

Eureka Township

Dakota County

State of Minnesota

Special Town Board Meeting
January 19, 2010

Call to Order

Chair Jeff Otto called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Members present were Supervisors Jeff Otto, Brian Budenski, Nancy Sauber, Carrie Jennings, and Dan Rogers. Clerk/Treasurer Nanett Sandstrom was present to record the minutes.

Agenda

Display board for Town Hall
Set a date for a Special Meeting to go into a closed session on the Country Stone Litigation.
Discuss the Budget for 2011, to be presented to the citizens at the Annual Meeting in March.

Display Board

Pete Storlie is selling a used, glass-enclosed bulletin board for \$100. The Board discussed purchasing the bulletin board. A motion by Supervisor Jeff Otto: To authorize the \$100 to acquire the bulletin board from Pete Storlie. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Brian Budenski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Special Meeting

A Special Meeting was set for Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., to go into closed session with Township Attorneys to discuss the Country Stone lawsuit.

Budget for 2011

The Clerk presented a Budget Worksheet for 2011, the Eureka Estates and Rice Lake Heights Hard Surface Road Escrow, and the Professional Services Escrow.

Money is levied for each fund: Road and Bridge, General Fund, and Miscellaneous (Town Hall Fund). Any surplus funds for the year stay in each fund, unless the Town Board passes a motion by unanimous vote to move funds to another account.

Board Chair Jeff Otto presented a modified budget for 2010. The Town Board reviewed and discussed the modified budget.

The Clerk explained the levy amount received from the County. The amount actually received from the County and State does not equal the Certified Levy. There are many variables that affect the amount received:

The levy is figured from currently taxed properties. Throughout the year tax adjustments may be made to properties, such as homestead credit. These adjustments change the amount of revenue distributed to the Township.

A portion of the Levy is paid by the State of Minnesota. This includes Homestead and Ag. Credits. The Governor unallocated \$7,570.00 in 2009. Thus reducing the amount distributed to the Township.

Delinquent taxes are distributed to the Township as they are paid.

Fire Department bills were discussed. The Farmington Fire Bill for 2010 is \$43,902.00. Lakeville's is \$32,270.00. The total amount to be paid for fire protection in 2010 is \$76,172.00. This amount is \$16,172.00 more than the budgeted amount for 2010. The Lakeville Fire Contract, which is a three-year contract, is up for renewal in 2011. Farmington is not on a contract; they use a formula. Supervisor Dan Rogers was asked to check with the Fire Departments on future billing plans.

The Town Board discussed the possibility of assessing persons that start illegal fires that result in fire calls. Supervisor Jeff Otto will check with the Township Attorney.

The Town Board reviewed the 2011 Budget and placed dollar amounts into the expense columns of the Budget. The Town Board then reviewed the income portion of the Budget. Dollar amounts were placed in the Budget according to projected income. The Clerk and Chair Jeff Otto will finalize the Budget and levy amounts to be presented to the Town Board at their Special Town Board Meeting on January 26, 2010. The Town Board's goal is to keep the levy at \$480,000, the same amount as the 2010 levy.

A motion by Supervisor Brian Budenski: To adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Carrie Jennings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.