



Township Road Update - FEMA Funds Expected

The June storms of the past summer created a challenge for Eureka Township and our Road Supervisors. A total of 37 damaged road sites, including road closures from road/culvert washouts to trees falling onto roads surfaces occurred. Working in conjunction with our Road Maintenance Contractor, Mark Henry, the Road Supervisors were able to get the roads open and passable in a short period of time, including culverts replacement at the intersections of 245th St. W. with Denmark Ave. and 245th St. W with Essex Ave.

Supervisor Mark Ceminsky has also been working with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), documenting damages and costs to repair Township roads that have totaled roughly \$60,000.00 from that June storm alone. Thanks to the persistent efforts of Supervisor Ceminsky, it is anticipated that 75% of those costs will be reimbursed by FEMA and the additional 25% may be reimbursed by the State of Minnesota. While initial repairs have been done, once reimbursement is received the additional work needed will be scheduled, weather permitting. A very BIG THANK YOU to Supervisor Ceminsky for his hard work!

Beyond the storm damage, Eureka Township roads have been improving in 2012. As of October 1st the Township has done gravel resurfacing in the following locations:

Denmark Ave.	272 nd St. W.
Fairgreen Ave.	Hamburg Ave south of 267th St. W.
Highview Ave.	247th St. W.
Grenada Ave.	Fordham Ave.

Spot graveling occurred on:

225th west of Hamburg Ave.	225th St. east of Essex Ave.
225th St. west of Cedar Ave.	Highview Ave. south of 267th St.

In addition, the following work was completed:

- Widen 235th Street W. for 600 feet and replacing a culvert as a capital improvement item
- Dust coating was performed twice in 2012
- Asphalt roads have been crack sealed

To Gravel or Not to Gravel

The ideal time for grading roads is when the road is wet and has moisture in it, such as shortly after a rain storm/rain shower or in the fall because of the dew on the road (grade in morning). Because the road will pack after grading, the road can be cut deeper to remove potholes and chatter, giving the road a better chance to firm up without losing our road surface or fines that holds the road together. Dry blading is bad for the roads, it creates float (float is un-compacted material at the surface with lose binder). The road will not compact when dry blading is done; this means the fines that hold a gravel road together blow away either by the wind or traffic traveling down the road. Losing our road fines means we are losing our road surface, which in turn means more money spent rebuilding the road surface. Dust proof areas should only be graded after a good rain and then graded lightly, otherwise the dust coating will be graded away.

Our Road Supervisors have been in direct contact with our grading contractor, working with him to minimize the damage to our roads, and to improve their quality. **If you have concerns about our roads please contact Road Supervisors Mark Ceminsky at 618-819-1334 or Pete Storlie at 952-469-3668.**

Eureka Township Supervisors

Meets monthly, 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Brian Budenski, Chair
952-292-6028, term thru 3/14
Kenny Miller, Vice Chair
952-469-4803, term thru 3/13
Mark Ceminsky
612-819-1334, term thru 3/15
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952-393-7801, term thru 3/15
Pete Storlie
952-469-3668, term thru 3/14

Eureka Planning Commission

Meets monthly, 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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Township Contact, Clerk/Treasurer

Nanett Sandstrom
Assistant Linda Wilson
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Town Hall Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: 25043 Cedar Ave. S.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 576

Lakeville, MN 55044

Drop Box –Items may be placed in locked drop box near the Town Hall front door.

E-mail: eurekatn@frontiernet.net

Website: <http://eurekatownship-mn.us>

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Township Roads:

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Official Notices are posted on the bulletin board located on the south (parking lot) side of the Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave.

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TOWN BOARD INFORMATION

Township Road Concerns

Please contact Town Board Supervisors Mark Ceminsky at 612-819-1334 or Pete Storlie at 952-469-3668 regarding any issues relating to Township roads or ditches, rather than the road contractors.



While a Town Board Supervisor may give an individual opinion on a topic, for any official business decision, all topics must be directed to the **FULL** Town Board rather than an individual Town Supervisor. Individual Supervisor opinions do **NOT** constitute a legally binding decision.



Former Town Hall Site



As directed by the citizens of Eureka at the 2012 Annual Meeting last March, the Town Board is exploring the possibility of selling the former Town Hall site and the portable storage unit that currently occupies it. As part of this proposed sale, a new storage building/garage would be built on the present site to replace the portable unit. At the time the current Town Hall was designed, plans were also drawn up for a garage/storage building. Those plans are now being reviewed and other options considered. At its October meeting the Town Board confirmed that the former site, though a substandard lot, is buildable, and authorized funds to cover the cost of a professional appraisal of the property. Estimates for possible building plans are being gathered and will be presented at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, where citizens will be able to review, discuss and direct the Town Board as to the next steps to take.

PLANNING COMMISSION MESSAGES



Transfer of Housing Eligibilities Task Force Needs Volunteers

Citizens and property owners are cordially invited to apply to serve on a task force being convened to continue the work of the 2006 Strategic Vision Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and the 2010 Comprehensive Plan regarding the transfer of housing eligibilities (sometimes referred to as TBR – transfer of building rights or TDR – transfer of development rights, both of which are incorrect for use in Eureka Township). Work with the assistance of a professional planner will begin in November 2012 with a deadline of the March 12, 2013 Annual Meeting for reporting. The Town Board has requested a *minimum* of five persons on the committee, with no upper level set at this time. Volunteers will serve on this task force alongside the current special committee members of Jeff Otto, Butch Hansen and Al Novacek.

