

2011 Eureka Township Annual Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2011
Eureka Town Hall

Call to Order

Township Clerk Nanett Sandstrom called the March 8, 2011, 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 Ken Olstad: To elect Cory Behrendt as moderator. Motion seconded by Dan Rogers.

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 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes were available for public review. A motion by Kenny Miller: To waive the reading of last year's minutes. Motion seconded by Nancy Sauber. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jeff Otto offered the following amendment to the 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes: Page 3, paragraph 4- delete the second to the last sentence. Add: "The Town has asked for the Judge's opinion on the language of the current Ordinance."

A motion by Carrie Jennings to approve the 2010 Annual Meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Nancy Sauber. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

A motion by Kenny Miller: To waive the reading of all the checks written and received and to read just a synopsis. The motion was seconded by Carrie Jennings. 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, 2010	\$788.38
Savings Account Balance	\$362,275.90
CD Balances	<u>\$64,843.56</u>
Total Account Balances are	\$427,907.84
Outstanding checks	<u>-\$138.83</u>
Ledger Balance	\$427,769.01

The Town Hall Loan Balance as of 2/14/2011 is \$168,287.07. The pay off date is August 20, 2014.

Account Balances

Consultant Account	\$72,378.64	Kelly Aggregate Eng	\$3,332.74
Escrow Fund	\$6,406.38	Bridge Fund	\$10,000.00
General Fund	\$178,873.93	Road & Bridge	\$60,296.60
Hard Road Surface	\$74,990.06	Town Hall Fund	<u>\$21,490.66</u>
Total of All Funds			\$427,769.01

Total Bills paid in 2010 were \$512,354.95. Total Receipts were \$539,506.90.

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

Business

General Overview

Planning Commission Report

Ken Olstad, Planning Commission Chair, summarized Planning Commission happenings in 2010. There were 10 permits before the Planning Commission in 2010. The Comprehensive Plan Update is completed. He especially thanked Sharon Buckley and Jim Sauber for their help with the Comprehensive Plan, although there were many who did a lot of work on it.

Ordinance updates for the past year included Clustering and Building Eligibility rules, Subdivision Ordinance, Swimming Pools and Dog Kennels.

Town Board Report

Supervisor Brian Budenski presented a general overview of 2010.

Roads

The rebuild of Chub Lake Crossing will take place in 2011. The non-functioning culverts will be replaced with new culverts. The cost is estimated to be between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Commercial/Industrial Study

The task force began in August 2010; they are all volunteers. There was a 30% return on the survey. A meeting is scheduled on March 21, 2011, at 7:00 pm to discuss the survey results.

The Fire/Rescue Services

The Farmington Fire bill for 2010 was \$53,167.00, while the City of Lakeville’s bill was \$32,270.00, thus resulting in a total of \$85,437. The Township has a contract with the Lakeville Fire Department. Farmington Fire Department’s bill is figured using a formula. Fire regulations were presented.

Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization

The Township adopted the Vermillion River Water Plan, but did not adopt the Vermillion River Watershed Ordinance. The VRWJPO will enforce the Water Ordinances in Eureka.

CapX2020

A detailed map of the CapX2020 power line crossing Eureka Township was available for public review.

New/Other Business

Set Levy for 2012

The proposed levy was presented to the citizens. The proposed levy totaled \$489,800. The increase to the Levy was mainly due to the increase in the Fire Bills.

Discussion on the levy proposal followed.

Comments included discussion on the Professional Services Escrow and Township Administration.

A motion by Don Pflaum: To remove the \$10,000 from the budget proposal for Professional Services and to approve a levy of \$479,800 for 2012. Motion seconded by Gene Dietz. Vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried by a majority vote.

Report of Annual Election

There were a total of 272 voters at the Annual Election. Supervisor Position #1- Brian Budenski received 189 votes; there were 69 write-in votes. Supervisor Position #2- Carrie Jennings received 134 votes, Pete Storlie 137 votes. There was one write-in vote. Brian Budenski was elected as Supervisor #1 and Pete Storlie as Supervisor #2. These are unofficial results until confirmed by the Board of Canvass, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the Eureka Town Hall.

Time and Place for next year's Annual Meeting

A motion by Cory Behrendt to set the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at 8:15 pm, at the Eureka Town Hall. Motion seconded by Jeff Otto. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Call for Adjournment of the Annual Meeting

A motion by Ken Olstad: To adjourn. Motion seconded by Kenny Miller.

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 20 p.m.