

EUREKA TOWNSHIP
DAKOTA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA

TOWN BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 2020

Due to the Peacetime Emergency and social distancing guidelines, the Town Board Chair has determined it is not practical or prudent to conduct an in-person meeting. Accordingly, under Minnesota Statute section 13D.021, the following meeting shall be conducted entirely through teleconferencing or other electronic means.

Call to Order

The Eureka Township Town Board meeting was called to order, via Zoom Meetings, at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Donovan Palmquist and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Supervisors Present: Donovan Palmquist, Tim Murphy, Lu Barfknecht, Ralph Fredlund and Mark Ceminsky.

Others Present: Nancy Sauber, Julie Larson, Randy Wood, Bill Clancy, Georgie Molitor, Brian Ahern, Jody Arman-Jones.

Approval of the Agenda

Supervisor Ceminsky asked to add "Update from Planning Commission" to the agenda.

Motion: Chair Palmquist moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Barfknecht. A roll call vote was taken: Donovan Palmquist – Aye; Tim Murphy – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Aye; Ralph Fredlund – Aye; Mark Ceminsky - Aye. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Treasurer's Report

Net Pay and Claims

Chair Palmquist presented the Treasurer-prepared total net pay in the amount of \$3,446.01 for the election judges. Commissioner Larson, also Head Election Judge, noted that this amount does not include the mileage for the election judges.

Motion: Supervisor Fredlund moved to approve the net pay and claims as presented, seconded by Supervisor Palmquist. A roll call vote was taken: Donovan Palmquist – Aye; Tim Murphy – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Aye; Ralph Fredlund – Aye; Mark Ceminsky – Aye. *Motion carried 5-0.*

New Business

Absence of Town Clerk

Chair Palmquist talked about the Clerk being out for 6-8 weeks due to accident. Clerk Ranees Solis has appointed Julie Larson and Nancy Sauber as Deputy Clerks. Rhonda Rademacher, the current Castle Rock Township Treasurer, will be assisting for the Treasurer's duties. Barb Lang, former Clerk in Castle Rock is also available if needed.

Supervisor Murphy commented that this action was okayed by Steve Fenske, attorney at MAT, Paul Reuvers, attorney, and Chad Lemmons, Township attorney.

Supervisor Ceminsky questioned what the protocol is with Town Hall keys under this new situation.

Nancy Sauber clarified that the Deputy Clerks have office keys and record room keys. The two Deputy Clerks are splitting time between them, and for each to be functional as Deputy Clerk, they both need access to the keys. Chair Palmquist gave his approval for this arrangement, including their acting independently regarding the record room. If this is not satisfactory to the Board, Sauber said she and Larson would step away and the Board can find someone else to do the job.

Ceminsky stated that he felt there should have been an emergency meeting called so the entire Board could have weighed in.

Old Business

Housing Density Update

The Planning Commission is asking the Board where such a small area proposed for increased density might be and what is the rationale for its selection. No one on the Board replied to this question which was put forth by Chair Sauber several times. Sauber noted that as she remembered the meeting with the Metropolitan Council representatives, Wendy Wulff had stated that the Council would be “very unlikely” to approve a change in density for the entire Township. Wulff stated that the Council might consider “a limited area” for increased density, but that half of her colleagues would have to vote in favor of such a move.

There followed further discussion of the situation.

Motion: Supervisor Barfknecht moved to retain the recording of the meeting that was held with the Metropolitan Council on this matter. (Wendy Wulff, Patrick Boylan, and Kyle Colvin.) Supervisor Ceminsky seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Donovan Palmquist-Aye; Tim Murphy-Aye; Lu Barfknecht-Aye; Ralph Fredlund-Aye; Mark Ceminsky-Aye.

Adjournment

Motion: Supervisor Ceminsky moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chair Palmquist. A roll call vote was taken: Lu Barfknecht – Aye; Donovan Palmquist – Aye; Tim Murphy – Aye; Ralph Fredlund – Aye; Mark Ceminsky – Aye. *Motion carried 5-0.*
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sauber, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved By: _____ on:

Town Chair

Date