Interested parties should submit a letter of interest indicating name, address, brief description of reason for serving and any pertinent credentials to the Town Clerk at eurekatn@frontiernet.net, or P.O. Box 576, Lakeville, MN 55044. This letter needs to be *received* no later than noon on Thursday, November 1, 2012. Applicants must be able to attend the November 5, 2012 Planning Commission meeting to be interviewed by them.

TOWN CLERK NOTES



Town Hall Office Hours – Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Welcome - Assistant to the Clerk – Linda Wilson

Originally from Illinois, Linda and her husband Ken relocated to Minnesota about 20 years ago, living in Eagan, Apple Valley and now Farmington. She has an administrative background and the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer sparked her interest. She is very happy to have received the job of Assistant to the Clerk/Treasurer and has been working very hard in the last two months since she was hired. She enjoys community work, experimenting in her vegetable and flower gardens, as well as exploring the many beautiful areas of Minnesota and the communities they offer. Linda hopes to be able to provide the Eureka Township community and our Clerk, Nanett Sandstrom, with assistance for the office on a regular basis. There is much to learn so please be patient with her and she promises she will go the extra mile to help you get your questions answered. In addition to her office duties, the Town Board has named Linda the Township Zoning Official and she will also serve as an election judge. Please stop in to say hi and welcome Linda.

2012 General Election

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Town Hall

Minnesota Secretary of State
election phone numbers:

Metro Area 651-215-1440
Greater MN 1-877-600-VOTE (8683)
Minnesota Relay Service: 711



Register to vote

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=204>

Absentee Balloting (now open) information

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=211>

Vote in honor of a Veteran

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=874>

Proposed constitutional amendments

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=1719>

Preview your ballot and link to candidate websites

<http://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/>



ADDITIONAL ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

Several additional election judges are needed for the upcoming General Election. Reimbursement is \$10 per hour plus costs and mileage for mandatory training. The last training opportunity for Election Judges is Tuesday, October 23, 2012 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Dakota County Western Service Center in Apple Valley. Please contact the Town Clerk at eurekatn@frontiernet.net or 651-469-3736, as soon as possible if you are interested and able to attend both training and election day activities.

October is Fire Safety Month

This fall finds Minnesota lands in various states of drought. Supervisor Steve Madden provides timely reminders to Township residents:

- Contact the Minnesota DNR (Dept. of Natural Resources) regarding fire bans before planning a fire. http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html or 651-296-6157
- Please check with local fire authorities, Lakeville (generally west of Cedar Ave.) 952-985-4700 www.ci.lakeville.mn.us/departments/departmentspdf/BurnPermit.pdf or Farmington Fire Departments (generally east of Cedar Ave.) 651-280-6940 or www.ci.farmington.mn.us/ForResidents/LicensesPermitsApps/BurnPermitApplication.pdf before burning leaves or having a bon fire – permits are usually required for both.
- Have someone with the fire at all times
- After having a fire make sure it is put out *completely*.
- Make sure you check and clean your furnace and ducts, woodstoves, fireplaces and chimneys, usually on an annual basis. Dryer vents should be checked and cleaned frequently also.
- All homes must have carbon monoxide (CO) detectors and smoke detectors, including one within 10 feet of each bedroom.
- Store gasoline and flammables with safety in mind.
- When using electric blankets or mattress covers always make sure they are completely dried before putting them back on bed, do not plug in if wet.
- If a fire does happen in the house make sure to close doors to stop the spread of fire.
- Have a planned escape route and meeting place for all people in the home, should a fire occurs.



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2012 Eureka Township Calendar...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

<i>October 23</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1:00 – 3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Election Judge Training, Western Service Center, Apple Valley</i>
<i>October 25</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>noon</i>	<i>Applications due for November 5 Planning Commission Meeting</i>
<i>October 25</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1:00 – 3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley</i>
November 5	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
November 6	Tuesday	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	GENERAL ELECTION
November 12	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
November 14	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
November 20	Tuesday	noon	Applications due for December 3 Planning Commission Meeting
November 22	Thursday	all day	Town Hall office closed for Thanksgiving
<i>December 3</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting</i>
<i>December 6</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1:00 – 3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley</i>
<i>December 10</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting</i>
<i>December 25</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>all day</i>	<i>Town Hall office closed for Christmas</i>
<i>December 27</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>noon</i>	<i>Applications due for January 7 Planning Commission Meeting</i>
2013			
January 1	Tuesday	all day	Town Hall office closed for New Year's Day
January 3	Thursday	10:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Filing for Township Supervisors positions opens
January 7	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
January 14	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
January 15	Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Filing for Township Supervisor positions closes
January 17	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	Period for Township Supervisor positions withdrawal closes
January 24	Thursday	noon	Applications due for November 5 Planning Commission Meeting
January 24 ?	Thursday	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley

**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 MNSPECT, 952-442-7520, or email info@mnspect.com. Also, please check with the VRWJPO and Shoreland/Floodplain Zoning. VRWJPO permits must be applied for at the same time as permit application is submitted to the Township.*

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.

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Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. More information and an application are available by calling the Clerk at 952-469-3736, or in person at the Town Hall or on the website at <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/policies.html>

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Thank you for your support.

VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.