

1995 EUREKA TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The annual Meeting of Eureka Township was called to order on March 13, 1995 at 8:00 PM by Clerk Oliver Leine.

Cheryl Schindeldecker nominated John Strunk as Moderator, George Johnson seconded and he was elected.

The minutes of the 1994 Annual Meeting were approved as read. ??? made a motion to approve, John Curry seconded and motion carried.

The treasurer report was presented by Gary Schulz. A starting balance of \$68,971.65 and an ending balance of \$128,160.43 was reported. It was noted that less snow removal had helped reduce expenses. The money was reported to be earning slightly more than 3% interest. Gary Gunderson made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report as read and Clark Smith seconded, motion carried.

Cheryl Schindeldecker presented the 1996 proposed budget. It was determined to be about 6% increase over the 1995 budget. Hilman Leine asked the status of the 255th St. W Bridge over the Soo Line Railroad. Ray Kadlec said the railroad wants to sell it to the township for \$1 but it would cost over \$100,000 to replace. No action was recommended. Fire bills were then discussed. Farmington's bill is very high (\$25,000 for ½ of the township) but Lakeville charges were about \$8,000 for the other ½. It was suggested that Lakeville be asked if they would be willing to take over the whole township.

Questions of response time to SE sections may prevent this. It was pointed out that the cost of \$4,500 for the new handicapped entrance ramp puts the township in compliance with state access requirements. Cheryl stated that the Vermillion WMO still is not providing requested reports but they say the township owes \$7,000. John Strunk asked if that money was being held over in escrow. Cheryl said no, the money would have to come out of the general fund if the Township has to pay. John Curry made a motion to approve the 1996 budget, Lisa Schindeldecker seconded and the motion carried.

John Curry asked about lime rock for roads. It was stated that no new roads would be lime rocked but that the existing ones need more rock. He also asked about the road ditch on 235th St. W, stating that it was holding water. The board and Kenny Miller to check on feasibility of filling instead of further excavating.

Kenny Miller suggested that the board ask for an analysis of the material used for dust control. He felt that last year's materials didn't work as well as in other years.

Brush control was also discussed. George Johnson and Ray Kadlec were thanked for their work in supervising brush cutting and chipping. Cutting done by Community Service sentences. A question was brought up on how far from the centerline of the road brush can be cut. Some landowners have refused to allow cutting. Board will check on this.

John Curry wondered why Lakeville charges \$25 for a burning permit, while other areas charge much less or nothing. Lee Topp stated that it could be brought up in the negotiations for the next fire contract.

Clark Smith asked about the procedure to initiate paving of the 1.2 miles of 240th St. W between Highview Ave. W and Dodd Blvd. Kenny Miller had 2 rough estimates from contractors for paving only at \$62,000 to \$75,000. Clark was told that a petition to the board from the adjoining landowners would be needed.

Cheryl Schindeldecker talked about the requirements for splitting parcels of property. A "Letter of Split" approved by the Township will be required before land can be recorded by the county. This is prevent illegal lots from being split off.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Schulz, seconded by Calvin Pflaum and carried.

1995 Election Summary

Total of 33 ballots were cast in the Town Election

Ray Kadlec 33 votes for 3 year Supervisor term
Gary Schulz 33 votes for 2 rear Treasurer term
Oliver Leine 33 votes for 1 year Clerk term

Cheryl Schindeldecker was elected Chair, Lee Topp was elected Vice Chair of the Town Board at the organizational meeting held immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Oliver Leine, Clerk