

## 2002 Eureka Township Annual Meeting Minutes

### **Call to Order:**

Clerk Oliver Leine called the Annual Meeting of Eureka Township to order at 8:05 pm.

### **Election of Moderator:**

Randy Wood nominated Bob Papke as moderator. Nomination seconded by Bernadette Wood. He was elected.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion by Bernadette Wood: to accept 2001 Town board minutes as read. Motion seconded by Mike Greco. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer Nanett Leine presented the treasurer report. The total expenses for 2001 were \$461,318.63. Total deposits \$357,755.68. End of the year balance \$280,117.21. Hand outs included Register Reports for checks issued and deposits and a Categorized Transaction Report.

A motion by Carolyn Papke: to accept the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Shelly Clubb. Motion carried. Discussion on the why the actual expenditures were higher than the approved budget for 2001. It was explained that at the 2000 Eureka Township Meeting \$100,000, of surplus funds were approved to be spent on road maintenance.

### **Report of Annual Election:**

There were a total of 55 ballots at the annual election. Supervisor position #1 - Don Pflaum received 51 votes, Supervisor position #2 - Kenneth Miller received 41 votes. Clerk position - Oliver Leine received 50 votes.

Board of Canvas to be held on Monday: March 18, 2002 at 6:00 pm.

### **Old Business:**

#### *Farmington Annexation*

Bev Topp reported that the Eureka Townboard sent a letter to the City of Farmington protesting the annexation. Farmington chose not to pursue the annexation of the Adelman property.

#### *Ordinances*

Bev Topp announced that most of the ordinance work has been completed and is at the attorney for final write up.

#### *Envisioning Task Force*

Mike Greco reported that the first phase of the project is complete. A handout on their mission and goals was distributed to citizens.

#### *Watersheds*

Connie Anderson updated citizens on the 2 watersheds in Eureka Township. The Vermillion watershed Management Organization has been resolved. New management will be a joint effort between Dakota and Scott County.

## **New Business:**

### *RASP Signs*

Connie Anderson informed the citizens that there is a program through the County that residents can purchase rural address signs. These signs are used for emergency vehicles, providing residents address in a uniform display. Signs may be purchased through Dakota County.

A motion by Carolyn Papke amended by Shelly Clubb: To publish a statement in the Newsletter, encouraging homeowners of Eureka Township to purchase RASP signs on an individual bases. Motion seconded by Bernadette Wood.

### *Township Entry Signs*

Kenny Miller explained that many of the Township entry signs are missing. He explained what types of signs are available. There are approximately 40 entry points into the Township. The Townboard recommends replacing the signs.

A motion by Wally Bourne: The Townboard purchase new entry signs for the Township, type of entry sign left to their discretion. Motion seconded by Carolyn Papke. Motion carried.

### *Commercial Task Force*

Kenny Miller explained that the task force will do research for the Townboard on positive and negative aspects of allowing new commercial businesses in the Township. A meeting to review and provide direction to the task force was set for March 18, 2002. Applications will be accepted until that date.

### *Web Site*

Mike Greco stated reasons a web site would be an important tool for communication between the Townboard and citizens. Initial costs would be \$1,000. Maintenance costs \$400. Volunteers would provide the site design and maintenance.

A motion by Bernadette Wood: To Authorize the Townboard to spend \$1,000 on a website as outlined by Mike Greco. The website is to be reviewed at next annual meeting. Motion seconded by Wally Bourne. Motion carried.

### *Town Hall Future Committee*

John Strunk and Oliver Leine informed the board about different options for a Townhall. The existing site is not adequate for a new structure.

A motion by Carolyn Papke amended by Don Pflaum: to move forward in looking for suitable land for a new a Townhall. The board or whom they direct may purchase land if it becomes available using the \$10,000 in escrow towards the land purchase. Motion called, motion declined. Carolyn Papke called a count. 11 yeas, 15 nays, motion declined.

A motion by Mike Greco amended by Shelly Clubb: To empower the board to search for suitable land for the future town hall site and to make an offer to purchase the land, contingent on citizen approval at a special meeting. Motion seconded by John Strunk. Motion carried.

A motion by Ray Kaufenberg: Townboard to present citizens with a proposal for a new Townhall including financing and total costs for the facility. Motion seconded by Bernadette Woods. Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

*Roads*

Don Pflaum reported the following projects are scheduled for 2002. Fordham Ave - 225<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Essex and Denmark Ave, including 2 culverts. Clark Smith reported on hard surface road repairs. 1 ½ miles of roads need repairs in Eureka Estates. Seal coat will be applied. Estimated costs are \$18,000. Previous repaired roads in Eureka Estates and Rice Lake Heights need crack seal, to extend life of blacktop. Estimated cost is \$9,000.

**Setting levies for Taxes:**

*Addition to budget line items*

Nanett Leine explained proposed budget changes. New categories are to be added. Reorganization and division of some existing categories are needed due to new expenses.

*Recognition fund*

Bev Topp asked for \$250 for special recognitions.

*Answer to last year's budget question*

Bev Topp explained that the budget is a guideline for expenditures. The Townboard can spend more than the approved budget as long as they do not go indebt. They can not go indebt without a special meeting.

*Approval of Budget*

A motion by Carolyn Papke: to approve the budget with the following changes: An error was found in the amount requested between the proposed budget and budget sheet for Township Administration: budget sheet increased by \$2,000. Due to website approval: Communications category increased by \$1,000. Total increase to budget is \$3,000. Motion seconded by Bernadette Wood. Motion carried.

*Time and place next year's meeting:*

A motion by Bernadette Wood to set next years meeting for Tuesday March 11, 2003 at 8:00pm, at a location to be determined. Motion seconded by Randy Wood. Motion carried.

*Call for Adjournment:*

A motion by Gene Dietz: to adjourn. Motion seconded by Lee Topp. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 11:15pm.