



Eureka Township News

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Town Hall Hours

Tuesday: 10 am – 6 pm

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Website

<http://eurekatownship-mn.us>

Eureka Township Supervisors

Meet semi-monthly, 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 pm

SEAT 1

Donovan Palmquist, Vice Chair (2023)

SEAT 2

Ralph Fredlund (2023)

SEAT 3

Kathleen Kauffman (2024)

SEAT 4

Nancy Sauber (2024)

SEAT 5

Lu Barfknecht, Chair (2025)

Planning Commission

Meet monthly, 1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Bill Clancy, Chair (2025)

Deb Burkhardt, Vice Chair (2024)

Randy Wood (2023)

Beth Eilers (2023)

VACANT (2024)

Official Notices

Posted on the bulletin board on the south exterior wall of the Town Hall and published in *Sun This Week* and *Dakota County Tribune* newspapers.

2022 GENERAL ELECTION

November 8, 2022

Polling Location
Eureka Town Hall
25043 Cedar Avenue
Farmington, Mn 55024

Hours:
7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Election information resources:

Secretary of State:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>

*Register to vote or update your registration

*Access online absentee ballot application

Dakota County:

www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/VotingElections

Contact information:

Phone: Voting & Elections (651) 438-4305

Email: elections@co.dakota.mn.us



YOUR TOWN BOARD AT WORK

- ✓ Adopted Resolution 2022-04 authorizing the temporary closure of 245th St. W. from Dodd Blvd to the Scott County border. The Town Board found that 245th St. W. is infrequently used and does not provide direct access to homes and that keeping the road open would impose an unreasonable burden on the Town's maintenance funds given its low level of use by Township residents and high maintenance cost.
 - Considerable damage was done to the road by heavy trucks during the powerline construction several years ago. Despite major repairs at the expense of Great River Energy (GRE), the road still sits over a swamp. Expected heavy truck traffic from the industrial complex on the Scott County side will cause increased damage that will require continuous costly repairs at the expense of Eureka taxpayers.
 - Scott County was approached to request assistance in maintaining the road, but we were told they have never done this before.
 - There is no benefit to Eureka residents in keeping the road open.
 - Another catalyst for closing the road were the many complaints received by area residents about the increased non-resident traffic on the road as far back as a year ago.

- ✓ Completion of the Eureka Estates drainage project which included ditch and swale grading, installing new driveway and centerline culverts and paving over culverts.

- ✓ Adopted the following Ordinance amendments:
 - 2022-01 an Interim Ordinance authorizing a study and placing a moratorium on the establishment of new mining facilities. Goals of the study:
 - Make Ordinance terms consistent with best practices.
 - Make Ordinance terms consistent with long-standing goal that mines be opened, efficiently and safely mined, then closed and reclaimed in reasonable time.
 - Improve reporting and testing requirements.
 - Establish a Mining Engineer paid for by the mines.
 - Improve enforcement mechanisms.
 - Eliminate cement plants.
 - Make mines responsible for wear and tear on Township roads.
 - Place strong limitations on mines to protect the right of neighboring properties to peace, quiet, and dust-free conditions.
 - 2022-02 amending the Fee Schedule.
 - 2022-03 amending the Fence Ordinance.
 - 2022-04 adding a paragraph to Ordinance 2, Chapter 3, Section 8 regarding Planning Commission review of permits.
 - 2022-05 adopting the revision and codification of the Township Ordinances.

- ✓ Housing Right Transfer Ordinance
 - Reviewing revisions to the Housing Right Transfer Ordinance. Public hearing to be announced upon completion.
 - Housing rights database – Jeff Otto is creating a database to track all housing right transfers as well as other land use permits which will be available to the Clerks upon completion.
- ✓ Converted all Town Hall light fixtures to LED at a minimal cost.
- ✓ Special Town Meeting held on September 15, 2022, for a vote on a proposed Administrative Hearing Process. An information tab has been added to the Township website.
- ✓ Approved a Broadband proposal from JTN to apply for a grant to provide a fiber-optic distribution network to Eureka Center and Eureka Estates. The grant will cover \$113,076 with remaining cost amount of \$56,538 to be provided by JTN and \$56,538 to be provided by the Township from the Covid/ARPA funds. More information is provided in the 8/2/22, Special Town Board meeting minutes.

STAY INFORMED OF TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

News and Notices. View all meeting agendas, posting notices, meeting packets, and information from Dakota County that pertains to the Township:
<https://eurekatownship-mn.us/news-and-notice/>

Minutes and Agendas. View minutes and agendas of the current year at:
<https://eurekatownship-mn.us/government/agendas-minutes/>
or previous years at:
<https://eurekatownship-mn.us/meeting-minutes-agendas-archive/>

Calendar. Stay informed of upcoming meetings by visiting the website calendar:
<https://eurekatownship-mn.us/calendar/>

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2022-2023 EUREKA TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

* **Special events/Holidays impacting meetings**

*Changes to regular schedules

* Events are held at Eureka Town Hall: 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated.

** Zoom attendance option: Information on how to join the meetings via Zoom is listed at the bottom of each agenda.
To receive direct invitation information simply contact the Clerk to be added to the email distribution list.

Nov 1	Tue	7:00 pm	Planning Commission meeting, Special Town Board meeting
Nov 8	Tue	7:00 am	General Election (7am-8pm)
Nov 9	Wed	7:00 pm	Town Board meeting, Special Planning Commission meeting
Nov 22	Tue	7:00 pm	Town Board meeting, Special Planning Commission meeting
Nov 22	Thu	Noon	Applications due for December Planning Commission meeting
Nov 24	Thu	All day	Holiday (Thanksgiving) – Town Hall closed
Dec 6	Tue	7:00 pm	Planning Commission meeting, Special Town Board meeting
Dec 13	Tue	7:00 pm	Town Board meeting, Special Planning Commission meeting
Dec 22	Tue	Noon	Applications due for January Planning Commission meeting
Dec 27	Tue	7:00 pm	Town Board meeting, Special Planning Commission meeting
Jan 3	Tue	7:00 pm	Planning Commission meeting, Special Town Board meeting
Jan 3	Tue	All day	First day to file affidavits of candidacy with Town Clerk
Jan 10	Tue	7:00 pm	Town Board meeting, Special Planning Commission meeting
Jan 17	Tue	5:00 pm	Last day to file affidavits of candidacy with Town Clerk
Jan 24	Tue	7:00 pm	Town Board meeting, Special Planning Commission meeting
Jan 26	Thu	Noon	Applications due for February Planning Commission meeting
Feb 7	Tue	7:00 pm	Planning Commission meeting, Special Town Board meeting
Feb 14	Tue	7:00 pm	Town Board meeting, Special Planning Commission meeting
Feb 23	Thu	Noon	Applications due for March Planning Commission meeting
Feb 28	Tue	7:00 pm	Town Board meeting, Special Planning Commission meeting
Mar 7	Tue	7:00 pm	Planning Commission meeting, Special Town Board meeting
Mar 13	Mon	7:00 pm	Town Board meeting, Special Planning Commission meeting
Mar 14	Tue	7:00 am	Township Election
Mar 14	Tue	8:15 pm	Annual Township meeting
Mar 23	Thu	Noon	Applications due for April Planning Commission meeting
Mar 28	Tue	7:00 pm	Town Board meeting, Special Planning Commission meeting

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