

# Eureka! The News

A Publication of Eureka Township, Minnesota

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## Eureka Township Supervisors

Meets monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Kenny Miller, Chair

952-469-4803, term thru 3/16

Cory Behrendt, Vice Chair

952-985-5411, term thru 3/17

Brian Budenski,

952-292-6028, term thru 3/17

Mark Ceminsky

612-819-1334, term thru 3/15

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952-393-7801, term thru 3/15

## Eureka Planning Commission

Meets monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Lucretia (Lu) Barfknecht

952-469-3513, term thru 4/16

Philip (Phil) Cleminson

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Carrie Jennings

952-469-4976, term thru 4/17

Butch Hansen

612-490-0091, term thru 4/15

Allen Novacek

952-690-5940, term thru 4/15

## Township Contact

Clerk - Barbara North

Treasurer - Marcia Wilson

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

## Town Hall Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: 25043 Cedar Ave. S.

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## Township Roads:

Cory Behrendt 952-985-5411,

Brian Budenski 952-292-6028

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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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## 2014 Town Board Supervisor Election Results

Nearly 40% of the 1015 registered voters cast their ballots.

379 voted at the Town Hall, 20 voted absentee, 399 total votes cast

**Supervisor #1 Brian Budenski 249**

Butch Hansen 149

**Supervisor #2 Cory Behrendt 238**

Pete Storlie 161

**Clerk/Treasurer Position Question Yes 245, No 132**

**Annual Meeting** - 2015 levy was set at \$435,000, up \$350 from 2014.

The 2015 Annual Meeting is set for Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 8:15 p.m.

## 2014 - 2015 Town Board Assignments

**Attorney Contact** - Cory Behrendt, alternate Kenny Miller, Town Zoning Administrator, Town Clerk

**Lakeville & Farmington Fire** - Steve Madden

**North Cannon Watershed** - Mark Ceminsky, Brian Budenski

**Vermillion Watershed** - Mark Ceminsky, Brian Budenski

**Weed Inspector** - Steve Madden

**Allina Ambulance** - Steve Madden

**Roads** - Cory Behrendt and Brian Budenski

**DNR/Wetlands** - Kenny Miller

**Airlake Airport** - Mark Ceminsky

**Town Hall** - Kenny Miller, Town Clerk

**Dakota County Contact** - Kenny Miller, alternate Steve Madden

**Sheriff Contact** - Cory Behrendt, alternate Steve Madden

**Compliance Officer** - Cory Behrendt

**Professional Services** - Brian Budenski

**Building Inspector** - Mark Ceminsky

**Official Newspaper** - Sun ThisWeek, Dakota County Tribune

**Official Bank** - Castle Rock Bank

**Township Attorneys** - Kelly & Lemmons, P.A.

**Professional Services Consultants** - TKDA

**IT Consultant** - Cory Behrendt

## New Clerk and Treasurer Appointed

At the April 2014 Town Board meeting, Supervisors appointed **Barbara North** Town Clerk and **Marcia Wilson** Town Treasurer. Interim staff, Linda Wilson and Nanett Sandstrom will be training in the new personnel beginning immediately. A warm welcome to Barbara and Marcia.



## FOR SALE Former Town Hall Site

The irregular lot measures 108 ft. x 225 ft. x 128 ft. x 158 ft., with 108 feet of road frontage. **THIS PROPERTY INCLUDES A BUILDING RIGHT WHICH CAN BE TRANSFERRED ELSEWHERE IN THE TOWNSHIP.** Interested parties are asked to contact Town Board Supervisor Brian Budenski at 952-292-6028 or [brianjbud@gmail.com](mailto:brianjbud@gmail.com)



# Township Updates

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Mahatma Gandhi*

**Peter Storlie** – The Town Board and citizens it represents would like to recognize the commitment and service of Mr. Storlie as he concludes his term as Town Board Supervisor. Pete served on the Citizens' Advisory Committee and Planning Commission prior to his election to the Town Board. His time, talents, and expertise, both personal and professional, are very much appreciated and will be sorely missed. Thank you for your outstanding work on behalf of the Township, Pete.

**Linda Wilson** – Originally hired as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Linda has served as Interim Clerk/Treasurer since November 2013. She has worked, seemingly tirelessly, to assist in updating and re-organizing the Township office, in addition to her other duties. Her days have been very long and she will be sorely missed. Best wishes to Linda for all her future endeavors.

**Colette Mumm** – Colette has been the interim financial person for the Township for the past several months. She begins a new job and will no longer be able to provide assistance to us. Congratulations and thank you for your hard work, Colette.

**Fritz Frana** – Thanks also go to Fritz who has completed his term on the Planning Commission. His thoughtful demeanor and outstanding preparation have been invaluable to the Township. Thank you, Fritz for continuing to serve on the Agri-Tourism Task Force.

**Brianna Groves and Sally Robinson** - Many thanks go out to Brianna Groves for the time she has volunteered to label, tab, sort and mail this newsletter over the last four years. She and her mom, Cheryl Groves, have been reliable, faithful and tireless in getting this newsletter delivered to the property owners and residents of Eureka. Stepping in to assist Cheryl will be Sally Robinson. Welcome aboard, Sally and thank you!

## Planning Commission Appointees

Carrie Jennings was re-appointed to a three year term on the Planning Commission at the April 2014 meeting of the Town Board. She lives in the southwest quadrant of the Township and her term will run through April 2017. Appointed for the first time to the Planning Commission is Philip Cleminson (Phil) who also resides in the southwest quadrant of the Township. His term will also run through April 2017. Thanks to both of you for your service.

