

# **2006 Eureka Township Annual Meeting Minutes**

## **March 14, 2006- 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:**

Gary Smith and Mike Greco were nominated for moderator. Hearing no more nominations the floor was closed for nominations, upon voting Mike Greco was nominated as moderator.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Clerk Nanett Champlain read the March 8, 2005 Annual Meeting minutes. Butch Hansen moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Phil Cleminson. The motion carried.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Clerk Nanett Champlain presented the Treasurer's Report. The total expenses for 2005 were \$460,426.17. Total income \$447,481.60 leaving an end balance of \$353,608.31.

The Hard Road Escrow account balance is \$66,299.94. Professional Services account balance is \$12,801.00.

A Motion by Butch Hansen: To approve the treasurer report as presented. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Monson. Motion Carried.

A Motion by Ken Olstad: To waive the reading of the individual check expenditures. The motion was seconded by Butch Hansen. Motion Carried.

### **Business**

#### ***General Overview- presented by Town Board***

#### **Ordinances**

Supervisor Connie Anderson reported that the new ordinances were adopted June 7, 2005.

#### **Strategic Vision Planner**

On January 9, 2006 the Town Board approved the request for a proposal for a strategic vision planner. This proposal was sent to about 20 consultant firms. Their response is due back for the April Town Board meeting. Hiring of a consultant service should take place at the June Town Board Meeting. The proposed RFP should be completed by May 31, 2007.

#### **Elko/ New Market Waste Water Treatment Plant**

The Elko/ New Market Interceptor Line is in its final phase.

#### **Annexation Issue**

There has been no formal request by Hat Trick Investments for annexation. Potential terms for an agreement have been discussed with Lakeville. The town board is waiting for a reply from Lakeville at this time.

### **MinnCan Pipeline**

MinnCan Pipeline project, a crude oil pipeline from Canada to refineries in Minnesota is proposed to run through the township. A public meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2006.

### **Watersheds**

Vermillion River Watershed has adopted its management plan. They will make a presentation at the April Town Board Meeting. The North Cannon River WMO has funds available again this year. They are still working on their Management Plan.

Supervisor Connie Anderson thanked the community for their support over the many years she served the township. She stated that it had been an honor to serve the community and thanked them for this opportunity.

### **Old Town Hall**

Supervisor Cheryl Monson reported on the status of the old town hall. Dakota City is interested and is looking for funding through donations. The town board has offered to donate what funds that were allocated for demolition, after cleanup expenses have been paid.

### **New Town Hall**

1 year walk through of the New Town Hall has been completed. A few minor repairs are being made. Landscaping needs completed around the town hall, volunteers are needed.

### **Roads**

Supervisor Mark Malecha reported on the roads. This year's projects will include: 225<sup>th</sup> St. between Essex and the bridge- there is a soft spot. This area will be tiled and relayed with gravel. 265<sup>th</sup> St. Fairgreen to Denmark will be graveled over the next two years. Granada Ave needs some gravel, road drainage problems will be corrected, possibly tiling. Graveling projects include Jacquard Ave. (½ mile driveway road), Ipava Ave. and Hamburg Ave. (1 ½ mile)

Supervisor Mark Malecha thanked the citizens for giving him the opportunity to serve on the board over the past three years, he appreciated their support and help.

## **Old Business**

### ***Town Hall Use Committee Report***

The Town Hall use Committee consisted of Gary Smith, Wally Bohrn, Butch Hansen and Chris Nielsen. The committee felt that the town hall should be rented by residents of Eureka Township only, for educational purposes, not for wedding reception or private parties. They recommended a \$300 refundable deposit with a \$50 fee retained for expenses incurred as a result of the use of the building. Insurance does cover this type of use as long as it is alcohol free. The Sheriff Department was issued a key, so they have access to the building, to use the facilities. Calvin Pflaum asked why the town hall couldn't be used for wedding receptions or Birthday parties as long as they were Eureka citizens and non alcoholic. Amy Nielsen asked if there would be a limit to the number of hours for rental.

A motion by Don Pflaum to direct the board to allow community activities in renting the town hall as well as family activities for those residents within the township. Motion seconded by Wendy Klager. A friendly amendment was offered by Phil Cleminson 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. The friendly amendment was seconded by Andrea Krapu. Vote was taken on the amendment, the amendment carried. Vote was taken on the motion, the motion carried.

## **Other Business**

### ***Newsletter***

Carolyn Papke, editor of the newsletter; is looking for a volunteer to help with the newsletter preparation. She thanked Wally Bohrn and his family for volunteering his time for the last year in helping out with the newsletter.

