Eureka Township

Dakota County State of Minnesota

Special Town Meeting December 1, 2003

Call to Order:

Clerk/Treasurer Nanett Leine called the Special Town Meeting to Order at 8:21 pm.

Nominations to elect a moderator were taken.

A motion was made to elect Gary Smith as Moderator. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Gary Smith read the "Statement of the Town Board Calling for a Special Town Meeting" This meeting was called for the citizens of Eureka Township to decide on the adoption of a revised levy, due to Market Value Credit cuts from the State of Minnesota.

Gary Smith then read a letter from Minnesota Revenue: "Important- Market Value Credit cut Notification" This letter explained that Eureka Township will not be receiving 2% of the levy for 2003 (\$6,115) and 3% of the 2004 levy (\$9,173)

Discussion followed:

Gene Dietz asked the Town board members what the budget for the year 2003 looked like.

Supervisor Mark Malecha- The budget needs interpretation; there are bills that are reflected in the budget that are from previous years that affect the budget.

Supervisor Don Pflaum- Bills that were approved for 2002 budget that was actually paid from the 2003 budget includes \$20,000 for bridge repair, \$2,000 for tree removal and \$11,163 for building inspection services. Also November bills that are paid at the December Town Board meeting have not been paid.

Gene Dietz asked whether budget would reflect a deficit if the taxes were not raised for the 2003 budget.

Carolyn Papke asked what condition the road budget was in.

Supervisor Kenny Miller- The December bills are not in yet. The road maintenance and road work bills have been separated in the budget. The road maintenance budget is fairly close to what was budgeted for 2003.

Carolyn Papke asked if the new road contractor is costing more, for hours.

Supervisor Kenny Miller-We are holding to the budget, we may need to take from one line and move it to another to stay within the budget.

Don Storlie asked what the cash reserve is.

Clerk/Treasurer Nanett Leine- The balance as of December 1, 2003 is \$245,778.09.

Gene Dietz asked if there are any more funds coming in.

Clerk/Treasurer Nanett Leine- A check from the government in December.

Gene Dietz commented that he taxes in the past year have really increased.

A Motion by Gene Dietz: Not to increase the levy to make up for the 2003 or 2004 market value credit cuts. The motion was seconded by Butch Hansen. Discussion followed:

Don Storlie commented that there is a cash reserve.

Calvin Pflaum commented that last year the administration costs reflected an 11 month period, this years administration cost will be a full year.

Don Storlie called the question. A vote of the citizens was taken. The motion carried.

Bob Papke made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.