

Team
EUREKA TOWNSHIP
Dakota County, State of Minnesota

TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 13, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

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

Supervisors Present: Mark Ceminsky, Dan Ames, Pete Storlie, and Allen Novacek.

Others Present: Liz Atwater, Cory Behrendt, Emily Schon, Paul Shanafelt, John Chlebeck, Patrick Boylan

Zoom Attendance: Troy Gilchrist, Nancy Sauber, Jeff, Julie

Approval of the Agenda

Chair Ceminsky requested that XI. Unfinished Business, C. Home Extended Business be removed from the agenda because not all required information and assignments have been received from Town Board members. He also stated that the item should be revisited after the Town Board reviews the commercial basis to ensure there are no conflicts between commercial uses and extended home-based businesses.

Supervisor Novacek voiced his disagreement with the removal and stated that the Town Board should review and discuss the information that has been presented to date.

Chair Ceminsky added XII. New Business G. General Code and H. Building Concerns.

Motion: Vice Chair Storlie moved to approve the agenda as amended. Chair Ceminsky seconded the motion. *Motion carried 3-1 with Supervisor Novacek voting "Nay".*

Reports

Sheriff Report

Deputy Hunter provided an update, noting several deputies participated in field training, and the department reported seeing some new personnel. A few incidents occurred during the last few weeks primarily related to road issues, but no major problems were reported.

Public Comment- *Per Policy on Citizen Input and Conduct at Township Meetings.*

Chair Ceminsky opened the floor for public comment.

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Reports continued.

Planning Commission- Brian Storlie

Planning Commissioner, Brian Storlie, shared items that were discussed at the November 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.

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

Emily Schoen and John Chelbeck of Metropolitan Council Environmental Services presented an overview of the Central Long-Term Wastewater Planning Study, which is in its early outreach phase. The study focuses on long-term regional wastewater infrastructure planning. The southeast metro area is the focus due to projected growth, aging infrastructure, and future capacity needs. The study aims to support community growth, protect public health and the environment, and plan for a resilient and sustainable wastewater system. Community input will help guide future engineering studies, with additional engagement opportunities planned.

Road Report

Chair Ceminsky reported on recent road conditions following the two icy winter weather events. He explained there were shortages from Dakota County on chip rock, requiring staff to locate alternative materials at higher costs. The Township used available alternative products and deployed the grader to scrape and clear ice, particularly on hill areas.

2026 Road Project

WSB extended the 2026 road project bid period due to revised gravel specifications; bids are scheduled to be opened on February 20, 2026, at 10am.

The Town Board reviewed the proposed financing timeline for the 2026 road project from Northland Public Finance. The tentative schedule includes financing plans presented at the Town Board February meeting; financing terms in April; bond financing, pricing date, bond purchase, and contract execution in May; and bond closing in June. Bids may be approved at a special meeting or at the February meeting without impacting the overall schedule.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Chair Ceminsky moved to approve the consent agenda including items A, B C and D, which are Minutes of the Town Board for 11.12.2025 Town Board, 11.25.2025 Special Town Board, 12.9.2025 Town Board and 12.16.2025 Special Town Board meeting minutes. Vice Chair Storlie seconded the motion. *Motion carried 3-0 with Supervisor Novacek abstaining.*

Treasurer's Report

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater read the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2025: The total of all accounts was: \$1,167,648.45.

Motion: Chair Ceminsky moved to accept the December Treasurer's Report as presented. Vice Chair Storlie seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Pete Storlie – Aye; Mark Ceminsky – Aye; Allen Novacek – Aye; Dan Ames- Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Net Pay and Claims

The Clerk presented the payroll in the amount of \$8,494.69 and claims in the amount of \$55,891.89 payment. See page 7 for a list of claims.

Motion: Chair Ceminsky moved to accept the net pay and claims as stated. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Pete Storlie – Aye; Mark Ceminsky – Aye; Allen Novacek – Aye; Dan Ames- Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Receipts and Disbursements

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater presented December receipts in the amount of \$520,017.08 and disbursements in the amount of \$354,4347.18.

Other Treasurer Reports

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

CDs

Motion: Chair Ceminsky moved to the Road and Bridge CD that terms out on January 17th for \$32,723.00 and move it into a 13-month CD at Genisys for 4.10%. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Pete Storlie – Aye; Mark Ceminsky – Aye; Allen Novacek – Aye; Dan Ames- Aye. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Unfinished Business

Orderly Annexation Agreement- Conversation with Cities

Chair Ceminsky provided an update on the status of the orderly annexation agreements, noting that discussions are ongoing and no new actions are ready for approval at this time. Progress with Lakeville is moving through Township’s working group and Lakeville’s council. Discussions with Farmington remain preliminary and are awaiting further response to rescheduling the meeting with the working group.

