

## **EUREKA TOWNSHIP**

*Dakota County, State of Minnesota*

### **TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**March 28, 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 Lu Barfknecht and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Supervisors Present: Ralph Fredlund, Allen Novacek, Nancy Sauber, and Lu Barfknecht (Zoom).

Others Present: Liz Atwater, Mark Henry, Bill Clancy, Mike Resop, Bill Roske, Donovan Palmquist, Deb Burkhardt, Tim Pope, Tiffany Hoff, Randy Wood, Brian Ahern, Melanie Storlie, Pete Storlie.

Zoom Attendance: Gloria Belzer, Lynne Olson, Julie Larson, Jeff Otto, Mark Ceminsky, Colleen Riley.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

Supervisor Novacek made the following additions:

- New Business
- F. Elections

*Motion:* Supervisor Fredlund moved to approve the agenda as amended. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. Lu Barfknecht- Aye; Ralph Fredlund- Aye; Nancy Sauber- Aye; Allen Novacek- Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

#### **Sheriff Department**

Deputy O'Hara reported the weather is getting nicer and they are noticing more speeders. He reminded everyone to lock their cars and houses.

#### **Supervisor Resignation**

Chair Barfknecht stated that Supervisor Kauffman, who was appointed to the vacant seat left by Tim Murphy, submitted a letter of resignation as of March 27, 2023.

*Motion:* Chair Barfknecht moved pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 367.02 the Board accepted Kathleen's written resignation letter. Supervisor Sauber seconded the motion. Lu Barfknecht- Aye; Ralph Fredlund- Aye; Nancy Sauber- Aye; Allen Novacek- Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Chair Barfknecht declared a vacancy in the seat of Supervisor Tim Murphy.

*Motion:* Chair Barfknecht moved that the Board would appoint a new Supervisor at the first meeting in April. Individuals that are interested in that seat have until April 5<sup>th</sup> to send in a written letter of interest to the Board. Supervisor Fredlund seconded the motion. Lu Barfknecht- Aye; Ralph Fredlund- Aye; Nancy Sauber- Aye; Allen Novacek- Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

## **Road Report - Mark Henry**

- Work completed on Denmark by the School.
- Running into issues with blading the roads. Unable to blade before noon because the roads are still frozen.
- Once the weather warms up, 10 loads of spot gravel will be going on 225<sup>th</sup>.

## **Planning Commission Vacancy**

The Planning Commission recommended that all letters of intent should be turned into the Clerk by noon on April 6<sup>th</sup> and the Town Board agreed.

## **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.

### Bill Clancy- 25511 Ipava Ave

Mr. Clancy read a statement from Kathleen Kauffman. See page 5 for submitted comments.

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

## **Citizen Inquiry**

### Bill Roske- 6335 265<sup>th</sup> Street W- Solar Panels

Mr. Roske received a permit to put Solar Panels on the roof. The racking system did not work and had to disassemble the system off the roof. Mr. Roske explained his plan is to install a ground mounting system. The Ordinance states that ground-mounted ASES shall not be placed in front yards. Mr. Roske explained that his house is set in the back of his lot. Chair Barfknecht asked the Clerk to read the definition of Front Yard from the Ordinance. The Town Board had discussion on the definition and agreed to have the Township Attorney review the definition.

## **Permit Requests**

### Youngfield Homes, Inc XXXX 267<sup>th</sup> Street W, Lakeville, PIN 13-02900-77-011, New Construction

*Motion:* Supervisor Sauber moved to approve the building permit for Christiania Lutheran Church on 267<sup>th</sup> Street W, with the PIN 13-02900-77-011 as submitted. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. Lu Barfknecht- Aye; Ralph Fredlund- Aye; Nancy Sauber- Aye; Allen Novacek- Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

## **Glory to Glory CUP**

Supervisor Sauber had questions regarding the lighting on the sign. The light needs to be hooded and downward facing. The Board requested the Clerk send a letter reminding Glory to Glory that they are required to attend the CUP review and regarding the light on the sign.

*Motion:* Chair Barfknecht moved to approve the Glory to Glory CUP review. The Clerk will send a letter reminding them they need to be present each year at their review and they have 30 days to correct the lighting and have it hooded. Supervisor Fredlund seconded the motion. Lu Barfknecht- Aye; Ralph Fredlund- Aye; Nancy Sauber- Aye; Allen Novacek- Aye.  
*Motion carried 4-0.*

### **Mining CUP/IUP Annual Reviews**

*Motion:* Chair Barfknecht moved to table the Mining CUP/IUP annual review for the Eureka Pit MPM for the first meeting in April, given the fact that we got the report late this afternoon. This will give everyone time to review the information. Supervisor Fredlund seconded the motion. Lu Barfknecht- Aye; Ralph Fredlund- Aye; Allen Novacek- Aye; Nancy Sauber- recused. *Motion carried 3-0.*

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### Net pay and claims

The Clerk presented payroll in the amount of \$3,948.31 for payment. Claims in the amount of \$9,312.55 were presented for payment. See page 6 for a list of claims.