### ***Blacktopping of Town Hall Parking Lot***

Cheryl Monson asked for funding for blacktopping the Town Hall Parking lot. Discussion followed. A motion by Todd Auge: To Blacktop the town hall parking lot up to \$30,000 from the General Fund. Motion seconded by Chris Nielsen. A friendly amendment was offered by Phil Cleminson- to add as a line item to any hard surface projects this summer when obtaining bids.

Vote was taken on the amendment, the amendment carried. Vote was taken on the motion, the motion carried.

### ***History of Old Town Hall on Display***

Ray Swedin requested that Township history be displayed in the town hall, a portrait of the old town hall and brass plaques on a wooden plaque, to include past supervisors and room for additional supervisors.

### ***Wiring of Light for Flags***

Dick Wagaman asked that the wiring for flag pole lighting be finished for night display. This will be added to the newsletter- as a volunteer activity.

### ***Hat Trick Investments***

Calvin Pflaum asked that citizens be kept updated on the progress.

### ***Newsletter Advertising***

Amy Nielsen suggested that advertisements from local businesses be put in the newsletter to help fund the newsletter.

### ***Old Town Hall- Dakota City***

Gary Smith commented that Dakota City is very interested in obtaining the old town hall, but needs funding. A motion by Mike Greco: That in the next township newsletter, to include information from the Fair Board, on the cost of the project, how much more they still need and giving citizens information about donations. Carolyn Papke stated an article has already been written for the newsletter. Mike Greco rescinded his motion.

Any donations to Dakota City would go specific to the town hall moving project and is tax deductible.

Discussion followed on ways to fund the moving of the old town hall, which included asking for funding from non profit organizations and businesses.

A motion by Earl Schindeldecker: To direct the town board to check into charging the MinnCan Pipeline company a user fee for going through Eureka Township. Motion seconded by Todd Auge. Motion carried.

A motion Todd Auge: to direct the town board to contact Mount Olivet Retreat Center and Wat Lao and ask those to support township financially or physically better. Motion seconded by Cal Pflaum. A friendly amendment was offered by Gary Smith- not to be selective to open it to other businesses. The floor was open to discussion. The motion was withdrawn.

A motion by Phil Cleminson: That the board investigates the services that we provide as a township that are a benefit of the non profits- and what the costs are to the township and establish a fee structure to be applied to the non profits. Motion seconded by Andrea Krapu. Discussion followed, a citizen called the question, vote was taken on the call for question, and the question was called. A vote was taken the motion was defeated.

A motion by Georgie Molitor: To direct the town board to look into the cost of a picture of the old town hall and a plaque for supervisors. Motion seconded by Ray Swedin. Discussion included that history is also important. Butch Hansen called the question, vote was taken on the call for question, and the question was called. A vote was taken the motion carried.

A motion by Georgie Molitor: To direct the town board to check into the feasibility and cost of providing light to the flag poles. Motion seconded by Dick Wagaman. Discussion followed the motion carried.

A resolution by Butch Hansen: To encourage the board to look into the cost of a sound system and cost of finishing the landscaping, to finish the building.

### **Set Levy for 2007**

The clerk presented the proposed levy to the citizens.

A motion by Carolyn Papke: to add line item to budget for "audit". Motion seconded by Earl Schindeldecker. Motion carried.

A motion by Carolyn Papke: To raise professional Services by adding \$25,000 for 2007. Motion seconded by Mary Klager. Discussion followed, a citizen called the question. Vote was taken on the call for question, and the question was called. A vote was taken the motion, the motion was defeated.

A motion by Jack Cole to approve the levy of \$449,622 as presented. The motion was seconded by Earl Schindeldecker. Discussion followed, a citizen called the question. Vote was taken on the call for question, and the question was called. A vote was taken the motion, the motion carried.

### **Report of Annual Election**

There were a total of 294 voters at the annual election:

Supervisor position # 3- Cory Behrendt received 258 votes, Cory Behrendt was elected as Supervisor #3. Supervisor position # 4- Charles "Butch" Hansen received 98 votes, Dan Rogers received 194 votes. Dan Rogers was elected as Supervisor #4. Supervisor position #5- Gary Smith received 233 votes, Amy Nielsen 51 votes. Gary Smith was elected as Supervisor #5. These are unofficial results until the Board of Canvass scheduled for Thursday March 16, 2006, 7:00 pm at the Eureka Town Hall.

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

A motion by Gary Smith: To hold next year's annual meeting on Tuesday March 13, 2007 at 8:15 PM, at the Eureka Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Butch Hansen. Motion carried.

**Call for Adjournment of Annual Meeting**

A motion was made by Jack Cole to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Gene Dietz.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 pm.