

# *Eureka Township*

## *Dakota County*

### *State of Minnesota*

Special Town Board Meeting  
June 1, 2006

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Cory Behrendt called the Special Town Board Meeting of Eureka Township to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisors Cory Behrendt, Gloria Belzer, Dan Rogers, Gary Smith, Cheryl Monson and Clerk/Treasurer Nanett Champlain, to record the minutes.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members included Sharon Buckley and Ray Sweeden

#### **Agenda**

Interview with possible new Legal Council for Eureka Township

Mike Dougherty and Jim Sheldon representing the Law Firm of Severson, Sheldon, Dougherty and Molenda of Apple Valley attended the meeting by request of the Town Board.

Supervisor Cory Behrendt presented a brief outline of what the Township was looking for in an Attorney/ Law Firm. He presented an overview of current Township issues.

Mike Dougherty explained that he has 20 years of experience in land use and litigations.

Jim Sheldon would be the designated Attorney from the law firm for the Township.

The law firm's policy is to give options; the town board is the decision maker. They generally do not state what the best option is unless asked to do so. Their goal is to avoid lawsuits.

Sharon Hill drafts ordinances, enforcement and resolutions.

The Town Board discussed if and when an attorney should be present at meetings. An attorney should be present at town board meetings anytime the Town Board feels uncomfortable with an issue. Mr. Sheldon is willing to be present at meetings, when the town board requests his presence. At this time the Town Board does not feel an attorney is needed at all meetings, but will occasionally request one to be present.

A motion by Supervisor Cory Behrendt: To ask the Law Firm of Severson, Sheldon, Dougherty and Molenda to send a letter of agreement to retain their Law Firm as legal council of Eureka Township. Motion seconded by Supervisor Dan Rogers. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion by Supervisor Cory Behrendt: To direct the clerk to transfer files from the current council to the new council. Motion seconded by Supervisor Gary Smith. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Town Board asked that legal council be present at the public hearing on June 8, 2006.

A motion by Supervisor Cheryl Monson: To adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Dan Rogers. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.