

*EUREKA TOWNSHIP
DAKOTA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA*

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING OF January 6, 2021

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.

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, Kevin Pittelko (TKDA), Josh Madson, Larry Poppler (TKDA).

Eureka Estates Drainage Project

The Board held a discussion of the Eureka Estates Drainage Project with the representatives of TKDA. Different areas of Eureka Estates were identified as those to be remedied first, with other portions at the next level of urgency.

Chad Lemmons, Township attorney, advised that if the plat shows drainage easements to the outlots in question, and if they were dedicated to the Town, the work can be done. This plat can be obtained on the Dakota County Recorder's Office website. It does not need to be a certified copy; just a simple copy will do. Chad will pull off the website.

Mark Ceminsky moved that the Township obtain a *large* copy of the plat map from the Dakota County Recorder's Office for the Township files. Donovan Palmquist seconded the motion. **Roll call vote:** Donovan Palmquist, *Aye*; Mark Ceminsky, *Aye*; Ralph Fredlund, *Aye*; Lu Barfknecht, *Aye*; Tim Murphy, *Aye*. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Chair Palmquist asked Kevin Pittelko if the highest priority level work is done, would that help with the other projects? Kevin answered that it could possibly help, but the further away you get from the finished work, the less the impact would be. Removing water downstream helps upstream water to fill in.

Supervisor Barfknecht asked about the cost breakdown by priority levels so that the information would be in a user-friendly form for the open house meeting with the residents. Kevin Pittelko said that he would work on that this week and send when finished. The total project is \$300+k, and the highest priority work might be around \$100k. Roadway culverts would be fixed and fixing certain Iceland Path and Iberia driveway culverts would help with the flow of water. If all driveways are going to be worked on, that would be a large amount of cost.

Larry Poppler asked what the Board's intentions were concerning assessment of costs. There is a procedure that must be followed if any of the costs are to be assessed.

Mr. Poppler and Mr. Lemmons both confirmed that there would have to be a final, Board-approved copy of the feasibility report from the engineer to move forward with assessment.

Palmquist commented that the Board has tentatively discussed having some of the cost covered by the Township and the rest to be assessed.

Supervisor Fredlund suggested that the Board proceed with the highest priority work with the cost to the Township and then see if it has made any impact on the other items.

Chair Palmquist asked that this item be placed on the agenda for the Board meeting of January 11, 2021.

Closed Meeting discussion report re Clerk Position:

Pay rate will be communicated to the assistants on the Treasurer work to see if it is acceptable to them. Tim Murphy will make the call.

The Interim Deputy Clerks will receive the pay rate suggested.

Barb Lang, Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT), other township contact and, as a last resort, the city of Lakeville will be tapped to see if recommendations can be obtained for persons with experience. Supervisors Palmquist, Barfknecht, and Murphy will reach out to their respective people.

Return to TKDA Project

Supervisor Fredlund suggested that there be conversations with the Road Superintendent, Mark Henry, regarding any portion of the proposed work that he might accomplish, understanding that TKDA has been hired to do the feasibility report. Palmquist said bids would be obtained and we need a plan to proceed. This will be further discussed.

Chair Palmquist informed the Board about a notice in the MAT magazine about state grants for roadways and asked that the item be placed on the agenda for the Board meeting of January 11.

Donovan Palmquist moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Ceminsky seconded the motion. **Roll call vote:** Donovan Palmquist, *Aye*; Tim Murphy, *Aye*; Lu Barfknecht, *Aye*; Ralph Fredlund, *Aye*; Mark Ceminsky, *Aye*. **Motion passed 5-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by Nancy Sauber, Interim Deputy Clerk