

EUREKA TOWNSHIP
Dakota County, State of Minnesota

TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 27, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The Eureka Township Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Sauber and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Supervisors Present: Nancy Sauber, Allen Novacek, Tim Pope, and Randy Wood.

Others Present: Liz Atwater, Brian Ahern, Mark Henry, Bill Clancy, Bill Roske, Deb Burkhart.

Zoom Attendance: Ralph Fredlund, Julie Larson.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve the agenda. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Road Report

Mark Henry reported that the 225th and 240th projects were completed. Dust proofing was completed. Some roads needed additional watering. Clerk Atwater reviewed the 2023 Road Project tracking and explained the budget versus actual expenditures. Mr. Henry recommended using the remaining 900 tons in the budget for spot gravel.

Motion: Supervisor Novacek moved to accept the recommendation of Mark Henry to spot gravel on 245th for the remainder of this year and on Essex and Fordham. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Mr. Henry suggested to the Board to consider converting Hamburg Ave and Fairgreen to lime rock. The cost for materials would be approximately \$50,000. Vice Chair Sauber recommended the Board give it some thought and discuss it at the next meeting.

Public Comment

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Vice Chair Sauber opened the floor for public comment and reminded that if anyone has comment regarding any agenda items, now is your time to speak.

Vice Chair Sauber asked three times if there were any attendees who would like to make a comment. Hearing none, the floor was closed.

Citizen Inquiry –

6335 265th Street W- William Roske

The Board agreed this is not a Boundary fence since it was 2 feet or more inside the property boundary. Only an administrative permit is required.

Complaints -

2023-04 and 2023-05 - 24465 Highview Ave

Supervisor Novacek will follow up with Sheriff's department to find out if complaints were filed. Supervisor Novacek and Supervisor Pope will investigate further and report back at the next meeting.

Glory to Glory CUP Follow-up

The Board agreed that Glory to Glory needs to redirect the light away from the roadway, which should eliminate the issue.

Treasurer's Report

Net Pay and claims

The Clerk presented payroll in the amount of \$2,957.75 for payment.

The following claims in the amount of \$53,575.33 were presented for payment:

Benafica, LLC	HRA	\$530.50
City of Lakeville	Fire Service	\$49,350.00
De Lage Landen Financial	Copier	\$95.83
JTN Communications	Internet	\$199.00
MN Assoc of Townships	Law Review Seminar	\$130.00
MN Secretary of State	Notary for Atwater	\$120.00
T & C Cleaning	April Town Hall Cleaning	\$150.00

Motion: Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve the net pay and claims as presented. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Nancy Sauber - Aye; Allen Novacek - Aye; Tim Pope - Aye; Randy Wood - Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

CD Recommendation

Clerk Atwater presented a recommendation to purchase another \$25,000 7-month CD at 4.5%.

Motion: Vice Chair Sauber moved to put another \$25,000 in a CD for 7 months at Genisys at 4.5 % from the General Fund. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Nancy Sauber - Aye; Allen Novacek - Aye; Tim Pope - Aye; Randy Wood - Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

ICS Accounts

Clerk Atwater reported money has been transferred into the ICS account that are at 3.25%.

Year to date expenses vs budget

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater presented the spreadsheets to review the year-to-date expenses vs budget.

Unfinished Business

Inspectron Contract and Fee Schedule

Clerk Atwater reported she is still reviewing the contract and comparing it with the current contract. She will be sending it over to Inspectron by the end of the week.

Ordinance Permit Pricing vs Referring to a Fee Schedule

The Clerks will be reviewing the ordinance and will make recommendations to the Board.

Township Road Speed Project/Laws on Putting up Speed Limit Signs

Commissioner Burkhart presented to the Board information regarding recommendations for roads and the signage suggested on six roads. This was discussed at the Planning Commission and voted on to present it to the Town Board. If approved, the Town Board would have to pass a resolution to erect regulatory speed signs in rural residential districts. The estimated cost would be \$6,000 for the signs. Supervisor Sauber had some questions regarding the three of the six roads and if they would qualify. Commissioner Burkhart will review numbers and will present an update on roads and costs at the next board meeting.

Supervisor Novacek stated *"I say damage was done to the Township in this whole process. But at the same time there's lot of good and everywhere in this Township that a 35 mile an hour speed limit sign should go, it should go."* Vice Chair Sauber stated: *"I want to go on record saying there was no damage."* Commissioner Burkhart asked Supervisor Novacek to clarify what damage was done. Supervisor Novacek *"you were doing this road investigation and as it was presented there was a lot of falsehood in. And again, doesn't mean that the person who presented was trying to do damage. Damage was still being done. You don't have to agree with me, I'm telling you that damage was done to this Township in the impression it sent to people."* Vice Chair Sauber stated *"I think we all need to give ourselves a little slack that, you know, sometimes we might say something that later we find out wasn't correct. I think calling it a falsehood? 'Incorrect information' I'm much more comfortable with."*

Night to Unite

Commissioner Chair Clancy presented plans for the event on August 1, 2023, from 5-7pm at Eureka Town Hall. Farmington is sending their firetruck. Bachman is donating \$200.00 and a plant for a door prize. Dakota Electric is providing a door prize and fingerprint kits.

Motion: Vice Chair Sauber moved that the Planning Commission can go ahead and place the free notice in the Sun Times Lakeville Farmington edition as was read by Mr. Clancy and commented. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion with a friendly amendment that it will be posted on the website, emailed, and posted on the front door. *Motion carried 4-0.*

ARPA Funds

JTN getting the Township Quote for additional future expansions in the Townships.

MPM/Chard Mining

A letter was sent to MPM and Mr. Chard from the Township Attorney.

MPCA

A letter was sent to the resident on 6.21.2023 with a 30-day notice to comply. Vice Chair Sauber added that she understood there was a negotiation between the landowner and the MPCA in January. The date they came to an agreement on was August 1, 2023.

Volunteer Agreement

Clerk Atwater resending to the Board for next meeting.

Public Hearing- Cannabis Moratorium

The Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on July 24th at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

ALAAC Report

Vice Chair Sauber reported she received a tour of the airport. They offer flight instruction, fuel for planes, and repairs. They have a reception area for people coming into the airport and there will be a restaurant soon. Offices and event room are available for rent. Two meetings remain for this year, then Supervisor Wood and Vice Chair Sauber’s two-year terms end in December 2023.

New Business

Housing Rights Database

The Board acknowledged and thanked Mr. Otto for his hard work on this database over the years. The Board agreed to request Mr. Otto turnover the database to the Township. The Board would like to have Mr. Otto hired as a consultant based on the Clerks’ initiating questions. This would be on an as-needed basis determined by the Clerks when they need assistance. Supervisor Novacek will be in contact with Mr. Otto.

Point North

Clerk Atwater and Deputy Clerk Liberty met with Point North regarding getting an updated quote and contract.

Minutes for Approval

Motion: Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve the May 23, 2023, Town Board Special Meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Novacek seconded. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Clerk Matters

Clerk Atwater is on Vacation July 5-7. The deadline for packets is noon on Monday, July 3rd.

Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chair Sauber moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Pope seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Atwater, Town Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved By:

on:

8/8/2023
Date