

Eureka! The News

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1st Quarter – Winter 2017



Eureka Township Supervisors

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

Seat 1 Vacant until March 2017 Annual Election

Seat 2 Cory Behrendt, Chair
952-985-5411, term thru 3/17

Seat 3 Carrie Jennings
952-469-4976, term thru 3/18

Seat 4 Dan Rogers
952-469-3739, term thru 3/18

Seat 5 Lu Barfknecht, term thru 3/19
952-469-3513

Eureka Planning Commission

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

Nancy Sauber, chair
952-469-5146, term thru 4/18

Ralph Fredlund
952-469-1335, term thru 4/19

Julie Larson
952-469-3512, term thru 4/17

Donovan Palmquist
507-645-9868, term thru 4/18

Randy Wood
651-460-2347, term thru 4/17

Township Contact

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Deputy Clerk – Cheryl Murphy

Treasurer – Marcia Wilson

952-469-3736, Fax 952-469-5525

Town Hall Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Address: 25043 Cedar Ave. S.,

Farmington, MN 55024

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

E-mail: clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us

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

Phone: 952-469-3736

Township Roads:

Dan Rogers, 952-469-3739

Building Officials: 952-469-3736

Emergency/non-emergency authorities – all contacts - 911 (ambulance, police, fire)

Official Notices - posted on the bulletin board on the south (parking lot) side of the Town Hall and published in Sun ThisWeek and Dakota County Tribune newspapers.

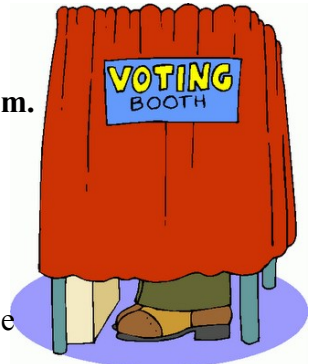
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Township Election and Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Eureka Town Hall
Polls open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Who can vote?

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days
- Finished with all parts of any felony sentence



General voting information <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>

What's on your ballot <http://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/>

Informational flyer about the candidates is located at the end of this newsletter.

Early (absentee voting) <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/>

Am I registered to vote? <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>

Election questions and answers by phone – Minnesota Secretary of State's office 651-215-1440, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Planning Commission Applicants Needed

WE WANT YOU!

At least two positions on the Planning Commission will be available for appointment in 2017. The three-year terms run from the second Monday in April 2017 through the end of March 2020. The Planning Commission meets monthly, usually on the first Monday of the month. Commissioners receive a stipend of at least \$60 per meeting and standard IRS mileage. The Eureka Planning Commission is a citizen advisory committee appointed by the Town Board that assists them on matters related to planning and development. Visit the Township website at <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/planning.html> for more information about the Planning Commission and Commissioners. Interested persons should send a letter indicating interest in serving on the Planning Commission to the Town Clerk via e-mail at clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us, or by USPS to 25043 Cedar Ave. S., Farmington, MN 55024. Letters should be **received** no later than **Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at noon**. Interested persons should be present at the April 10, 2017 Town Board meeting in order to be interviewed.

Township Updates

Town Board Chair Budenski Resigns

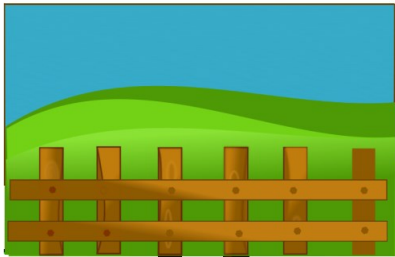
Effective January 9, 2017, Town Board Chair and Supervisor, Brian Budenski, has resigned. At this time, no replacement will be sought due to the challenging timeline to have someone in place prior to the Annual Election in March, at which time a new supervisor will be elected. Chair Budenski's seat expires after the March 2017 Board meeting.

Brian was first elected to the Town Board in March 2007 and has served as Chair and Vice Chair numerous times over that 10 year period. We thank him very much for his years of dedicated public service to the Township.

