

**EUREKA TOWNSHIP**  
*Dakota County, State of Minnesota*

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**December 26, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

The Eureka Township Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Barfknecht and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Others Present: Liz Atwater, Brian Ahern, Mark Henry

Zoom Attendance: Ralph Fredlund, Carol Cooper, Deb Burkhardt, Julie Larson, Gloria Belzer

**Approval of the Agenda**

Vice Chair Sauber made the following additions:

IV.- Reports

D. ALAAC

*Motion:* Chair Barfknecht moved to approve the agenda as amended. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

**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.

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

**Reports**

Dakota County Sherriff-

Deputy Dan Brozek was present and did not have anything to report.

Road Report-

Mr. Henry stated the Road Committee is doing a very good job. The Township is very lucky to have citizen participation and hard work. The Hamburg and Fairgreen project are complete and should be good for the spring. The rain caused potholes and Grossman is trying to get out onto the roads while the weather is warm. The Road Committee is collaborating with the Treasurer on numbers and projects for 2025. Supervisor Pope requested to know how many gallons of dustproofing was completed this year.

Annual Noxious Weed Report-

Supervisor Pope will fill out the report as the liaison.

ALAAC-

Vice Chair Sauber attended the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. There is a new manager, Sam Seafeldt, who came from Seattle. They have seen a 2% increase in operations during the day and a 12% decline in nighttime operations. There is a dispute between the Airport and a pipeline company and until this dispute is settled, the FAA will not be giving the Airport any money to expand or to maintain the Airport.

**Complaints**

2023-12- 22605 Cedar Ave

The Board reviewed the complaint. The Board instructed the Clerk to send a letter with the following questions: How close are they to the river? How many licensed drivers are at the residence? Are the vehicles in running order? Are the vehicles licensed?

**Treasurer's Report**

Net Pay and claims

The Clerk presented payroll in the amount of \$2,635.18 for payment.

Claims in the amount of \$11,466.68 and 61,453.19 were presented for payment. See page 5 for a list of claims.

*Motion:* Chair Barfknecht moved to approve the net pay and claims as presented.

Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lu Barfknecht – Aye; Tim Pope – Aye; Randy Wood – Aye, Nancy Sauber – Aye; Allen Novacek- Aye. *Motion carried 5-0.*

**Unfinished Business**

Township Road Speed Project

*Motion:* Supervisor Wood moved to accept the M&R Sign quote for \$3,014.54 and the Warning Lites Quote for the installation of the signs for \$2,470.00. Vice Chair Sauber seconded the motion. Allen Novacek – Aye; Randy Wood – Aye; Nancy Sauber – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Aye; Tim Pope – Nay. *Motion carried 4-1.*

*Motion:* Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve Resolution 2023-27 posting rural residential speed limits on 245<sup>th</sup> Street. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. Allen Novacek – Aye; Randy Wood – Aye; Nancy Sauber – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Nay; Tim Pope – Nay. *Motion carried 3-2.*

*Motion:* Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve Resolution 2023-28 posting rural residential speed limits on 250<sup>th</sup> Street as outlined in the Resolution. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. Allen Novacek – Aye; Randy Wood – Aye; Nancy Sauber – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Nay; Tim Pope – Nay. *Motion carried 3-2.*

*Motion:* Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve Resolution 2023-29 posting rural residential speed limits on 265<sup>th</sup> Street as outlined in the Resolution. Supervisor Wood seconded the

motion. Allen Novacek – Aye; Randy Wood – Aye; Nancy Sauber – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Nay; Tim Pope – Nay. *Motion carried 3-2.*

*Motion:* Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve Resolution 2023-30 posting rural residential speed limits on 267<sup>th</sup> Street as outlined in the Resolution. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. Allen Novacek – Aye; Randy Wood – Aye; Nancy Sauber – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Nay; Tim Pope – Nay. *Motion carried 3-2.*

*Motion:* Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve Resolution 2023-31 posting rural residential speed limits on Essex Avenue as outlined in the Resolution. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. Allen Novacek – Aye; Randy Wood – Aye; Nancy Sauber – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Nay; Tim Pope – Nay. *Motion carried 3-2.*

*Motion:* Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve Resolution 2023-32 posting rural residential speed limits on Ipava Avenue as outlined in the Resolution. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. Allen Novacek – Aye; Randy Wood – Aye; Nancy Sauber – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Nay; Tim Pope – Nay. *Motion carried 3-2.*

*Motion:* Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve Resolution 2023-33 posting rural residential speed limits on 235<sup>th</sup> Street as outlined in the Resolution. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. Allen Novacek – Aye; Randy Wood – Aye; Nancy Sauber – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Nay; Tim Pope – Nay. *Motion carried 3-2.*

The following Supervisors asked for their statements to be recorded in the minutes:

Chair Barfknecht “The reason of my opposition is because whether or not speed limits are posted or not, people do not adhere to speed limit signs. No matter where they are.”

