

EUREKA TOWNSHIP
Dakota County, State of Minnesota

TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 12, 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, John Powell, Rich Puelston, Myrna Juliar, Ashley Schultze

Zoom Attendance: Jackie, Dan, Julie Larson, Eric Fredrickson, Becky.

Approval of the Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- IV. Reports B. Planning Commission ii. Topics from Round Table
3. Report
- IV. Road Reports
B. Dakota County- Todd Howard
C. Scotts
D. Castle Rock Request
- XII. Unfinished Business:
G. Dakota Electric and Lakeville
- XIII. New Business:
B. Resolution 2025-04 Cannabis Resolution
C. Town Hall Lawn Care Quote
D. Tree Grant

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

Public Comment

**The opinions expressed in public comments are those of the authors and may not represent the official positions of the Town Board. The Town Board does not control or guarantee the accuracy of information contained in the comments, nor does it endorse the views expressed.*

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

Planning Commission- Brian Storlie

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

CUP Reviews

George Mwauri- 2nd Dwelling

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved to pass the review of the CUP for the 2nd dwelling on the property. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

George Mwauri- Airstrip

The property owners do not wish to keep the CUP. They will work with the Clerk/Treasurer to submit a written letter. The Town Board will then need to pass a resolution.

Farmington- 220th Street- ROE Agreement

John Powell, Public Works Director for the City of Farmington, discussed the proposed extension to the trunk water main and sanitary sewer along 220th Street between Eureka and Farmington. The proposal includes installing stubs for future connections, which would be subject to a separate agreement. The City of Farmington is also proposing to pave the road and then handle all future maintenance on that portion of the road. The existing maintenance agreement would not apply to the pavement portion but would remain in effect on the remaining gravel. The Clerk will send over an updated draft agreement and the Clerk/Treasurer will send it to the Township attorney for review.

Mining Reviews

Dakota Aggregates – Brosseth Pit (IUP)

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved to approve Dakota Aggregates, Brosseth Pit IUP as reviewed. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Dakota Aggregates – Storlie Pit (CUP)

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved to approve Dakota Aggregates, Storlie Pit CUP as reviewed. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Friedges Landscaping (CUP)

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved to approve Friedges Landscaping CUP as reviewed. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Vermillion River Aggregates (CUP)

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved to approve Vermillion River Aggregates CUP as reviewed. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

CUP Reviews Continued

Glory to Glory

Motion: Supervisor Novacek moved to approve the Glory to Glory CUP review. Vice Chair Ceminsky seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Northern Natural Gas Replacement Project

Clerk Atwater reported that the project would require an CUP. Clerk Atwater is working with the vendor to obtain all necessary paperwork and the process.

Road Report

Vice Chair Ceminsky reported that Dakota County has submitted a list of items the Township needs to review and repair regarding the bridges in the Township. Vice Chair Ceminsky had a meeting with Todd Howard from Dakota County. Mr. Howard has agreed to put 2 miles of dust coating on Denmark and about a half a mile of gravel on from Country Road 86 to 279th Street. Scott's Miracle Grow has agreed to pay \$15,000 to Eureka to help cover the right-of-way repairs needed by their business. Repairs include culvert repair and repositioning. Castle Rock has approached Vice Chair Ceminsky about swapping sections of roads on Denmark. The Town Board members agreed to have Vice Chair Ceminsky have an initial discussion with Castle Rock on requirements to consider the exchange and then the Town Board can decide if another meeting needs to be set up.

Consent Agenda

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

Items were as follows:

- a. 2.11.2025 Special Town Board Minutes
- b. 2.11.2025 Town Board Minutes
- c. 2.27.2025 Special Town Board Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater read the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2025: Total of all accounts was: \$1,162,104.37.

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved to accept the Treasurer's Report dated February 2025 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.*

Net Pay and claims

The Clerk presented payroll in the amount of \$3,388.22 and claims in the amount of \$14,324.91 for payment. See page 6 for a list of claims.

Motion: Chair Storlie 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 \$18,112.20 and disbursements in the amount of \$35,481.67.

Other Treasurer Reports

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

Unfinished Business

Township Enforcement- Dakota County Sheriff Alternative Solutions

Attorney Gilchrist recommended a prosecutor who would be willing to handle situations on a case-by-case basis at an hourly rate.

Orderly Annexation Agreement- Conversation with Cities

Chair Storlie stated that an initial meeting was held with Lakeville to learn about their future plans and growth plan. A future meeting will be scheduled with Farmington.

City of Lakeville- 222nd Street

The city of Lakeville is extending 222nd Street and creating a cul-de-sac at the end. The Town Board is requesting a meeting with County Commissioner Slavik to discuss this road and the County's plans and intentions with this road.

MPM/Chard Mining Reclamation

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater reported she has not received any information from MPM as requested. Chair Storlie to call Attorney Gilchrist to discuss future actions.