Replacement Planning Commissioner Appointed

Julie Larson was appointed at the December 12, 2016 Town Board meeting to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission created when Commissioner Fritz Frana resigned due to a move outside the Township. Julie lives in the heart of the Township, near 250th and Highview. She has previously assisted the Township in a number of ways, including as assistant and interim clerk. Her term will run through April 2017.

Many thanks to Fritz Frana for his service. We will miss his calm, studied, and well-thought-out work. Best wishes to him and wife Cece as they move closer to the grandkids!



Fence Ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish standards for the installation of fencing and to protect the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town. Fences shall be permitted, and shall be constructed in such a manner as to be in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

To see the full ordinance go to <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Corrected-FENCE-ORDINANCE-111516.pdf>

Airlake Airport Sewer and Water Services Request – Supervisors Carrie Jennings and Cory Behrendt were tasked by the Town Board with meeting with Lakeville representatives regarding the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) request to Lakeville to annex the Airlake Airport property in order to provide Airlake Airport with sewer and water. During that meeting of Supervisors Jennings and Behrendt with Lakeville, it was discovered:

- Lakeville did not instigate the request to annex Airlake Airport, but did receive such a request from the MAC.
- Currently, Lakeville said it has plenty of development going on within the City and it has no plans to annex any part of Eureka.
- Lakeville indicated it may consider a proposal for a Joint Powers Agreement with Eureka in which Lakeville would supply the sewer and water, bill and collect the utility fees, but the airport would remain in Eureka.

A meeting with TKDA consultant, Sherri Buss, Township Attorney, Chad Lemmons, the Planning Commission and Town Board was held on Thursday, January 5, 2017 and was deemed very beneficial. It was decided that Supervisors Jennings and Behrendt will initiate conversation with the City of Lakeville to pursue a Joint Powers Agreement and update the MAC on the status of the process.

It was suggested that the 2040 Comprehensive Plan have a statement included in it that states Eureka plans to remain a Township with boundaries as they exist today, but may look at options to incorporate after 2040.

It was also suggested that Eureka begin discussions with other organizational units for possible future development after the 2040 Comprehensive Plan would expire.

2040 Comprehensive Plan Review – The 2040 Eureka Township Comprehensive Plan has been completed and an open house was held. The next step in the process is to submit it to neighboring bodies of government for review. To see the document, go to <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Draft-2040-Comp-Plan-APPENDICES-December-2016.pdf>

Township Snow Plowing Priority

The process for plowing Township roads is normally determined by dividing the Township into four quadrants with the quadrant that is plowed first rotating with each snow event. On a school day, Prairie Creek School receives first plowing due to the amount of traffic. First response personnel may register with the Township to obtain preferential plowing. Contact the Clerk at 952-469-3736 or clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us for more information.



DO NOT push snow across any road – Fines may be levied.

“It is illegal and punishable as a misdemeanor to plow, shovel, blow, or place snow onto Township roadways.” Similar rules apply on County and State roads. A number of residents have been plowing out their driveways by pushing the snow across roads. This has been causing difficulties and delays for the road plows and *is illegal*. **Snow from your property should be plowed and stored on your own property and not pushed across roads.**

Comments from our County Commissioner

Commissioner Mike Slavik attended a portion of the December 2016 Town Board meeting and among other items, shared some of the following information:

- Dakota County is debt-free and has the lowest tax increase of any of the 87 counties in the State of Minnesota for the second year in a row. The average Estimated Market Value of property decreased by about \$5,000, effectively resulting in a tax decrease for the County portion.
- County Road 78 is in the midst of land acquisition in preparation for extending and paving it from Denmark Ave. to Highway 3.
- Upgrades to County Road 86 continue from the new interchange at Highway 52 and moving west. Among the upgrades of this multi-year project will be eight foot wide shoulders. Contrary to some reports, no four lane roadway is planned.
- Dakota County has submitted a request to have the railroad bridge over County Road 80 on the bonding bill at the legislature. Once funds are received, the bridge will be rebuilt, and allowing for the upgrade and paving of County Road 80. The road will not be upgraded until the bridge is completed.
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Congratulations to Mr. Slavik who was elected Chair of the County Board of Commissioners for this coming year.