Supervisor Novacek “I hesitated on one of the votes as well. I had mentioned several months ago that I was in favor of trying it on a couple roads. That’s why I hesitated when I did, but then I don’t want to give the impression of playing favorites to a few places and not doing it for all.”

Supervisor Pope “I think it is a waste of money. I think it should have done in gravel.”

Supervisor Sauber “I would like to have Board Supervisors come prepared for the meetings knowing what is in the resolution.”

#### MPCA

No updates to report.

#### Farmington Fire Contract

No updates to report.

#### 250<sup>th</sup> Speed Study

No updates to report.

**New Business**

Trash and Debris

The Board directed Clerk Atwater to get pricing for a dumpster.

2023 Audit Agreement

*Motion:* Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve the amount of \$9,275, not to exceed that amount, for the Lewis Kisch & Associates, Limited, audit of the Township books. Chair Barfknecht seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Airlake Airport Advisory Commission (ALAAC)

The Township has 2 positions and 2 alternate positions on the Advisory Commission.

*Motion:* Vice Chair Sauber moved that we appoint Beth Eilers, currently Planning Commissioner, to a two-year term to represent the public of Eureka on the Airlake Airport Advisory Commission. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Pope abstained.*

Jake Brake Ordinance

The Board discussed the ordinance. The Clerk was directed to format the document and then put it on the next meeting’s agenda. Vice Chair Sauber will reach out to the Township Attorney to make sure the new ordinance would conform with the current nuisance ordinance.

**Clerk Matters**

Clerk Atwater reported that the new water softener was installed on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Clerk Atwater as provide the answer to Supervisor Pope question in the road report. Envirotech was 48,274 gallons and Luhman was 1,100 gallons.

**Adjournment**


*Motion:* Vice Chair Sauber moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Atwater, Town Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved By:  on: 1/23/24  
Town Chair Date

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>12/26/2023</u>	<u>Payroll PPE 12.15.2023</u>	<u>11173</u>	<u>Payroll PPE 12.15.2023</u>	<u>\$ 1,933.31</u>
<u>12/26/2023</u>	<u>Payroll PPE 12.15.2023</u>	<u>11174</u>	<u>Payroll PPE 12.15.2023</u>	<u>\$ 701.87</u>
<u>12/26/2023</u>	<u>Benefica</u>	<u>11154</u>	<u>January 2024 HRA</u>	<u>\$ 530.50</u>
<u>12/26/2023</u>	<u>Couri &amp; Ruppe</u>	<u>11155</u>	<u>Legal Services November 2023</u>	<u>\$ 1,137.50</u>
<u>12/26/2023</u>	<u>ECM Publisher</u>	<u>11156</u>	<u>Election Filing Notice</u>	<u>\$ 125.98</u>
<u>12/26/2023</u>	<u>Grossman Companies</u>	<u>11157</u>	<u>Grading Roads</u>	<u>\$ 7,452.00</u>
<u>12/26/2023</u>	<u>Grossman Companies</u>	<u>11158</u>	<u>Grading Shared Roads</u>	<u>\$ 414.00</u>
<u>12/26/2023</u>	<u>JTN</u>	<u>11159</u>	<u>Internet January</u>	<u>\$ 199.00</u>
<u>12/26/2023</u>	<u>Kennedy &amp; Graven</u>	<u>11160</u>	<u>Special Counsel Matters</u>	<u>\$ 44.00</u>
<u>12/26/2023</u>	<u>MATIT</u>	<u>11161</u>	<u>Workers Comp insurance 2024</u>	<u>\$ 1,139.00</u>
<u>12/26/2023</u>	<u>Metro Sales</u>	<u>11162</u>	<u>Copier Rental and Color Copies</u>	<u>\$ 274.70</u>
<u>12/26/2023</u>	<u>T &amp; C Cleaning</u>	<u>11163</u>	<u>December Cleaning</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
<u>01/01/2024</u>	<u>Anderson Rock and Lime</u>	<u>11164</u>	<u>Gravel for Hamburg and Fairgreen</u>	<u>\$ 54,898.19</u>
<u>01/01/2024</u>	<u>Grossman Companies</u>	<u>11165</u>	<u>Gravel Placement for Hamburg and Fairgreen</u>	<u>\$ 6,555.00</u>
				<u>\$ 75,555.05</u>