Bids for Tree and Stump Removal on 225th

Supervisor Pope excused himself to the audience and stated, "I am recusing myself because I have a vested interest."

The following quotes were received:

- Fredrickson Dirt Works - \$4,855.00
- Pope Premium Enterprises - \$4,190.00
- Tree Masters - \$4,500.00

Motion: Supervisor Novacek moved to hire Pope Enterprise for \$4,190.00. Vice Chair Ceminsky seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved to approve Resolution 2025-03 Resolution authorizing contract with interested officer under Minn. Statute 471.88, Subd. 5. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Supervisor Pope rejoined the Town Board.

Financial Policies

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved to adopt the financial policies that have been set forth on pages 76-81. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. Vice Chair Ceminsky amended his motion to include the documents listed on the pages. Page 76- Operating Budget Policies, 77- Revenue Policies, 78- Expenditure Policies, 79- Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting, 80- Investment and Reserve Policies, 81- Capital Improvement Program Policies. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the amended motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Dakota Electric- Lakeville Residents

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater to send notification to Eureka citizens regarding the error in Dakota Electric's recent letter regarding a franchise fee. Eureka residents should not get charged this fee.

New Business

Quote for Desks for Meeting Room

Nushape quote for three desks was \$4,105.00.

Motion: Chair Storlie moved to approve the quote of \$4,105.00 for three additional supervisors' desks. Vice Chair Ceminsky seconded the motion. Chair Storlie amended his motion to authorize the treasurer to cut a check for 50%. Vice Chair Ceminsky seconded the amendment. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Resolution 2025-04 consenting to Dakota County registering cannabis businesses within Eureka Township.

Motion: Supervisor Novacek moved to accept Resolution 2025-04 resolution consenting to Dakota County registering cannabis businesses within Eureka Township. Chair Storlie seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Town Hall Lawn Care

Ottomatic 2025 Property Maintenance Bid for \$850.00 a month and additional costs for fertilizer and chemical spray.

Motion: Vice Chair Ceminsky moved to accept Ottomatic, lawn care, landscaping, snow removal out of Hampton 2025 property maintenance bid for Eureka Township. Supervisor Barfknecht seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Tree Grant

The Town Board agreed WSB should look into applying for the tree grant for the Township.

Clerk Matters

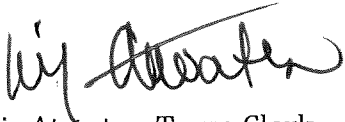
Clerk/Treasurer Atwater reported the Audit was completed with no errors or issues. Clerk/Treasurer Atwater will be on vacation from March 26-28, 2025.

Adjournment


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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Atwater, Town Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved By:  on: 4-8-25
Town Chair Date

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
03/12/2025	Payroll ending 2/28/2025	11646	Payroll ending 2/28/2025	\$ 2,155.00
03/12/2025	Payroll ending 2/28/2025	11647	Payroll ending 2/28/2025	\$ 446.58
03/12/2025	Payroll ending 2/28/2025	11648	Payroll ending 2/28/2025	\$ 786.64
03/12/2025	Elizabeth Atwater	11649	Mileage and Reimbursement	\$.28
03/12/2025	Mark Ceminsky	11650	February Road Mileage	\$ 109.90
03/12/2025	Central Farm Services	11651	Propane	\$ 1,119.80
03/12/2025	Dakota County Taxation	11652	Notices	\$ 179.94
03/12/2025	ECM Publishers	11653	Elections	\$ 217.80
03/12/2025	Inspectron	11654	Inspections	\$ 3,068.34
03/12/2025	JTN	11655	Internet	\$ 199.00
03/12/2025	Kennedy & Graven	11656	Enforcement matters	\$ 1,161.50
03/12/2025	Amy Liberty	11657	Reimbursement	\$ 17.35
03/12/2025	Metro Sales	11658	Copier	\$ 121.67
03/12/2025	T&C Cleaning	11659	Cleaning March	\$ 170.00
03/12/2025	Town Law Center	11660	Legal	\$ 384.00
03/12/2025	WSB	11661	Services January 2025	\$ 2,776.25
03/12/2025	Pope Premium	11662	Emergency Tree Removal	\$ 775.00
03/12/2025	IRS	EFT20250312-1	February Payroll	\$ 1,851.35
03/12/2025	PERA	EFT20250312-2	February Payroll	\$ 1,138.73
03/12/2025	Dakota Electric	EFT20250312-3	Electric	\$ 183.06
03/12/2025	DSI	EFT20250312-4	Trash	\$ 163.05
03/12/2025	Point North Networks	EFT20250312-5	IT	\$ 538.61
03/12/2025	Visa	EFT20250312-6	Adobe, Office Supplies	\$ 149.28