Building Permit Application Change For Properties in the Vermillion River Watershed District

Effective January 26, 2017

For properties located in the Vermillion River Watershed District, approximately the northern two-thirds of Eureka Township, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) is taking back permitting authority and enforcement pertaining to Minnesota statutes for water management and land stewardship.

- No building permit will be accepted by the Eureka Township Planning Commission until the Township has received written notice from the VRWJPO that its permitting process has been completed. All applicants for building permits must contact the VRWJPO directly in order to obtain any permit applications or other permit materials. The VRWJPO staff will review the permit application for its applicability to VRWJPO rules, and if applicable, the VRWJPO staff will notify the applicant and copy the Township that the project will or will not require a VRWJPO permit.
- Once the VRWJPO permit application is received and is deemed to be complete, the VRWJPO Board has 60 days to approve or deny the application. The VRWJPO will expedite this process as much as possible pending other workload requirements to accommodate a quick turnaround. Once approved or denied by the VRWJPO Board, the VRWJPO staff will send confirmation of the decision on the VRWJPO permit to the applicant and will copy the Township. If approved, the applicant can then seek permit approvals from the Township. **Eureka Township will not consider a building permit application without confirmation of VRWJPO of permitting compliance.**
- Once a building permit is issued, the Township/Building Inspector will notify the VRWJPO of that action.
- Any inspections with regards to the requirements of the VRWJPO rules would be conducted by VRWJPO staff, not the building inspector.

It is important that the permit applicant obtain permit approval from the VRWJPO prior to applying for a Township permit. The responsibility for properly completing permit applications lies with the applicant, but the VRWJPO staff will assist.

Please note: The VRWJPO permitting authority meets on the 4th Thursday of the month to approve or deny applications. All completed permit applications must be received well BEFORE that meeting in order to have time to review applications.

For questions and general assistance, please contact:

Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO)
14955 Galaxie Ave., Apple Valley, MN 55124

