

EUREKA TOWNSHIP
Dakota County, State of Minnesota

TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 11, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The Eureka Township Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Mark Ceminsky and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Others Present: Liz Atwater, Jerry Larson, Matt Mettling, Julie and Tony Backes, Cory Behrendt, Melanie Storlie

Zoom Attendance: Troy Gilchrist, Jeff, Kbro, Julie, Ashley

Approval of the Agenda

Supervisor Pope asked to remove XII. New Business C. Weed Inspector.

Chair Ceminsky added XI. Unfinished Business C. iii. Box culverts 225th and 235th.

Motion: Vice Chair Storlie moved to approve the agenda. Supervisor Pope seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

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

Chair Ceminsky opened the floor for public comment.

Chair Ceminsky closed the floor for public comment.

Reports

Planning Commission- Dan Heyda

Planning Commissioner, Dan Heyda, 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.

Permit Requests

22553 Denmark Ave., PID 13-00100-76-010* Exempt Agriculture- Tony and Julie Backes

Motion: Supervisor Pope moved to approve the permit for Tony and Julie Backes, at 22553 Denmark Ave., PID 13-00100-76-0101. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Mining Reviews

Dakota Aggregates- Brosseth Pit-IUP

Motion: Chair Ceminsky moved to approve the review of the Brosseth Pit- Annual IUP review. Supervisor Pope seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Dakota Aggregates- Storlie Pit-CUP

Motion: Chair Ceminsky moved to approve the review of the Storlie Pit- annual CUP review. Supervisor Pope seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Friedges Landscaping-CUP

Motion: Chair Ceminsky moved to approve the review CUP of Friedges mine on 225th Street W. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Vermillion River Aggregates-CUP

Supervisor Ames recused himself because he has a financial interest in the business.

Motion: Chair Ceminsky moved to approve the annual CUP review for the Vermillion River Aggregates mining pit on 235th Street. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Road Report

Chair Ceminsky reported the current road conditions, noting that roads remain in poor shape due to recent weather. Grading was completed again last week following overnight snowfall, and additional grading will continue as needed. Brush clearing within the road right-of-way has been completed for both 2025 and 2026. A meeting is scheduled with the road contractor to discuss summer maintenance, including shoulder work and reclaiming efforts within the Township.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Chair Ceminsky moved to approve the consent agenda including items A, B, C, and D, which are 10.8.2025 Special Town Board minutes, 1.20.2026 Special Town Board Minutes, 2.10.2026 Town Board Minutes, 2.26.2026 Special town Board Minutes. Vice Chair Storlie seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Novacek abstaining.*

Treasurer's Report

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater read the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2026: The total of all accounts was: \$1,130,022.81.

Motion: Vice Chair Storlie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and amended with the February 28, 2026. Chair Ceminsky seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Pete Storlie – Aye; Tim Pope- Aye; Mark Ceminsky – Aye; Allen Novacek – Aye; Dan Ames- Aye. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Net Pay and Claims

The Clerk presented the payroll in the amount of \$3,640.10 and claims in the amount of \$141,802.01. See page 6 for a list of claims.

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

Receipts and Disbursements

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater presented February receipts in the amount of \$141,802.01 and disbursements in the amount of \$144,183.50.

Other Treasurer Reports

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

Unfinished Business

Orderly Annexation Agreement- Conversation with Cities

Chair Ceminsky and Vice Chair Storlie reported that discussions with the Cities of Lakeville and Farmington are ongoing, with no formal action at this time. Farmington's progress has been slower due to recent internal challenges but remains interested in land expansion. The Board discussed annexation considerations, including land amounts, landowner interest, and impacts to agricultural land and tax base. An update is expected at the April meeting.

Comprehensive Plan

Chair Ceminsky reported that the Comprehensive Plan remains under review with the Metropolitan Council. Staff and the Township planner will continue to work with Met Council on requested details. While progress appears to be nearing completion, no formal written feedback or direction has been received by the Board at this time.

