

EUREKA TOWNSHIP

Dakota County, State of Minnesota

TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 10, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The Eureka Township Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Vice Chair Mark Ceminsky and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Supervisors Present: Lu Barfknecht, Mark Ceminsky, Allen Novacek, and Tim Pope.

Others Present: Liz Atwater, Kevin Burman.

Zoom Attendance: Myrna, NSS, Ralph Fredlund, Georgie Molitor, Donovan Palmquist, Julie Larson, Deb Burkhardt, and Randy Wood.

Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chair Ceminsky added:

New Business:

G. Chair and Vice Chair of TB and Chair and member of PC to meet with City up to 3 hours

H. Engineers- Bolton and Menk

I. Town Hall Landscaping removal

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

Public Comment

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Vice Chair Ceminsky opened the floor for public comment and reminded that if anyone has comment regarding any agenda items, now is your time to speak. Hearing none, Vice Chair Ceminsky closed the floor for public comment.

Reports

Sheriff's Department

Vice Chair Ceminsky stated the Deputy Sheriff stopped by but had to leave. Vice Chair Ceminsky reported they talked to Deputy about the Engine Braking on Dood and 250th area and 235th street from Cedar to Denmark. The Deputy would talk to his supervisor and share with the other patrol units.

Planning Commission- Commissioner Palmquist

Planning Commissioner, Donovan Palmquist, shared items that were discussed at the September Planning Commission meeting. A full summary is provided in the Planning Commission meeting minutes and is available for viewing at the Town Hall and on the website.

Permit

Buermann, Kevin 24598 Iberia Ave., PIN 13-24660-11-030 *Accessory Building

Motion: Supervisor Pope moved for Kevin Buermann at 24598 Iberia Ave. PIN 13-24660-11-030 for an accessory building. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Roads

Road Report

Vice Chair Ceminsky reported that the roads are holding up pretty good and will be getting them prepared for the fall and winter. FEMA changed the threshold and Dakota County no longer qualifies for FEMA aid. Eureka will still qualify for 75% of what the Township's actual costs are for repairs from the flooding. Dakota County will hold a meeting to review all costs and documentation. Awarded funds will be reimbursed to the Township. Otte's is going to start cutting back the trees and bushes to clear the sight lines within budgeted amount.

Treasurer's Report

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater read the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2024: Total of all accounts was: \$1,036,412.25.

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

Net Pay and claims

The Clerk presented payroll in the amount of \$5,307.74 and claims in the amount of \$53,379.73 for payment. See page 6 for a list of claims.

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

Receipts and Disbursements

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater presented the August receipts in the amount of \$85,285.52 and August disbursements in the amount of \$156,125.03.

Other Treasurer Reports

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

Upcoming CDs Maturing

Motion: Supervisor Pope moved to combine the Genisys CD that matured on 9.2.2024 and Genisys CD that will mature of 9.12.2024 and purchase a CD on 9.13.2024 with those funds. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. Supervisor Pope amended his motion to include at Genisys for 7 months or best rate available. Supervisor Novacek seconded the amendment. Roll call vote: Allen Novacek – Aye; Tim Pope – Aye; Mark Ceminsky – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved that we move \$125,000.00 into a CD at either Castle Rock or New Market based on the best interest rate possible for a 7-month CD from the Road and Bridge Hard Road and Asphalt. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to check the rates at Old National Bank. Vice Chair Ceminsky accepted the friendly amendment. Roll call vote: Allen Novacek – Aye; Tim Pope – Aye; Mark Ceminsky – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved that we authorize two people to come in and sign paperwork or check, needed for Liz to move this money. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Allen Novacek – Aye; Tim Pope – Aye; Mark Ceminsky – Aye; Lu Barfknecht – Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Unfinished Business

Planning Commission Vacancy

Planning Commission applicants will be interviewed on October 8th at a Special meeting at 6:30 pm.

Sign Order Update

Clerk Atwater reported she checked with Safety Signs regarding printing sign information on both sides instead of one. This did save a little bit of money, and the signs have been ordered.

911 Emergency Signs

Clerk Atwater reported that 11 signs have been ordered and should be ready by the end of the month.

Garage Organization

Clerk Atwater is getting bids for the lighting in the garage and bids for painting the garage door and trim, and the Town Hall outside front entry as needed. Clerk Atwater reported she talked with Safety Signs, and they do not buy back signs. They will buy them for scrape metal and the Town can use it against any future purchases. The Town Board agreed to sell the signs that are unusable to Safety Signs for scrap metal and receive credit. Clerk Atwater will be listing the remaining items: file cabinets, chairs, and parking strips for sale. The Town Board agreed the Clerks can negotiate pricing if needed.

New Business

Trees along Right Of Way

Vice Chair Ceminsky reported there are a lot of dead trees in the Township's ROW. The Road Committee will be working on priorities and recommendations for the budgeted amount.

JPA with Dakota County Sheriff

The JPA expires at the end of the year. The Town Board agreed they want to keep the JPA and discuss with the Sheriff about enforcement of the Ordinances. Town Board members are to review the JPA and bring recommendations they want to see in the JPA at the next meeting. Attorney will need to review before final approval.