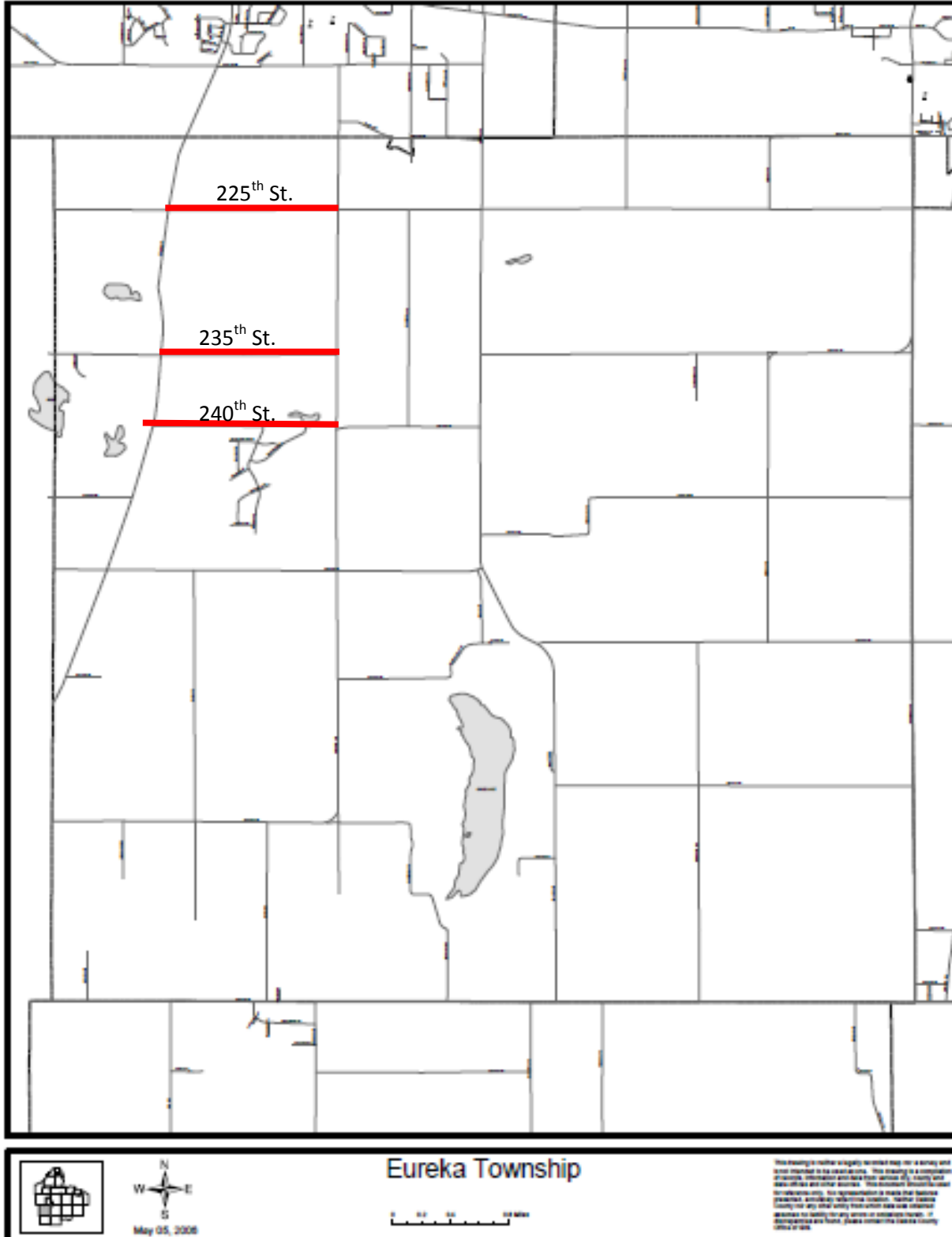
Phone: 952-891-7000

Email: water@co.dakota.mn.us

www.vermillionriverwatershed.org

Three Township Roads Posted “No Truck Traffic”

For some time, the following roads have been listed as “No Truck Traffic”: 225th St., 235th St. and 240th St., west of Cedar Ave. (County Road 23) to Dodd Blvd. Feel free to contact your Town Road Supervisor, Dan Rogers, 952-469-3739 or Dakota County Sheriff 911 (all calls to the Sheriff are routed through the 911 system, whether emergency or not) to report truck traffic in these locations.





This newsletter, *Eureka! The News*, is now electronic! If you wish to receive a copy (e-mail or hard), please contact the Town Clerk at 952-469-3736 or clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us There will no longer be a blanket mailing to property owners and residents. The newsletter is also available for viewing on the website <http://eurekatownship-mn.us> .

2017 Eureka Township Calendar

Events held at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

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| February 6 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting |
| February 7 | Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. | Deadline for items to be included on February Town Board agenda |
| February 13 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting |
| February 23 | Thursday | noon | Applications due for March Planning Commission Meeting |
| February 23 | Thursday | 1 – 3 p.m. | Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board meeting, Apple Valley |
| March 6 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting |
| March 7 | Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. | Deadline for items to be included on March Town Board agenda |
| March 13 | Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting |
| March 23 | Thursday | noon | Applications due for April Planning Commission Meeting |
| March 23 | Thursday | 1 – 3 p.m. | Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board meeting, Apple Valley |
| April 3 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting |
| April 4 | Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. | Deadline for items to be included on April Town Board agenda |
| April 10 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting |
| April 20 | Tuesday | noon | Applications due for May Planning Commission Meeting |
| April 27 | Thursday | 1 – 3 p.m. | Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board meeting, Apple Valley |
| May 1 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting |
| May 2 | Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. | Deadline for items to be included on May Town Board agenda |
| May 8 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting |
| May 25 | Thursday | noon | Applications due for June Planning Commission Meeting |
| May 25 | Thursday | 1 – 3 p.m. | Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board meeting, Apple Valley |
| June 5 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting |
| June 6 | Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. | Deadline for items to be included on March Town Board agenda |
| June 12 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting |
| June 22 | Thursday | noon | Applications due for July Planning Commission Meeting |
| June 22 | Thursday | 1 – 3 p.m. | Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board meeting, Apple Valley |
| July 3 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting |
| July 4 | Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. | Deadline for items to be included on January Town Board agenda |
| July 10 | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting |
| July 27 | Thursday | noon | Applications due for August Planning Commission Meeting |
| July 27 | Thursday | 1 – 3 p.m. | 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 Town Hall at 952-469-3736 or clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us .**

