

2007 Eureka Township Annual Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2007- Eureka Town Hall

Call to Order

Clerk Nanett Champlain called the Annual Meeting of Eureka Township to order at 8:22 pm.

Election of Moderator:

Don Pflaum and Gene Dietz were nominated for moderator. Butch Hansen made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded. Don Pflaum was nominated as moderator.

Approval of Minutes:

Clerk Nanett Champlain read the March 14, 2006 Annual Meeting minutes. Butch Hansen moved to approve the minutes as read for 2006. The motion was seconded by Dan Rogers. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

A Motion by Mark Malecha: To waive the reading of all the checks written and received, to read just a synopsis. The motion was seconded by Butch Hansen. Motion Carried.

Complete ledgers of Bills and receipts were available for review.

Clerk Nanett Champlain presented the Treasurer's Report. Checking Account Balance is \$4,024.46. Savings Account Balance \$182,896.44. CD Balances \$147,169.94. Total account balances are \$334,090.84.

A Motion by Butch Hansen: To approve the Treasurer Report as read. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Monson. Motion Carried.

Business

General Overview- presented by Cory Behrendt and Sharon Buckley

Supervisor Cory Behrendt provided citizens with an informational sheet, titled "2006 Eureka Township Board Information Sheet." He made a short presentation on persons providing services to the Township and happenings in the Township over the past year.

Sharon Buckley provided citizens with a report on Planning Commission activities for the year. Among other various activities the Planning Commission has developed new permit applications and procedures and worked on updating the ordinances.

Calvin Pflaum expressed concerns over the deadline policy for submitting applications for permits. (10 days before the Planning Commission meeting) This deadline provides the clerk to process applications and the Planning Commission to research and prepare for the meeting.

Roads

Road discussion included proposed road projects for 2007. This information will be provided in the April Newsletter.

The townships policy for removal of tree branches overhanging Township roads was discussed. Problem areas need to be reported to the Town Board, so action can be taken to remove the branches.

The lift on 225th St. west of the Vermillion River is scheduled this year.

A motion by Terri Petter: That the Town Board and Planning Commission come up with a 5 year CIP (Capital Improvement Project) with explicit road projects. Motion seconded by Glen Shirley. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Town Hall Use

The Town Board was unable to come up with an amenable decision on the use of the Town Hall. They are asking for direction from the citizens.

Citizen discussion followed.

A motion by Butch Hansen to direct the board to allow community activities in renting the town hall as well as family activities for those residents within the Township. That a firm set of policies and procedures are written up for the use of the building and also a fee schedule for different applications and uses. Motion seconded by Dick Wagaman. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Lighting of the flag poles

A motion by Dick Wagaman: That the citizens of Eureka Township direct the Town Board to hire a contractor to begin the immediate work to light the flag poles. Motion seconded by Dan Rogers. Gene Dietz offered a friendly amendment that he will donate \$1,000. The friendly amendment was seconded by Francie Madden. Vote was taken on the friendly amendment, the amendment passed. Vote was taken on the motion the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sound System

A motion by Butch Hansen: To direct the Board to spend up to \$8,000 to purchase a sound system and a recording system to record at a minimum the Board meetings and to keep the tapes for a minimum of 5 years. Motion seconded by Andrea Krapu. Mark Malecha offered a friendly amendment to take the money for the sound system out of the reserves. The friendly amendment was seconded by Don Storlie. Discussion followed, Mark Malecha called the question. Vote was taken on the friendly amendment, the amendment passed. Vote was taken on the motion the motion carried.

Landscaping of the Town Hall

John Strunk volunteered to coordinate to finish the landscaping of the Town Hall.

New Business

Markings on Parking Lot, parking lot stops near building

A motion by Butch Hansen: To authorize the Board to finish the parking lot, so we are abiding by State Codes. (Stripe it, place stops and handicap signs) Motion seconded by Chris Nielsen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Secure Mail Slot and secure interior mailboxes

A motion by Mike Greco: To direct the Board to purchase and install the drop mail box on the exterior of the building and interior mailboxes and to take the money from the General Fund. Motion seconded by Sharon Buckley. Motion carried.

Other Business

Art History Committee presentation

The project has been completed and is display in the rear of the meeting room. There is also a picture of the Town hall on display in the commons area. This project is being total funded by donations.

Security System/ swipe card entry into Town Hall

A motion by Mike Greco: Direct the Town Board to investigate and install a security system to use money from the General Fund. Motion seconded by Gary Smith. Vote was taken, the motion failed.

A motion by Gary Smith: To authorize the Town Board to change the locks on the front doors after the election. Motion seconded by Butch Hansen. Vote was taken on the motion and the motion failed.

Don Pflaum asked that the public safety be emphasized at next years meeting and AirLake's relationship with the Township.

Township Attorney

Butch Hansen commented on the current Township attorney, he is dissatisfied with his performance. Mr. Hansen feels there should be some discussion on how the Town Board should empower the attorney.

The Town Board has the rights and privileges to hire the persons they feel fit to run the services of the Township. The Town Board adopted a policy at the March 12, 2007 Town Board meeting.

Comment at Public Meetings

Dick Wagaman commented on public input at public meetings.

The Town Board limits citizen input at public meetings, so that scheduled business can take place. The Town Board adopted a policy on public input at the March 12, 2007 Town Board meeting.

Set Levy for 2007

The clerk presented the proposed levy to the citizens. The proposed levy totaled \$484,690.

A motion by Butch Hansen: To approve a levy of \$449,622. The motion was seconded by Don Storlie. Discussion followed, a citizen called the question. A vote was taken the motion, the motion carried.

Report of Annual Election

There were a total of 438 voters at the annual election:

Supervisor position # 5- Peter C. Johnson received 109 votes, Jeff Otto received 313 votes. Jeff Otto was elected as Supervisor #5. Supervisor position # 1- Brian J. Budenski received 235 votes, Charles "Butch" Hansen received 201 votes. Brian J. Budenski was elected as Supervisor #1. These are unofficial results until the Board of Canvass scheduled for Thursday March 15, 2007, 7:00 pm at the Eureka Town Hall.

Time and Place for next year's Annual Meeting

A motion by Mike Greco: To hold next year's annual meeting on Tuesday March 11, 2008 at 8:15 PM, at the Eureka Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Randy Wood. Motion carried.

Call for Adjournment of Annual Meeting

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:03 pm.