

**2012 Eureka Township Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2012**  
**Eureka Town Hall**

**Call to Order**

Township Clerk Nanett Sandstrom called the March 13, 2012, Eureka Township Annual Meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Election of Moderator**

The Clerk called for nominations for moderator. Cory Behrendt was nominated as moderator.

A motion by Butch Hansen: To elect Cory Behrendt as moderator. Motion seconded.

Hearing no more nominations for moderator, a motion was made to close the nominations. Vote was taken on the motion, the motion carried. Cory Behrendt was elected as moderator.

**Approval of Minutes**

Copies of the 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes were available for public review. A motion was made to waive the reading of last year's minutes. Motion seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made to approve the 2011 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Time and Place for next year's Annual Meeting**

A motion by Mike Greco to set the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 8:15 pm, at the Eureka Town Hall. Motion seconded by Dan Rogers. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made to waive the reading of all the checks written and received and to read just a synopsis. The motion was seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Complete ledgers of Bills and Receipts were available for review.

Clerk Nanett Sandstrom presented the Treasurer's Report.

Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$1,251.25
Savings Account Balance	\$400,552.40
CD Balances	<u>\$67,814.65</u>
<b>Total Account Balances</b>	<b>\$469,618.30</b>
Outstanding Deposits	770.30
Outstanding checks	<u>-\$339.64</u>
<b>Ledger Balance</b>	<b>\$469,998.96</b>

The Town Hall Loan Balance as of 2/17/2012 is \$122,187.33. The payoff date is August 20, 2014.

**Account Balances**

Consultant Account	\$58,042.97	Kelly Aggregate Eng	\$3,332.74
Escrow Fund	\$1,130.20	Bridge Fund	\$10,000.00
General Fund	\$158,992.39	Road & Bridge	\$79,656.13
Hard Road Surface	\$92,175.45	Town Hall Fund	<u>\$21,117.33</u>
<b>Total of All Funds</b>			<b>\$400,552.40</b>

Total Bills paid in 2011 were \$491,887.94. Total Receipts were \$534,117.89.

A motion by Gloria Belzer: To approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion was seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Business**

*General Overview*

Brian Budenski, current Chair of the Eureka Town Board, took a few minutes to thank Dan Rogers for serving 9 years on the Town Board. He also thanked Julie Larson for filling in as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer in the absence of the Clerk/Treasurer the past few months.

*Planning Commission Report*

Carrie Jennings, Planning Commission Chair, summarized Planning Commission happenings in 2011. There were no new home permits issued in 2011.

They are currently researching and contemplating updating the Wind and Sign Ordinances, including both wind generator towers and cell phone towers.

*Town Board Report*

*Roads*

Kenny Miller reported on roads. The planned graveling was completed. The work on the north end of Highview was funded by the Dakota County Road Bridge fund and commitments from business landowners along the stretch. The project was nearly 100% covered by these funds.

\$132,000 was spent on roads last year; this was \$6,000 over budget. Most of this money was spent on spring road repairs.

The smaller culverts on the north end of Chub Lake Road were replaced. An engineering study was done and no other work is needed on the road. The road is not restricting the water’s flow.

Road grading costs were much lower this year than in previous years.

*Commercial/Industrial Study*

Nancy Sauber gave a synopsis on the Commercial/Industrial Study. TKDA was hired to lead the study. The TKDA billing went over budget by \$214.00. The additional funds were needed to complete the final report. \$10,000 was received from Hat Trick for a Commercial/Industrial study. There were no obligations attached to the funds. Less than \$8,000 funds were from taxpayers. Phase I was completed. The Town Board at this time elected not to move forward with Phase II.

## *CapX2020*

The route has been determined. Information can be found on the CAPX website.

## **New Business**

### *Old Town Hall Lot*

There was discussion on selling the old Town Hall lot, selling the storage container and building a garage on the new Town Hall property.

There was a motion by Mark Malecha: To look at selling the land, selling the shipping container, getting prices on the garage. To bring back numbers and analysis to vote on at next year's Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Butch Hansen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### *Judge's Ruling on Non-Conforming Ordinance Language*

No ruling from the Judge has yet been received. By attorney advice, the Township needed to wait for Country Stone to completely fulfill the details of the settlement agreement before moving ahead with the stipulation filing. We were waiting for their SWPPP and OSHA report.

### *Reduction in Fire Expenses*

A new contract was made with the Farmington Fire Department. This dramatically reduced the Farmington Fire bill by \$30,000 for 2012. We also received a \$24,000 credit for 2011. Farmington was including capital costs in their bills. By MAT and attorney advice, the Township should not be paying for these capital costs.

### *Road Haul Ordinance*

Two years ago a draft Road Haul Ordinance was created. The intent was to establish set fees for outside contractors traveling through the Township, either transiting to where their work is or to construction activity within the Township. There would not be an added fee for residents. This would be important for application to the power lines that are being constructed through the Township. Jeff Otto asked that the Planning Commission move forward with getting this Ordinance added to Township Ordinances.

## **Set Levy for 2013**

The proposed levy was presented to the citizens. The proposed levy totaled \$453,550.

Discussion on the levy proposal followed.

Comments included discussion on the road expenditures, the town hall levy and election equipment purchase and Attorney fees.

All monies Levied are not collected by the Township. There are delinquent taxes owed and the State of Minnesota unallocates funds each year.

A motion by Mark Malecha: To set the levy at \$384,550, to remove \$53,000 for the Town Hall Levy, \$20,000 from Legal Fees, \$15,000 from Township Administration and \$1,000 from elections and to add \$20,000 to the Road Graveling budget. Motion seconded by Butch Hansen.

Discussion continued on the Levy. The Town Hall Levy was set for 10 years. The Town Hall Levy was passed in 2004, to be placed into Levy in 2005. Attorney and administration costs were discussed.

Butch Hansen offered a friendly amendment: To set the Levy for 2013 at \$437,550. This amount includes the Town Hall Levy of \$53,000. Mark Malecha accepted the amendment.

Butch Hansen called the question. The motion was seconded. Vote was taken on the motion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The amended motion on the Levy was voted on; a hand count was taken. The motion carried.

### **Report of Annual Election**

There were a total of 328 voters at the Annual Election. Supervisor Position #3- Nancy Sauber received 159 votes, Mark Ceminsky 161 votes. Supervisor Position #4- Gloria Belzer received 149 votes, Steve Madden 158 votes. Mark Ceminsky was elected as Supervisor #3 and Steve Madden as Supervisor #4. These are unofficial results until confirmed by the Board of Canvass, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2012, at 7:00 pm at the Eureka Town Hall.

### **Call for Adjournment of the Annual Meeting**

A motion by Butch Hansen: To adjourn. Motion seconded by Terri Petter. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 54 p.m.