PLEASE NOTE – As of January 26, 2017 the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization is again overseeing parts of the permitting process for anyone who lives in the Vermillion River Watershed (northern 2/3 of Eureka Township). Those residents will need to contact the VRWJPO BEFORE applying for a building permit from the Township..

If you are applying for a Transfer of Building Rights you must have certified copies of deeds when making application. Eureka Township Ordinances are available from the Town Clerk at \$5 for a CD or can be accessed on the website, <http://eurekatownship-mn.us>, or at the Dakota County libraries in Lakeville and Farmington, the Eureka Town Hall and the Dakota County Law Library.

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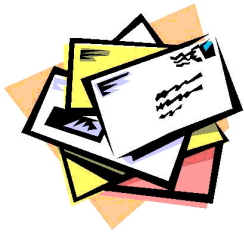
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Business Ads by Residents and/or Landowners in Eureka Township.

No endorsement of products, services or business status is implied. Eureka landowners and/or residents who wish to advertise their businesses in this newsletter, may place a "business card ad" for the price of \$20.00 per quarter or \$75.00 per annum. Thank you for your support.

Deputy Sheriff Report



Reporting to the Town Board on January 9, 2017, a deputy from Dakota County reported high levels of mail and delivery thefts. Please report any suspicious activity immediately to 911. Pick up your mail as soon as it is delivered, consider obtaining a locking mailbox, and don't leave outgoing mail of import in the box.

If an expected delivery has not appeared, discuss it with the provider and then please contact 911 to report a missing delivery. Arrange with your delivery provider to deliver to an occupied home or other place on your property, and consider requiring a signature for delivery.

He also reported there is no further information on the March 2016 hit and run involving a bicyclist on 250th St. W. (County Road 80) during the Township Annual election.

Illegal Dumping – Ongoing Saga

Township residents, road contractors and County deputies all report additional dumping issues in the rural areas of Dakota County. The most recent concern involved large quantities of used tires dumped in large numbers – 59 in one spot, 41 trailed along another road. This costs YOU money to clean up and dispose of, though the Town Board is exploring opportunities to subsidize the cost of disposal.

**PLEASE REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS
ACTIVITY –**

**YOU MAY
RECEIVE A
REWARD!**



2016 General Election Results
For the entire list of results for Eureka go to

<http://electionresults.sos.state.mn.us/Results/PrecinctListResults/100?districtid=470&precincts=884004>

Registered Eureka voters as of polls opening on November 8, 2016 – 1040

New or modified registrations on Election Day - 74

Ballots cast – 920

88.46% of registered voters cast their ballots in Eureka Township

ISD 194 (Lakeville) ballots cast at the Town Hall – 501

ISD 192 voters (Farmington) ballots cast at the Town Hall – 244

ISD 659 voters (Northfield) ballots cast at the Town Hall– 91

| Eureka | Dakota County | State of Minnesota |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| President | 233,422 ballots cast | 2,968,281 ballots cast, 74.72% of registered voters |
| Trump-Pence 607, 66.41% | 99,864 | 1,322,951, 44.92% |
| Clinton-Kaine 228, 24.95% | 110,592 | 1,367,716, 46.44% |
| Johnson-Weld 43, 4.70% | 9891 | 112,972, 3.84% |
| US District 2 Representative | | |
| Lewis 575, 64.32% | 101,050 | 173,970, 46.95% |
| Craig 249, 27.85% | 106,673 | 167,315, 45.16% |
| Overby 70, 7.83% | 17,201 | 28,849, 7.79% |
| Congressional Amendment | | |
| Yes 711 | 178,605 | 2,265,835 |
| No 180 | 42,898 | 536,272 |
| State Senator District 58 | | |
| Pitcher 517, 57.64% | 22,012 | 22,446, 49.53% |
| Little 380, 42.36% | 22,532 | 22,833, 50.38% |
| State Representative District 58B | | |
| Garofalo 620, 71.43% | 13,453 | 13,926, 64.78% |
| Vagts 248, 28.57% | 7,288 | 7,542, 35.08% |