Comprehensive Plan

Chair Ceminsky reported no updates.

Chub Lake Repairs

The Town Board discussed culvert maintenance concerns for Chub Lake Crossing and reviewed potential solutions to prevent debris buildup and beaver activity. It was generally agreed that a simple, low-maintenance containment solution at the culvert ends would be the most appropriate solution. Vice Chair Storlie was going to obtain pricing for a basic culvert end containment or collar device, potentially starting with one side only, with the option to expand if needed. Consensus was reached to proceed with gathering cost information before taking further action.

The Town Board directed staff to clarify the scope of work with the current contractor and obtain pricing for cleaning four 18-inch culverts to restore full drainage and for installing beaver guard screens on the culvert ends. The Clerk/Treasurer was also directed to seek quotes from qualified vendors, using an informal quote process rather than a formal bid for the cleaning of the four culverts and possible installation of beaver guards.

Brindlee Fire Services

Chair Ceminsky reported no updates.

Data Practices Policies

Attorney Gilchrist reported that there are no substantive updates at this time and that a draft document is expected to be ready for Board review by the next meeting.

225th Road Realignment Project (Airport)

The Town Board discussed the proposed airport-related road realignment, which would require a petition from the Airport MAC to initiate the process, and the potential need to amend or enter into an agreement with the City of Lakeville regarding road maintenance. Concerns were raised about cost responsibility, particularly clarifying that any 50/50 split would apply to ongoing maintenance and not construction. Attorney Gilchrist indicated a draft explanation of the process and obligations would be prepared for Board review. Clerk/Treasurer Atwater is to work with Attorney Gilchrist to respond with the City of Lakeville regarding questions and concerns.

Meeting Room Cameras

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater gave an update on the issues with the meeting room camera system. The existing camera malfunctioned and attempts to contact the original vendor were unsuccessful. A replacement camera was purchased and tested successfully; however, installation is pending due to incompatible power connections. Clerk/Treasurer Atwater will contact the electrician to obtain a quote to install a standard electrical outlet to allow for proper installation and future flexibility. The Town Board also discussed longer-term audiovisual needs, including camera placement, visibility for Board Members and the public, and potential future meeting technology upgrades.

New Business

Board of Audit

The Board of Audit will be conducted on January 20th, 2026, at 3:00pm.

Election Accessibility Grant

The Township was awarded a grant to improved ADA compliance to the Town Hall in the amount of \$9,868.69. The Town Board received estimates to add automatic door openers to the main front entrance, bathroom doors and meeting room doors, as well as adding sidewalks from the emergency exits. The amount awarded was not enough to complete all the work.

Motion: Vice Chair Storlie moved to install handicap accessible buttons and controls at the front entrance doors and vestibule door with the caveat that the location determination have to be determined prior to any work started at the cost \$6,864.00 from Tee Jay North and not to exceed \$2,750 from Tommy's electric after we get a revised quote. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. Vice Chair Storlie amended his motion to include the funds being covered by the 2025 Polling Place Accessibility Grant of \$9,868.69. Supervisor accepted the amendment. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Motion: Chair Ceminsky moved to approve the Grant Agreement. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

ALLAC- Terms

The Town Board discussed the upcoming term for the Airport Advisory Council Committee, which runs through December 31, 2027. The Board agreed that their representative will remain the same

until the next reorganization meeting. The Clerk/Treasurer will send a letter confirming the appointments.

Town Hall Use Policy

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater presented the Town Board with a draft Town Hall Use Policy.

Motion: Chair Ceminsky moved to adopt the Town Hall Use Policy presented on 1/13/2026. Vice Chair Storlie seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

JPA- Dakota County- Municipal SSTS Pump Maintenance

The Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County regarding the Municipal SSTS Pump Maintenance expired on December 31, 2025. The Town Board was presented with an agreement extending the JPA.

Motion: Vice Chair Storlie moved to accept the first amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement between County of Dakota and Eureka Township for administrative services related to Municipal SSTS Pump Maintenance program with the amended correct dates. Chair Ceminsky seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Mining Reviews

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater reported that, per Township ordinance, annual mining reviews are conducted by the Planning Commission at its February meeting, with the matter returning to the Town Board in March. Information is currently being collected, including verification of bonding, insurance, and extraction activity, consistent with last year's process.

The Town Board discussed whether to involve WSB in reviewing the mining materials and providing a memorandum to the Planning Commission, noting that some townships utilize consultants for this purpose and that related costs may be charged back to the mining operations. Consensus was to proceed without WSB's involvement and continue with the established review process.

