

*EUREKA TOWNSHIP
DAKOTA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA*

TOWN BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 28, 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: Chad Lemmons (Town Attorney), Nancy Sauber, Julie Larson, Randy Wood, Brian Ahern.

Approval of the Agenda

Nancy Sauber, as Interim Deputy Clerk, asked that VRWJPO be placed under New Business.

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Citizen Inquiry

There was no citizen inquiry.

Road Report

Chair Palmquist had spoken to Mark Henry, Road Superintendent. Mark had told Otte Excavating to plow in the a.m. after the last snow event. Roads look satisfactory. There is some wash-boarding, but we are at the point where that waits until later. There have been no complaints.

Supervisor Murphy asked that the request for rubbish pick up be made again. The discards have been there for two months. Donovan Palmquist will call Bryce in the morning. They have been asked several times for pick up.

Supervisor Barfknecht again mentioned the speed limit signs on 240th, the “Children at Play” sign to be relocated.

There will be follow-up by the Road Supervisors on signs.

Planning Commission Update

None.

Treasurer’s Report

A. Net Pay and Claims

Supervisors Barfknecht and Ceminsky informed the Interim Deputy Clerks that the Board should be given copies of all invoices in addition to what was submitted. Interim Deputy Clerk Julie Larson replied that the check signers the next day can see them and that she will scan and send to all Board members as well.

There was a question about whether the Road Committee volunteers were to be paid mileage. One member submitted a claim for mileage.

There was a question as to Mark Henry’s status: employee or contractor. The answer is he is an employee. His check will need to be redone. Mark had indicated that he was okay with any delay required.

Supervisor Fredlund moved to approve the Net Pay and Claims, excepting those two items referred to immediately above. Supervisor Palmquist seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Donovan Palmquist, *Aye*; Ralph Fredlund, *Aye*; Lu Barfknecht, *Aye*; Tim Murphy, *Aye*; Mark Ceminsky, *Aye*. *Motion passed 5-0.*

B. Credit card and banking update

Supervisor and Treasurer Liaison Ralph Fredlund reported that he has reservations about getting a debit card for the Township as there is not enough security with them.

Supervisor Fredlund gave a report on the various banks he checked on to replace Castle Rock Bank. There was a question about Lakeview Bank and a possible conflict of interest as Supervisor Murphy is on the bank’s Board of Directors. Attorney Lemmons weighed in that he is concerned about a possible conflict of interest and would not recommend a continuing recusal by Supervisor Murphy on all banking motions. Chair Palmquist agreed. Supervisor Fredlund will bring in information from

New Market, Frandsen, and Lakeview Banks to be scanned and given to the Board. The Board can make its decision at the next meeting in January.

C. Check Signatures

After some discussion, and a recommendation to recheck the pertinent Town Board Resolution on banking, Supervisor Fredlund moved to allow authorized officers or employees to sign checks as one of the three signatures required. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the motion. **Roll call vote:** Donovan Palmquist, *Aye*; Tim Murphy, *Aye*; Lu Barfknecht, *Aye*; Ralph Fredlund, *Aye*; Mark Ceminsky, *Nay*. *Motion carried 4-1.*

D. Castle Bank Account Random Audits

Verify the account balances with audit form. If no problem, do not need to reply to the Bank.

New Business

Regulations for bringing fill into the Township

Chair Palmquist will contact the VRWJPO, the SWCD, and Dee McDaniels at Shoreland for this information. It can ultimately be posted on the website for the public. Many are probably unaware of such regulations that may apply.

Old Business

A. Eureka Estates Drainage Project

The Board will set up a Special Board Meeting with TKDA to discuss this further.

B. Clerk longer-term status

This will be added to the special meeting agenda.

C. Pay for Interim Deputy Clerks

This will be discussed at a closed meeting of the Board just ahead of the Special Meeting of the Board.

Other Business

MPM

Mark Ceminsky and Tim Murphy haven't visited the pit yet concerning the debris complaints. Chad Lemmons said he spoke with Mike Callahan. The concrete dumped from the trucks will be recycled.

Adjournment

Motion: Mark Ceminsky moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded Donovan Palmquist.

Roll call vote: Lu Barfknecht – Aye; Donovan Palmquist – Aye; Tim Murphy – Aye; Ralph Fredlund – Aye; Mark Ceminsky – Aye. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Submitted by Nancy Sauber, Interim Deputy Clerk
