions isn't very extensive at this time.

Notes from the Clerk

Election Judges Needed

Two elections remain in 2008 - September 9 is the Primary Election, and November 4 is the General Election. Persons interested in becoming an election judge are encouraged to apply to the Town Clerk. General requirements include: 18 years of age or older (trainee election judges must be 16 or older), registered voter in the State of Minnesota, able to read, write and speak English, not be related to any other working election judge or candidate in that precinct. It is not necessary to be a resident of the polling place. Appointment of judges must be made at least 25 days prior to the election and training is required prior to working an election. Judges are compensated. Please see the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us or call 651-215-1440 for more information, or see the Township website <http://eurekatownship-mn.us> or call the Township Clerk, Nanett Sandstrom, at 952-469-3736.

Township Representative Needed

CEEF Enhancement Group (Castle Rock, Empire, Eureka, Farmington)

After 15 years as Eureka's representative, Bernadette Wood is resigning her CEEF position, thereby creating an opening for another Eureka resident. This advisory group brings together approximately 10 representatives of Castle Rock, Empire, Eureka and Farmington, providing a neutral environment for interaction of the Townships and City, as well as supports the efforts of local civic projects and events. The group meets quarterly, usually in the early evening for about 1 ½ hours, often at Dunn Brothers in Farmington. Interested individuals should contact the Township Clerk Nanett Sandstrom at 952-469-3736 or eurekatn@frontiernet.net



CALLING ALL SOFTBALL FANS!

The Twin Church Ball Field located just west of the intersection of Highview Ave. and 267th St. is available every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. up to Labor Day 2008 for pick-up, slow pitch softball games. Residents of all ages are invited to join the fun!

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This is not meant as an endorsement of products, services or business status by Eureka Township. Eureka landowners and/or residents who wish to advertise their businesses in this newsletter, may place a "business card ad" for the price of \$35.00 per quarter or \$125.00 per annum. Any revenue obtained will be applied to the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Contact the Newsletter editor at 651-463-2876.



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