General Code

The Town Board discussed codifying recently adopted ordinances and resolutions, noting it has been over a year since the last update and that codification would improve clarity and public access.

Motion: Vice Chair Storlie moved to approve General Code to update the ordinance as presented with the price between \$813 and \$1,057, minus Dakota Aggregates share. Chair Ceminsky seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Building Violations and Other Concerns

Chair Ceminsky raised concerns regarding unpermitted building activity and nuisance issues, including junk vehicles and materials placed in the road right-of-way. The agreed process is to notify the Building Official to inspect the structure for permit compliance, and a formal nuisance complaint to document concerns related to vehicles and right-of-way use would need to be filed. Once the complaint is received, the required notifications will be sent, and the matter will be placed on the Town Board meeting for review.

Planning Commission Tasks

Supervisor Novacek requested that his submitted extended home business proposal be sent to the Planning Commission for review. The Town Board agreed to provide the proposal for the Planning Commission to look over and consider potential refinements but emphasized that they should not spend extensive time on it. The Board noted that the Town Board has not yet completed its review of the Planning Commission’s submitted version and is awaiting clarification regarding potential overlap with proposed commercial development. The purpose of sending the proposal at this time is to allow the Planning Commission to understand the proposal and discuss it internally. The review is strictly informational, and further revisions or formal decisions will follow once the Town Board completes its review.

Adjournment

Motion: Supervisor Novacek moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Storlie seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Atwater, Town Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved By: Mark C. B. on: Feb 10, 2024
Town Chair Date

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
01/13/2026	Internal Revenue Service	01132026-1 EFT	Tax December payroll	\$ 1,980.14
01/13/2026	PERA	01132026-2 EFT	December payroll	\$ 1,404.11
01/13/2026	MN Department of Revenue	01132026-3 EFT	4th Qtr State income tax - 2025	\$ 776.87
01/13/2026	Dakota Electric Association	01132026-4 EFT	Premise ID 118357 and 109402 service 11/19/2025-12/16/2025	\$ 203.70
01/13/2026	DSI / LSI	01132026-5 EFT	Inv#1272889460 December 2025 garbage bill	\$ 171.61
01/13/2026	Point North Networks Inc	01132026-6 EFT	Monthly Services	\$ 524.50
01/13/2026	VISA	01132026-7 EFT	Adobe, office supplies,	\$ 114.82
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11929	Payroll December 16-31, 2025	\$ 2,228.20
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11930	Payroll December 16-31, 2025	\$ 372.62
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11931	Payroll December 16-31, 2025	\$ 920.08
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11932	TB and PC Quarter 4 2025	\$ 726.08
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11933	TB and PC Quarter 4 2025	\$ 1,066.81
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11934	TB and PC Quarter 4 2025	\$ 174.62
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11935	TB and PC Quarter 4 2025	\$ 551.46
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11936	TB and PC Quarter 4 2025	\$ 266.53
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11937	TB and PC Quarter 4 2025	\$ 735.28
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11938	TB and PC Quarter 4 2025	\$ 124.62
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11939	TB and PC Quarter 4 2025	\$ 284.91
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11940	TB and PC Quarter 4 2025	\$ 921.24
01/13/2026	Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2025	11941	TB and PC Quarter 4 2025	\$ 122.24
01/13/2026	Anderson Rock and Lime Inc	11942	Invoice 59178 Gravel	\$ 18,149.13
01/13/2026	Elizabeth Atwater	11943	December Mileage	\$ 45.36
01/13/2026	Elizabeth Atwater	11944	Reimbursement for office supplies	\$ 77.06
01/13/2026	Mark Ceminsky	11945	December Road Mileage	\$ 175.70
01/13/2026	Central Farm Services	11946	Account # 105983 Town Hall LP tank -\$337.72	\$ 337.72
01/13/2026	ECM Publishers	11947*	Acct 1037996- AD 150645- PH- 126 Fees, Ord- 2025-02 Mining, Election Filing NOTICE,	\$ 1,049.40
01/13/2026	Finance & Commerce	11948	Invoice 745835396- Customer 615080- 2026 Gravel Project	\$ 287.47
01/13/2026	Grossman Companies	11949	12/02/2025 Sign Replacement and signs	\$ 7,825.00
01/13/2026	Inspectron Inc	11950	inspections December 2025	\$ 6,396.40
01/13/2026	JTN Communications	11951	January 2026	\$ 199.00
01/13/2026	Kennedy & Graven	11952	Enforcement matters	\$ 275.50
01/13/2026	MATIT	11953	Claim 25E0051 Deductible	\$ 2,500.00