

## **2005 Eureka Township Annual Meeting Minutes March 8, 2005- Eureka Town Hall**

The evening's events opened at 8:15 pm. Town Board Members Don Pflaum, Connie Anderson, Kenny Miller and Mark Malecha and town hall committee members Butch Hansen and Kelly Brosseth participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new town hall. Supervisor Dan Rogers was unable to attend because of a family crisis. Ruth Larson had previously been presented with a plaque for her generous land donation; she was unable to attend tonight's ceremony. Those persons responsible for donations were recognized including committee members Chris Nielsen, Ken DeMaster, Kenny Miller, Butch Hansen, Kelly Brosseth and Chris Nielsen. Others included Don Storlie, John Laffavor, John Strunk and Dan Rogers.

### **Call to Order**

Clerk Nanett Leine called the Annual Meeting of Eureka Township to order.

### **Election of Moderator:**

Gary Smith was nominated and elected moderator.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Clerk Nanett Leine read the March 9, 2004 Annual Meeting minutes. Butch Hansen moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Phil Cleminson. The motion carried.

Clerk Nanett Leine read the Continued Annual Meeting minutes of June 1, 2004. Carolyn Papke moved to accept the minutes as read. Motion seconded by Glen Shirley. The motion carried.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Nanett Leine presented the Treasurer's Report. The total expenses for 2004 were \$428,135.14. Total income \$425,994.07 leaving an end balance of \$355,277.88.

The Hard Road Escrow account balance is \$53,225.44. The available year end balance is \$302,052.44.

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

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

### **Old Business**

#### ***New Town Hall***

Supervisor Kenny Miller reported on the new town hall project. The project cost to date is \$363,797.83. This was slightly over budget by \$1,682.40.

Black topping of the parking lot was brought up, at this point funds have not been set aside for the project, three handicap parking spaces need to be provided. Due to the fluctuation in oil prices quotes are not available at this time.

Bernie Wood complimented the building committee for coming so close to budget.

Use of the town hall for outside groups was discussed. Andre Stouvenel made a motion to put together a committee to establish a policy for rental of the new town hall. The motion was seconded by Butch Hansen. Discussion followed, the question was called. A vote was taken on the call, the motion carried. Vote was taken on the motion, the motion carried.

***Old Town Hall:***

Dakota City is interested in the old town hall as a historic building. A motion by Francie Madden: to offer the old town hall to Dakota City. The motion was seconded. Butch Hansen offered a friendly amendment: If Dakota City is not interested in the town hall to draw names out of a hat, give each individual 90 days to remove the building, and then offer to next person. Recipient removes the building at no cost to the township. Amendment seconded by Dean Monson. The question was called. Vote was taken on the amendment, the amendment was defeated. A vote was taken on the motion, the motion carried.

A motion by Gene Dietz: To auction off the old town hall, if Dakota City is not interested. Auction the contents at the board's discretion. Motion seconded by Butch Hansen. Discussion followed, the question was called. The motion carried.

The land will remain the property of the township.

***Ordinances:***

The Zoning Ordinance has been completed a public hearing has been set for Monday April 18, 2005. It will be available for review from the town Clerk, on the website and in the Lakeville and Farmington libraries.

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

The township took an active role in directing their concerns towards the permitting process of the Elko/ New Market Waste Water Treatment plant expansion. Positive results were rewarded from their involvement. The interceptor line will be installed in the near future replacing the Elko/ New market waste water treatment plant, relieving the Vermillion River of additional water flow.

***Annexation Issue:***

The City of Lakeville has been informally approached to annex approximately 90 acres that lies within Eureka Township. Air Lake Airport is another possible area of annexation. The Eureka Town board will be working with Lakeville to explore alternate options to annexation.

***Roads:***

Road Supervisor Mark Malecha presented follow up information in response to questions raised at last year's annual meeting, the township was advised not to add a renewal clause to the road contract.

In an attempt to recover damage to township roads by the previous road contractor, the township did not have adequate documentation on the condition of the roads prior to the damage and were unable to take action against the road contractor.

