

EUREKA TOWNSHIP
Dakota County, State of Minnesota

TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

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

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

Others Present: Liz Atwater, Maddie Humphrey, Sheriff Puls, Sherrif Miller, Eric Gipson, Deanna Sheely, Myrna Juliar, Cheryl Groves

Zoom Attendance: Mark Butler, Ralph Fredlund, Kelly Henry, Deb Burkhardt, Jeff Otto, Julie Larson, , *9520, Linda Ripley, Ashley and Terry, Randy Wood.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Chair Pete Storlie moved to approve the agenda as presented. Vice Chair Ceminsky seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Public Comment

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

Reports

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Puls introduced himself and Sheriff Miller. No concerns were reported from the Sheriff.

Planning Commission- Donovan Palmquist

Planning Commissioner, Donovan Palmquist, shared items that were discussed at the February 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.

Road Report

Vice Chair Ceminsky reported that efforts are being made to secure a grant for waterway work on Hamburg and Granada. The Township is also awaiting further review of flood damage compensation, which could range from \$65,000 to \$135,000.

“Shared Protective Factors”- Dakota County

Eric Gipson, Dakota County Community Coalition Specialist, discussed the formation of a multi-sector coalition aimed at reducing shared risk factors and promotion protective factors for youth and young adults in Dakota County.

Northern Natural Gas Replacement Project

Maddie Humphrey attended the meeting as a representative for Northern Natural Gas. The project includes right-of-way permits, and use of a resident's land for a laydown yard. The Town Board discussed laydown yards in the past required an agreement or a CUP. The Town Clerk was to research and communicate with Northern Natural Gas regarding the process and to provide them with the appropriate paperwork.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved to approve items A,B, and C, on the consent agenda for the Township meeting minutes. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Items were as follows:

- a. 1.14.2025 Special Town Board Minutes
- b. 1.14.2025 Town Board Minutes
- c. 1.28.2025 Special Town Board and Planning Commission Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater read the Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2025: Total of all accounts was: \$1,179,473.84.

Motion: Chair Storlie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Vice Chair Ceminsky seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Allen Novacek – Aye; Tim Pope – Aye; Pete Storlie- Aye; Mark Ceminsky – Aye; Lu Barfknecht - Aye. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Net Pay and claims

The Clerk presented payroll in the amount of \$3,337.73 and claims in the amount of \$28,633.67 for payment. See page 5 for a list of claims.

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved to approve the net pay and claims as presented. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Allen Novacek – Aye; Tim Pope – Aye; Pete Storlie- Aye; Mark Ceminsky – Aye; Lu Barfknecht - Aye. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Receipts and Disbursements

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater presented the January receipts in the amount of \$113,769.22 disbursements in the amount of \$137,406.14.

Other Treasurer Reports

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

Unfinished Business

Township Enforcement- Dakota County Sheriff Alternative Solutions

Tabled for Attorney review. No action or discussion was taken.

Orderly Annexation Agreement- Conversation with Cities

Meetings are being scheduled with Lakeville and Farmington, with designated representatives from Eureka Township.

Letters to the Residents for Mailing List

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater reported that 168 people have signed up for the email list, bringing the total to 321 people on the list.

MPM/Chard Mining Reclamation

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater reported she sent an email to Mr. Chard and Mark Butler at MPM per the Town Board direction. She stated she had not heard back from either party.

Mr. Butler was on zoom and gave an update to the Town Board on their intentions to submit a text amendment and variance. Chair Storlie asked Mr. Butler to send an update on their progress by the 25th of the month to the Clerk.

New Business

Resolution 2025-01 Election Judges

Motion: Chair Storlie moved to approve Resolution 2025-01 Appointing Election Judges. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Resolution 2025-02 Emergency Tree Services

Supervisor Pope recused himself since he has a personal interest in the agreement.

Motion: Supervisor Novacek moved to approve Resolution 2025-02 for Emergency Tree Services. Vice Chair Ceminsky seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Bids for Tree and Stump Removal on 225th

Motion: Chair Storlie moved to send out a request for quotes for tree removal on 225th as described in the proposal. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Planning Commission Letters of Intent

The Clerk/Treasurer will send out information at the beginning of March for one seat that will be available May 1st. The Town Board will conduct interviews at an April meeting.

Board of Canvass

The Board of Canvass will meet March 12th, 2025, at 6:30pm.

City of Lakeville Meeting- 222nd Street

Chair Storlie, Vice Chair Ceminsky and Clerk/Treasurer Atwater will meet with the City of Lakeville.

Financial Policies

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater presented the Town Board with recommendations for Financial Policies to review and possibly adopt in the future. The Town Board will review and discuss it at the next meeting.

Clerk Matters

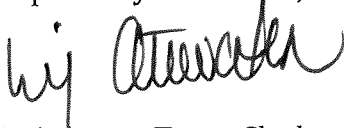
Clerk/Treasurer Atwater reported the Auditors will be at the Town Hall on February 18th.

Adjournment

Motion: Chair Storlie moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Atwater, Town Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved By:  on: ~~3/25~~ 3/12/25
Town Chair Date

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
02/11/2025	Payroll ending 1/31/2025	11625	Payroll ending 12/31/2024	\$ 2,155.00
02/11/2025	Payroll ending 1/31/2025	11626	Payroll ending 12/31/2024	\$ 221.65
02/11/2025	Payroll ending 1/31/2025	11627	Payroll ending 12/31/2024	\$ 961.08
02/11/2025	ALF	11628	Annual Ambulance Contract	\$ 500.00
02/11/2025	Anderson Rock & Lime	11629	Chip Rock	\$ 736.52
02/11/2025	Elizabeth Atwater	11630	Office supplies	\$ 150.04
02/11/2025	Mark Ceminsky	11631	Mileage	\$ 71.40
02/11/2025	Central Farm Services	11632	Town Hall LP Tank	\$ 536.75
02/11/2025	Dakota County Financial	11633	Ice and Snow Removal	\$ 2,258.25
02/11/2025	General Code	11634	Supplement #3	\$ 735.00
02/11/2025	Inspectron	11635	October 2024 Inspections	\$ 11,346.99
02/11/2025	JTN	11636	Internet	\$ 199.00
02/11/2025	Kennedy & Graven	11637	Enforcement matters	\$ 138.00
02/11/2025	Metro Alarms	11638	Quarterly Billing	\$ 90.00
02/11/2025	Metro Sales	11639	Copier	\$ 121.67
02/11/2025	T&C Cleaning	11640	Cleaning February	\$ 170.00
02/11/2025	Town Law Center	11641	Legal	\$ 1,322.40
02/11/2025	WSB	11643	Services December 2024	\$ 4,747.50
02/11/2025	IRS	EFT20250211	January Payroll	\$ 2,815.78
02/11/2025	PERA	EFT20250211-1	January Payroll	\$ 1,202.87
02/11/2025	Dakota Electric	EFT20250211-2	Electric	\$ 190.48
02/11/2025	DSI	EFT20250211-3	Trash	\$ 163.05
02/11/2025	Point North Networks	EFT20250211-4	IT	\$ 527.00
02/11/2025	Visa	EFT20250211-5	Adobe, w2, Office Supplies	\$ 610.97