## Not Receiving Official Township Newspapers?

Several residents have contacted the Town Board, regarding access to "official" newspapers that publish legal postings for the Township. Supervisor Kenny Miller contacted ECM, the publisher of both the Sun ThisWeek and Dakota County newspapers. Sales Manager, Mike Jetchick replied "...your notices appear in two editions of our papers as the boundaries of Eureka Township overlap our Lakeville and Farmington delivery area. Your notices appear in both our Lakeville Sun Thisweek and our Dakota County Tribune edition which primarily serves Farmington and Rosemount. There are three delivery zones within the boundaries of Eureka Township. Our carriers are assigned motor routes doing delivery from their vehicle. In order to receive our paper residents need to have a black delivery tube from our company accessible to the driver. There is no charge for these tubes. They are generally posted near mailboxes.

If for any reason a township resident is not on one of our delivery routes or does not wish to have a black tube installed there is a mail option: Mail subscriptions can be purchased at \$87.00 per year to anyone living anywhere in the U.S. Call 763-424-7370 for questions regarding newspaper delivery. You can also email questions to [sylvia.fitzsimmons@ecm-inc.com](mailto:sylvia.fitzsimmons@ecm-inc.com). You may also submit subscription and payment option through our website at: <http://sunthisweek.com/print-subscription/>

All public notices placed in our papers also appear on our website. You can narrow down the notices by using the search button in the upper right plugging in Eureka Township. Public notices may be viewed at: <http://sunthisweek.com/category/public-notices/>

If residents not receiving one of the two editions named above would like to see if they are on a delivery route they may contact Kathy at 952-846-2070 or email [burnsville.distribution@ecm-inc.com](mailto:burnsville.distribution@ecm-inc.com)

...I will try to setup a small amount of papers to be dropped/sent to the Town Hall weekly." Confirmation of papers available at the Town Hall will come at a later date.

## Remain Vigilant, Lock Your Doors

As is common with the arrival of nicer weather, the Dakota County Sheriff's Department reports an increase in burglaries in rural areas, particularly during daylight hours. Residents are asked to lock their doors, especially when absent from the property, and remove keys from parked vehicles. Remain vigilant and don't hesitate to call 911 to report any suspicious activity.





## Supervisor Ceminsky Named Dakota Electric Town Person of the Year



Dakota Electric Association recently awarded Mark Ceminsky, the Township Leader of the Year award. Each year, Dakota Electric seeks to recognize outstanding leadership with the award, and Dakota Electric directors Margaret Schreiner and Paul Trapp attended a recent Dakota County Township Officers Association meeting to present the award to Ceminsky. a Eureka Township Supervisor since 2012. He has served the local community in many ways, including serving on the Planning Commission, member and founder of 1776 American Legion Riders; Patriot Guard member and member of Dakota City Heritage Village. In his work for Eureka Township, he has developed an improved permitting process, bringing in necessary funds to care for roads and right-of-ways; developed a new right-of-way ordinance to protect Township residents' property; and successfully applied for \$57,000 in FEMA funds in 2012.

"I'm happy to receive this award," said Ceminsky. "I was quite honored."

"People who serve the local townships are very dedicated to their communities," Peggy Johnson, Dakota Electric's community relations director, said. "As a member-owned cooperative, Dakota Electric is pleased to help recognize people like Mark who do outstanding work."



## Dakota County Helps with Spring Clean – Up Ditch Your Hazardous Waste

The Recycling Zone, 3365 Dodd Road, Eagan, has expanded household hazardous waste drop-off hours. With the exception of holidays, residents may recycle hazardous materials as follows:

- Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Thursdays, Noon – 8 p.m.
- Fridays, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Dakota County is providing residents with more local options for properly disposing of hazardous waste materials. Upcoming opportunities include:

- Saturday, May 3: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lakeville Central Maintenance Facility, 7570 179<sup>th</sup> St. W.
- Saturday, September 6: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Farmington Maintenance Facility, 19650 Municipal Dr.
- Saturday, September 27: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Burnsville Maintenance Facility, 13713 Frontier Court,



## Pump Your Septic System Every 3 Years

Please remember to pump your septic system every three years. IF you have received a notice of non-compliance, please send a copy of your pumping receipt to the Township to save both your time and money, as well as the Township's!

## LOW INCOME FIX-UP GRANT FOR FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Dakota County, grouped together with Minneapolis, St. Paul and Bloomington, received an MPCA/Clean Water Legacy Grant for upgrading failing septic systems. Funds can be used county-wide outside of shoreland areas.

Requirements are:

- Must have a notice of non-compliance (failing compliance inspection report) to apply.
- Income based - a family of two is \$52,000, so many people will qualify.

These funds will be on a first come first serve basis



## Save Time and Money!

Please consider receiving Township news electronically, including:

- \* This quarterly newsletter
- \* Special meetings
- \* Public hearings
- \* Agendas
- \* Important announcements
- and much more!

Make the request to [eurekatn@frontiernet.net](mailto:eurekatn@frontiernet.net)





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**2014 Eureka Township Calendar**...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

• May 5	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• May 12	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
• May 22	Thursday	noon	Applications due for June Planning Commission Meeting
• May 22	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
• June 2	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• June 9	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
• June 26	Thursday	noon	Applications due for July Planning Commission Meeting
• June 26	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
• July 7	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• July 14	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
• July 24	Thursday	noon	Applications due for August Planning Commission Meeting
• July 24	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
• August 4	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• August 11	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting, appoint Commissioners
• August 28	Thursday	noon	Applications due for September Planning Commission Meeting
• August 28	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
• September 2	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
• September 8	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission 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 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 [eurekatn@frontiernet.net](mailto:eurekatn@frontiernet.net). 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 \$5 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, the Eureka Town Hall and the Dakota County Law Library.



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