This year's projects include the addition of limestone to 225<sup>th</sup> St. Dodd to Highview. Gravel 265<sup>th</sup> St from Fairgreen Ave. to Galaxie Ave and gravel 225<sup>th</sup> St from Essex to the bridge. The township is working with the county to improve this road. The bridge on Hamburg is scheduled for repair by the county in 2006.

### ***Fire/ Rescue/ Public Safety***

Lakeville Fire contract was renewed in 2004, with no significant changes.

The town board met with the sheriff department to discuss public safety issues. The town board will be talking to the county commissioners to discuss the possibility of additional services.

John Strunk questioned if the sheriff department was interested in using the town hall for office work, etc. Supervisor Dan Rogers has discussed the possibility with the sheriff.

### ***Water sheds***

Connie Anderson reported on the North Cannon River WMO. There are monies available to citizens in the watershed to enhance the quality of the watershed. These monies are available thru June 15, 2005. The North Cannon River WMO is developing an Urban Storm Water Pollution Control Ordinance. Final adoption is expected in April. The Vermillion River Watershed is currently working on their plan and adopting ordinances they will be working with the North Cannon River WMO to keep consistency with regulations within the township.

### ***New Business***

A citizen asked why boring samples are being done along on Dodd Blvd. Supervisor Connie Anderson had been in contact with the County, the borings are being taken under the consideration for the placement of the proposed Interceptor line.

Carolyn Papke addressed concerns about planning in the township. We need to be proactive in the future of the township. What is the status of hiring a planner? Chair Don Pflaum stated that \$15,000 was added to the 2005 budget for professional services, which includes a planner.

Connie Anderson clarified that the citizens set the levy; the budget is a guideline that the town board sets, how the levy will be spent. Monies may be transferred from one category to another by the town board to cover expenses as long as they stay within the levy.

Butch Hanson asked if the town board thinks it is time to look into some serious planning for the northern corridor since Lakeville is considering annexation. Chair Don Pflaum personal opinion is that we need to get the land owners together and find out what they want.

Butch Hansen questioned if it is feasible to rezone the northern corridor because it backs up to an industrial park. The pipeline will probably follow 225<sup>th</sup> St. Lakeville will have interest in this property.

Gary Smith commented that the township needs to start looking at planning.

A motion by Lee Slavicek to escrow unspent money from professional services. The motion was seconded by Jody Armen-Jones. Discussion followed. The question was called. The motion carried.

### **Set Levy for 2006**

The clerk presented the proposed levy to the citizens.

A motion by Carolyn Papke: to increase professional services to \$50,000 for 2006. Motion seconded by Lee Slavicek. Jeff Otto offered a friendly amendment to take the maximum percentage of levy increase allowed, add this to the levy, if it falls short of \$50,000 to make up the difference from the budget. Amendment seconded by Butch Hansen. The question was called. The friendly amendment was voted on and passed. The motion was voted on and failed.

A motion by Don Pflaum to approve the levy of \$393,660 as presented. The motion was seconded. After discussion the question was called. The motion carried.

A motion by Ed Obrien to authorize any action needed in the town as provided in Minnesota Statutes. The motion was seconded by Linda Otto, motion carried.

### **Report of Annual Election**

There were a total of 399 voters at the annual election:

Supervisor position # 1- Cheryl Monson received 231 votes, Write in Candidate Kenny Miller received 121 votes. Cheryl Monson was elected as Supervisor #1. Supervisor position # 2- Gloria Belzer received 203 votes, write in candidate Charles "Butch" Hansen received 178 votes. Gloria Belzer was elected as Supervisor #2. These are unofficial results until the Board of Canvass scheduled for Thursday March 10, 2005, 7:00 pm at the Eureka Town Hall.

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

A motion by Francie Madden: To hold next year's annual meeting on Tuesday March 14, 2006 at 8:15 PM, at the Eureka Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Rich Stevens. Motion carried.

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

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 pm.