

EUREKA TOWNSHIP
Dakota County, State of Minnesota

TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 10, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

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

Supervisors Present: Lu Barfknecht, Tim Pope, Allen Novacek, and Randy Wood.

Others Present: Liz Atwater, Mark Henry, Bill Clancy, Melanie Storlie, Curt Riess, Kari Juffer, Samantha McKinney, Larry Poppler, Doug Fischer, Brian Ahern, Kathy Hohrman.

Zoom Attendance: Carol Cooper, Julie Larson, Ben Preisler, Andrew Wojtowicz, Ralph Fredlund, Elise Smith.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Chair Barfknecht moved to approve the agenda as presented. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Public Comment

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

8258 257th Street W – Ben Preisler

Mr. Preisler is planning on building a pole shed and wanted to verify the well offset from the building. Eureka Township ordinances do not have setbacks for wells. Minnesota State Statute states it is a three-foot setback. Clerk Atwater is going to check with Inspectron and follow up with Mr. Preisler.

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

Road Report

Road Superintendent Henry reported that trees have been cleaned up on 257th. Twenty-five loads of gravel were placed around the Township to fill in for spot gravel. Dustproofing was completed by a different vendor, due to scheduling.

Planning Commission Update

Planning Commissioner Melanie Storlie shared items that were discussed at the October Planning Commission meeting. A full summary is provided in the meeting minutes and is available for viewing at the Town Hall and on the website.

Permits

Kari Juffer, 23745 Fairgreen Ave., PIN 13-01100-51-012 *Pole Shed

Motion: Supervisor Pope moved to approve the permit for Kari Juffer, 23745 Fairgreen Ave., PIN 13-0110-51-012 for a pole shed. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Kurt Riess, 26051 Highview Ave., PIN 13-02900-01-010 *Remodel/Garage Doors/ Ag Exempt

The Board discussed with Mr. Riess that the building is sitting on the property line of two different properties that Mr. Riess owns. One of the lots use is residential use and the other is agricultural. Mr. Riess stated he is willing to get the property survey and to get the property lines changed to meet setbacks required by the Township ordinance.

Motion: Supervisor Novacek moved to approve the permit application contingent upon Mr. Riess reconfiguring the property lines. Supervisor Pope seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

TKDA

Samantha McKinney, Transportation Planner and Landscape Designer, Doug Fischer, Program Director for Government Markets, and Larry Poppler, Group Manager for Roadways and Utilities from TKDA were in attendance to discuss the proposal for the Roadway Management Plan for Eureka Township. Ms. McKinney explained the proposal would include using the Gravel Road Management Tool. This would include collecting different data to create a comprehensive set of data that tells the status of the roads today and then outlines a plan for future improvements. The proposal is customizable to fit the needs of the Township and allow for the Township to complete some of the work.

Treasurer's Report

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater read the Treasurer's Report as of September 31, 2023: Total of all accounts is: \$1,133,099.84.

Motion: Chair Barfknecht moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Supervisor Pope seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Allen Novacek – Aye; Tim Pope – Aye; Randy Wood – Aye, Lu Barfknecht - Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Net Pay and claims

The Clerk presented payroll in the amount of \$9,022.61 for payment.

The following claims in the amount of \$109,621.62 were presented for payment. See page 6 for a list of claims.

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

Receipts and Disbursement

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater presented the September receipts in the amount of \$41,480.03 and September disbursement in the amount of \$97,472.89.

Other Treasurer Reports

Clerk Atwater reviewed the Cash Control Statement, Schedule 1, and PTO balances with the Board.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance Permit Pricing vs Referring to a Fee Schedule

Public Hearing November 14th at 6:00 pm

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

Supervisor Novacek will get a quote from Grossman and from three other vendors for installation of the signs. Quotes will need to be forwarded to the Clerk for comparison to present to the Board.

MPM/Chard Mining

Chair Barfknecht reported no new updates.

MPCA

The Town Board directed Clerk Atwater to write a letter to the Ploogs with a November 10, 2023, deadline.

Closed Road -245th between Dodd and County Line

Grossman supplies a quote to permanently close 245th for \$9,500. This could include closed signs from the Town Hall and the installation of a guardrail 60 feet long.

Supervisor Novacek stated the following for the record. "If it costs this ninety-five hundred to put up the items that he wants to do to close that road, it's going to cost a hell of a lot to reopen it again. And that may be something that the next Board wants to do. Now..."

Supervisor Wood "It wouldn't be, it wouldn't be that kind of money."

Supervisor Novacek "It would be a hell of a lot, but I don't know what the exact number would be. You've got to pull it all up, you've got to redo the road. Anyway. But if you take that ninety-five hundred and add it what's already been spent, we're talking about fifteen thousand dollars."

Supervisor Wood: "No, twelve thousand."

Supervisor Novacek "No, because we have spent over five keeping it closed so far."

Supervisor Wood "I thought it was thirty-five or something."

Supervisor Novacek "Well there was two, two amounts, at least from my memory. So, let's say, let's use your number, let's say twelve."

Supervisor Wood "Yea."

Supervisor Novacek "Twelve thousand dollars to close that road..."

Supervisor Wood "Or reopen it."