*Motion:* Supervisor Fredlund moved to approve the net pay and claims as presented. Supervisor Sauber seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lu Barfknecht- Aye; Ralph Fredlund- Aye; Nancy Sauber- Aye; Allen Novacek- Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

### **Unfinished Business**

#### NCRWMO Report

Supervisor Sauber summarized the 2022 Annual report from NCRWMO .

#### Data Practices Policy

*Motion:* Chair Barfknecht moved to table the Data Practices Policy until the first or second meeting in April. Supervisor Sauber seconded the motion. Lu Barfknecht- Aye; Ralph Fredlund- Aye; Nancy Sauber- Aye; Allen Novacek- Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

#### No Parking Near Chubb Lake

Supervisor Sauber reported she spoke with the Sheriff and followed up on the parking concerns near Chubb Lake.

### **New Business**

#### Dakota County Bridge Maintenance Requests

*Motion:* Supervisor Fredlund moved to have our Road Superintendent work to resolve these and authorize him to do that. Supervisor Sauber seconded the motion. Lu Barfknecht- Aye; Ralph Fredlund- Aye; Nancy Sauber- Aye; Allen Novacek- Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

#### Traffic Study

*Motion:* Supervisor Sauber moved that the Town Board request Todd Howard of Dakota County to contact the DOT on the Township's behalf to conduct a traffic study on Country Road 80 between Dodd and Cedar. Chair Barfknecht seconded the motion and added a friendly amendment to request Mark Henry contact Todd Howard related to that request. Lu Barfknecht- Aye; Ralph Fredlund- Aye; Nancy Sauber- Aye; Allen Novacek- Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*



## **Eureka Township Clerk**

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**From:** Kathleen Kauffman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 4:55 PM  
**To:** Bill Clancy (external)  
**Cc:** Eureka Township Clerk; Eureka Township Deputy Clerk  
**Subject:** Statement of Kathleen Clubb Kauffman for Citizen Comment

I truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve the citizens of Eureka, I struggled with the decision to resign, but life happens. In replacing me I hope the Board refers to my statement of last September where I projected that I might resign at about this point in 2023.

I appreciate the work of every member of the Eureka government with whom I served, especially the chairperson Lu Barfknecht, but also the other Supervisors, PC members, and Clerks. Thank you for bringing your talents and dedication to the job. If my institutional knowledge is ever needed, you know where to find me.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
03/28/2023	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	10810	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	\$ 1,776.06
03/28/2023	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	10811	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	\$ 971.69
03/28/2023	Elizabeth Atwater	10812	Mileage	\$ 23.58
03/28/2023	Benafica	10813	HRA Fee	\$ 125.00
03/28/2023	Benafica	10814	HRA	\$ 1,013.83
03/28/2023	Dakota County	10815	Election Equipment	\$ 185.66
03/28/2023	Dakota County	10816	January 2023 Salt	\$ 1,486.06
03/28/2023	Dakota Sheriff's	10817	Ordinance Enforcement	\$ 720.00
03/28/2023	Carrie Jennings	10818	Mining Consultant	\$ 676.65
03/28/2023	JTN Communications	10819	Internet	\$ 199.00
03/28/2023	Quadient Finance	10820	Postage Machine	\$ 35.00
03/28/2023	T & C Cleaning	10821	Cleaning	\$ 150.00
03/28/2023	Visa	10822	Postage and supplies	\$ 356.84
03/28/2023	Kennedy & Graven	10823	February Special Counsel	\$ 4,113.50
03/28/2023	Ellen Canfield	10824	Mileage	\$ 137.55
03/28/2023	Richard Fott	10825	Mileage	\$ 8.52
03/28/2023	William Pekarna	10826	Mileage	\$ 72.84
03/28/2023	Elaine Swedin	10827	Mileage	\$ 8.52
03/28/2023	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	10828	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	\$ 146.79
03/28/2023	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	10829	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	\$ 369.40
03/28/2023	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	10830	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	\$ 127.50
03/28/2023	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	10831	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	\$ 132.98
03/28/2023	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	10832	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	\$ 153.77
03/28/2023	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	10833	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	\$ 141.29
03/28/2023	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	10834	Payroll ending 03/15/2023	\$ 128.83