2017 Candidates for Town Board Supervisor

Two three-year terms to expire March 2020 (candidates listed in alpha order)

Candidates were given the following list of suggested topics to address in preparation for creating their candidate statement:

Name (full name as listed on the ballot, as well as any nickname you prefer)

Area of the Township in which you live

Length of Township residency

Educational/Professional background

Community Involvement/Experience (Township, greater community)

What do you see as some of the major concerns/challenges facing Eureka Township?

What are your priorities to address during your term as supervisor? What do you hope/wish to accomplish?

Why do you feel the citizens of Eureka should elect you as a supervisor?

Supervisor Candidates - Position #1

ALLEN NOVACEK - I have lived in the area commonly known as Eureka Estates near 240th street and Iberia Ave (northwest quadrant) for about 25 years. I own and operate Nova-Chek Auto Body, a third generation family business which has been located in Lakeville for over 40 years and I have 3years experience on the Eureka Planning Commission.

I am seeking a Eureka Town Board position due to multiple concerns about the direction local authorities are taking us. I have witnessed repeated abuses in their handling of township residents. Those abuses almost always stem from a desire to "regulate and control". A practice of "governing the township" has turned into "governing the individual" I hold that a common sense approach to solving problems is far superior to playing "politics", as that can become a very destructive game. I hope to address the present atmosphere of "fear and suspicion" while promoting healthy changes for Eureka Township.

Eureka Township is on the 'EDGE'. Lakeville will continue to expand and is now positioned to annex our airport. We need to protect our quality of life while simultaneously accepting progress. We will lose that ability and create a scenario of "unjust treatment" effecting many residents if there is not a course correction. If our airport is lost to Lakeville - everyone in Eureka Township will pay higher taxes and even that is small compared to a much larger problem that is..... the loss of our power to benefit from and manage our future.

The airport is the key domino that if lost, causes all the chips to fall in the wrong direction. Our present leadership has almost guaranteed that Lakeville will annex our airport because of their extreme view of "agriculture only" We must allow a limited commercial zone. There is room in Eureka Township for residential, commercial, retail, and agricultural activities and we all would benefit from them. "Quality of life" must not be defined by only one person. We need to hold to our American freedoms, so hard fought, and not villainize those who would build on different dreams.

Commercial/industrial is coming no matter what we do. Help me now and in the days ahead to manage that reality for the benefit of all. Handled wisely---our situation is an opportunity. Please do not let this opportunity slip away.

For more information about our airport and other relative issues-please visit "acloserlookerkatownship.com"

DONOVAN PALMQUIST - I have lived in the southwest quadrant of Eureka Township near Chub Lake for over 12 years.

I have a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Minnesota and a BA from Carthage College in Kenosha, WI, in Art Education. I was an educator in the Minnesota Community College system for 7 years, and served on the Board of Directors of the Northern Clay Center for 8 years. I have been professional kiln builder for over 20 years, contracting with Universities, High Schools and commercial clients. I also provide consulting to building officials from across the US on code compliance and safety issues.

I have served on the Eureka Township Planning Commission since March of 2015.

Major challenges facing us in Eureka include land use issues, as they relate to a commercial corridor and the future of the Airlake airport, which continues to be an evolving concern for the Township. While I realize commercial growth is a controversial matter, I believe it is an inevitable issue we need to address. We need to come up with thoughtful solutions to minimize the impacts of growth. One of my priorities in serving on the board would be to work to preserve our rural quality of life while proactively managing growth of small commercial interests in the township.

I bring many experiences from my personal and professional life that would benefit the Township. I have worked with building officials, inspectors and city officials from all over the nation. I am a positive person who builds bridges to accomplish a common goal. I try to be objective by looking at both sides of an issue to help both parties come to a rational and satisfying solution.