Supervisor Novacek "...or it would only cost \$5,000 a year to maintain it, Lu says it's going to cost more because we are going to get trucks, so let's say it does cost more. We're still saving

money to open it and the Town's People pay taxes to have roads to drive on. There is no way I can be for this."

Clerk Atwater reported the ditches on 245th must be cleaned out from debris and items prior to December 1st as this is part of the Minnesota Snowmobile Trails.

Motion: Supervisor Novacek moved to reopen 245th and when we reopen it, we clear everything out of there that we are accountable to clear out. Supervisor Pope seconded the motion. Allen Novacek- Aye; Tim Pope – Aye; Lu Barfknecht- Nay; Randy Wood- Nay. *Motion failed 2-2.*

The Board will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Right of Way-Ditch Repair

Grossman supplies a quote to repair a steep ditch on Highview Ave for \$19,500. This would include supplying and installing fill to make a 3-1 slope, blanket, seed, and extending culvert past the new slope. Chair Barfknecht recommended connecting with Mark Henry about adding this to the project list of roads.

TKDA Proposal

Supervisor Novacek reported the Road Committee is in the process of coming up with a long-term plan in writing to present to the Board. Planning Commission Chair Bill Clancy stated he asked TKDA when their deadline that they need a response from the Board? TKDA representatives responded that is contingent upon the weather; it could become too cold to do the analysis this year.

Motion: Chair Barfknecht moved to approve TKDA's quote. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. Lu Barfknecht- Aye; Randy Wood- Aye; Allen Novacek- Nay; Tim Pope – Nay. *Motion failed 2-2.*

New Business

Dakota County 2024-2028 CIP

Clerk Atwater stated this is informational and more information can be found on their website.

City of Lakeville- Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Motion: Supervisor Pope moved that we do not need to respond and does not impact this jurisdiction. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

JPA Dakota County Absentee Voting

Motion: Supervisor Pope moved to approve the JPA Dakota County Absentee Voting agreement. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Minutes for Approval

9.12.2023 Special Town Board Minutes

Motion: Chair Barfknecht moved to approve the September 12, 2023, Special Town Board meeting minutes. Supervisor Pope seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Clerk Matters

Clerk Vacation

Clerk Atwater will be on vacation October 18-20.

Dakota County Township Officers Association Fall Meeting- November 1, 2023

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9.49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Atwater, Town Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved By:


Town Chair

on: 12/12/2023
Date

Eureka
Township
Date Range:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Check</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/10/2023	Payroll ending 9/30/2023	11073	Payroll ending 9/30/2023	\$ 1,933.31
10/10/2023	Payroll ending 9/30/2023	11074	Payroll ending 9/30/2023	\$ 847.55
10/10/2023	Payroll ending 9/30/2023	11075	Payroll ending 9/30/2023	\$ 502.22
10/10/2023	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	11076	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	\$ 775.74
10/10/2023	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	11077	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	\$ 392.49
10/10/2023	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	11078	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	\$ 572.57
10/10/2023	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	11079	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	\$ 369.40
10/10/2023	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	11080	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	\$ 637.21
10/10/2023	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	11081	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	\$ 360.16
10/10/2023	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	11082	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	\$ 637.21
10/10/2023	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	11083	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	\$ 821.91
10/10/2023	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	11084	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	\$ 277.05
10/10/2023	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	11085	Payroll 7/1-9/30/2023	\$ 895.79
10/10/2023	Internal Revenue Service	11086	Taxes Due	\$ 1,732.31
10/10/2023	PERA	11087	September Payroll	\$ 1,092.90
10/10/2023	Amy Liberty	11088	HDMI and Mileage for Mat Training	\$ 18.45
10/10/2023	Anderson Rock and Lime Inc	11089	Gravel Invoice 50655	\$ 7,668.22
10/10/2023	Dakota Electric	11090	8/15-9/11 service	\$ 17.64
10/10/2023	Dakota Electric	11091	8/15-9/11 service	\$ 204.51
10/10/2023	Driessen Water	11092	Rental and Salt	\$ 121.22
10/10/2023	DSI	11093	October Garbage Bill	\$ 163.05
10/10/2023	Inspectron	11094	September Inspections	\$ 26,485.94
10/10/2023	Kennedy & Graven	11095	August Special Council and Enforcements	\$ 7,557.66
10/10/2023	Lawrence Tree & Stump	11096	Tree removal 257, 265 and 235	\$ 3,500.00
10/10/2023	Elizabeth Atwater	11097	Mileage for Mat Training	\$ 87.77
10/10/2023	Luhman's Construction	11098	Dust Control	\$ 1,375.00
10/10/2023	Mark Henry	11099	Mileage September	\$ 166.37
10/10/2023	Point North Networks	11100	Invoice 6668	\$ 363.00
10/10/2023	Point North Networks	11101	Invoice 6646- Firewall	\$ 623.75
10/10/2023	MN Department of Labor and Industry	11102	State Surcharge Quarter 3- 2023	\$ 3,194.88
10/10/2023	Summit Fire Protection	11103	Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection	\$ 76.00
10/10/2023	Visa	11104	Safety Cones for Roads	\$ 172.95
10/10/2023	Genisys Credit Union	11105	7-month CD at 5.1 General Fund	\$ 25,000.00
10/10/2023	Frandsen Bank	11106	6-month CD at 5.2 from Road and Bridge	\$ 30,000.00
				\$ 118,644.23