Fridge for Town Hall

Clerk Atwater asked the Town Board to purchase a new larger fridge with an ice maker for the Town Hall.

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved to spend up to \$1,200 for the Fridge including the plumbing and water hookup. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

ALLAC Liaison

With the resignation of Planning Commissioner Eiler, there is a vacancy available for the ALLAC Liaison. The Town Board will discuss with the Planning Commissioners as well to inquire about interested in the position.

Wetlands (Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District)

Vice Chair Ceminsky reported that he was notified of the possible violation. The new owner of the property is working with Dakota County Soil & Water regarding this issue, as it was done prior to their purchasing the property.

Scott's Miracle-Gro

Vice Chair Ceminsky reported that Scott's has sent an email to the Township explaining they are working on cleaning up the trees. They have some trees that might not be dead, because the aphids were bad this year and the trees may come back in the spring. Scott's is willing to work with the Township to maintain the visual appearance.

Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission

The Town Board agreed to have a Joint meeting with the Planning Commission on September 24th at 7pm. The reason for the meeting is to answer questions and discuss commercial, home business, and housing density.

Meeting with City

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved the that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Town Board and the Chair and Planning Commission member, Dan Heyda, meet with a city up to 3 hours to discuss the possibility and pros and cons of what it all entails to become a city. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. Vice Chair Ceminsky amended the motion to include the Clerk. Supervisor Novacek accepted the amendment. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Engineers- Bolton and Menk

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved the that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Town Board, the Clerk, and the Chair and Planning Commission member, Dan Heyda, to meet with the engineers- Bolton Menk to discuss their process that they went through with Empire. To consider looking at the pros and cons, and cost. Supervisor Pope seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Town Hall Landscaping

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved that we hire Pope Enterprises to remove the Junipers and clean up the landscaping to prepare for next spring. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the motion. *Motion failed 1-3, with Supervisors Barfknecht, Pope and Novacek voting Nay.*

Supervisor Pope as Town Hall liaison volunteered to clean up the landscaping at the Town Hall.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
09/10/2024	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	11464	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	\$ 2,014.22
09/10/2024	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	11465	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	\$ 872.37
09/10/2024	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	11466	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	\$ 657.30
09/10/2024	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	11467	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	\$ 166.23
09/10/2024	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	11468	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	\$ 310.84
09/10/2024	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	11469	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	\$ 157.92
09/10/2024	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	11470	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	\$ 235.49
09/10/2024	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	11471	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	\$ 162.08
09/10/2024	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	11472	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	\$ 157.92
09/10/2024	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	11473	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	\$ 141.29
09/10/2024	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	11474	Payroll ending 8/31/2024	\$ 162.08
09/10/2024	Ellen Canfield	11475	Election Mileage	\$ 41.54
09/10/2024	City of Farmington	11476	3 rd Quarter Fire Contract	\$ 13,281.56
09/10/2024	Dakota Electric	11477	Electric	\$ 252.32
09/10/2024	Mary Dawson	11478	Election Mileage	\$ 3.02
09/10/2024	ECM Publishers	11479	Public Hearing Sept 10	\$ 96.00
09/10/2024	Elizabeth Eilers	11480	Election Mileage	\$ 41.14
09/10/2024	Grossman Companies	11481	Waste and Tree Removal	\$ 680.00
09/10/2024	Grossman Companies	11482	Shared Roads	\$ 1,104.00
09/10/2024	Grossman Companies	11483	Culvert	\$ 8,000.00
09/10/2024	Grossman Companies	11484	Grading	\$ 9,556.50
09/10/2024	Inspectron	11485	Inspections	\$ 2,462.72
09/10/2024	JTN	11486	Internet	\$ 199.00
09/10/2024	Elizabeth Atwater	11487	Mileage	\$ 129.31
09/10/2024	Mark Ceminsky	11488	Mileage	\$ 247.23
09/10/2024	Metro Sales	11489	Copier	\$ 120.00
09/10/2024	William Perkrna	11490	Election Mileage	\$ 34.84
09/10/2024	Pope Enterprises	11491	Tree Removal Fairgreen	\$ 10,400.00
09/10/2024	Pope Enterprises	11492	Remove Trees Town Hall	\$ 920.00
09/10/2024	Pope Enterprises	11493	Emergency Tree Removal	\$ 1,570.00
09/10/2024	Cheryl Schindeldecker	11494	Election Mileage	\$ 4.02
09/10/2024	Summit Fire Protection	11495	Annual Fire Inspection	\$ 414.35
09/10/2024	Elaine Swedin	11496	Election Mileage	\$ 8.71
09/10/2024	Kris Todd	11497	Election Mileage	\$ 4.02
09/10/2024	Town Law Center	11498	August 2024	\$ 184.00
09/10/2024	IRS	20240910 EFT1	Tax August Payroll	\$ 1,697.77
09/10/2024	PERA	20240910 EFT2	August Payroll	\$ 1,105.29
09/10/2024	DSI	20240910 EFT3	Garbage	\$ 163.05
09/10/2024	Point North	20240910 EFT4	September 2024	\$ 523.00
09/10/2024	Visa	20240910 EFT5	Adobe, Paper, Tape	\$ 136.34
				\$ 58,417.47