I have enjoyed my experience working on the planning commission, and am thankful to the officials who have worked hard to make our Township a better place. I have also come to appreciate the important role of Township government in our lives. I would be honored to serve the Township as a supervisor.

Supervisor Candidates - Position #2

BUTCH HANSEN – I have been a resident for 36 years in Eureka Township and live on the west side, on Highview Avenue (southwest quadrant).

Over the past years I have had numerous opportunities to have genuine conversations about what you, Eureka Township residents, are concerned about. I think it is time for a new voice! I am asking for your support to become that voice. My goal is to use this opportunity in becoming a Eureka Town Board Supervisor, to benefit ALL residents. I believe everyone should be heard regarding issues in OUR community.

My background makes me uniquely qualified for Eureka Town Board Supervisor. I am a land owner with agricultural products, livestock, and own a small business that I have grown from the ground up.

I have served in a leadership role on the Eureka Township Planning Commission for two terms. I have a strong track record of volunteer work in numerous capacities within the Township. I have served on several task forces trying to better our agricultural community and was also on the Road Committee.

I am dedicated to protecting Eureka Township from annexation and excessive regulation. I want to preserve and protect land owner rights and support businesses in the Township.

I would be honored to be the people's representative on the Town Board and protect all our rights and dreams. I encourage you to come to a Meet and Greet with me at the Red Fox, Tuesday, February 28th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. I look forward to listening to your worries and concerns regarding the Township. **Together, WE can make a difference.**

NANCY SAUBER – I live in the northwest quadrant of Eureka and have been a resident for 60 plus years, growing up on a local farm. I have two Bachelors' degrees; one from the University of Minnesota and one from Loyola University of Chicago and attended various graduate level courses, mainly at Hamline University. For 12 years, I was an elementary school teacher in Lakeville public schools.

I have been very active in my community along two main lines - family/school and Township. I volunteered for 11 years as an Adult Gold Award Girl Scout troop leader, 11-year participant in Girls Scouts at the Service Unit level which includes Correspondence Chair and badge events coordinator, 7-year presenter volunteer in Art Adventures program at daughter's school, Fine Arts Committee for 5 years at daughter's school, 12-year school lunchroom volunteer, chair and member of various school fundraising event committees over 11 years, Parents' Association grade representative and officer, and church funeral lunch volunteer for many years.

In Eureka, I served 5 years on the Planning Commission, the first three including Recorder's responsibility for all meeting minutes and the last two as Commission Chair. Most recently I chaired the Commission's Boundaries Protection study with TKDA's Sherri Buss and attorney Chad Lemons to advise the Town Board on the airport annexation issue. Preceding that, I chaired the Commission's 2040 update of the Comprehensive Plan with Sherri Buss, which is right on schedule for submission to the Metropolitan Council.

I have also served three years on the Town Board, with my last year there as Attorney Contact with oversight on legal questions and fees.

Other Eureka commitments include: Comprehensive Plan Update Committee for 2030 Comprehensive Plan, Commercial/industrial Study Task Force, Transfer Task Force on building rights, and attendance at perhaps 95% of Township regular meetings, public hearings, open houses, and meetings for other task forces as a citizen.

I understand that building relationships with adjoining municipalities is important to Eureka's directing its own future. Long-range goals and land use decisions are crucial in the Township's retaining its identity and high quality of life.

As Supervisor, I would follow through on the work already started in bringing the airport annexation issue to a satisfactory resolution. I would participate in moving forward in an informed, thoughtful manner to involve citizens regarding long-range Township planning. Fiscal oversight of taxpayer funds and the budget is always an important concern.

I feel I have earned citizens' votes by the commitment I have to Eureka as a whole with time dedicated to discussion with colleagues and to seeking and exploring professionals' assistance when appropriate. I am not afraid to ask questions and do. I try to treat citizens with the respect they deserve and listen to their concerns. I understand that the Ordinances are our community's laws and should be enforced even-handedly.

I would be very grateful for your support on March 14, 2017.