Chub Lake Repairs

Chair Ceminsky reported that we are still looking at getting pricing for the culvert covers. Vice Chair Storlie has asked Clerk Atwater to take over that responsibility.

Chair Ceminsky reported that the clearing of vegetation has begun and is looking good.

Box Culverts

There are 5 box culverts that need to be cleaned as part of the flood project on 235th and 225th. The Township solicited bids and received three quotes for the Town Board to review.

Supervisor Pope recused himself as he has a vested interest in the proposals and moved to the audience.

The bids were as follows:

- Pope Premium Enterprises: \$93,800
- Grossman Companies: \$86,500
- Otte Excavating: \$58,990

Motion: Vice Chair Storlie moved to approve Otte Excavating for culvert clean out on 225th and 235th for the combined total of \$58,990 and that will include the reseeding restoration. Supervisor Novacek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 4-0.*

Supervisor Pope returned to his seat.

Brindlee Fire Services

Chair Ceminsky gave an update on potential fire service options, including interest in a shared service model with neighboring townships such as Castle Rock and Greenvale. Preliminary estimates suggest a combined service could be feasible, with opportunities to stabilize costs through collaboration.

Discussion included potential funding contributions, equipment needs, staffing (including a full-time chief and volunteers), and training requirements. It was noted that additional information and detailed cost analysis are needed. Town Board suggested putting a call out to residents with specific skill sets to possibly form a committee.

225th Road Realignment Project (Airport)

Chair Ceminsky reported on planned roadway realignment projects associated with the airport. Improvements to 225th Street, both west and east of Cedar Avenue, are expected to begin this year in phases. The Township will continue coordinating with the airport and monitor project progress moving forward.

Extended Home Business

The Town Board expressed differing perspectives on allowing expanded home-based businesses, including considerations of property size, number of employees, impacts to neighboring properties, and enforcement. The importance of balancing flexibility for residents with potential impacts was noted. The Town Board agreed that additional discussion and clearer direction should be developed before forwarding the item to the Planning Commission.

WSB-Mining Quote

Hannah Rybak from WSB will have information for the April Town Board meeting.

DNR-Chub Lake Crossing

Chair Ceminsky reported that a meeting with the DNR has not yet occurred to discuss potential maintenance responsibilities and contributions. A meeting is scheduled with the DNR and Supervisors Ceminsky and Ames.

2026 Road Project

A meeting with the contractor, TJ Grossman, Supervisors Ames and Ceminsky, is scheduled for the end of the month to review timelines and start dates.

On-Call Emergency Vendors

Motion: Chair Ceminsky moved for on-call emergency vendors we use, Tommy's Electric for electrical, Hero for HVAC, and we use Drain Pro Plumbing out of Lakeville. Vice Chair Storlie seconded the motion. *Motion carried 3-0 with Supervisors Novacek and Pope abstaining.*

New Business

Planning Commission Interviews

Clerk Atwater discussed the process for Planning Commission recruitment and interviews. The Town Board agreed to follow the standard process of soliciting applications, followed by interviews at an upcoming Town Board meeting. The Clerks will distribute a notice via email in the coming week.

Reorganization Meeting

Reorganization meeting will be on March 24th at 7pm.

Planning Commission Tasks

The Town Board requested the Planning Commission to work with the Planner on the Indoor Growth Facilities task.

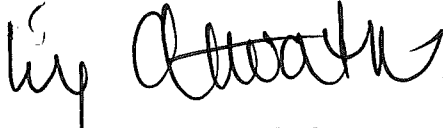
Adjournment

Chair Ceminsky thanked Allen Novacek and Tim Pope for their service on the Town Board.

Motion: Supervisor Novacek moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Pope seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Atwater, Town Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved By: Mark Ceminsky on: 4-14-24
Town Chair Date

DATE	VENDOR	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
03/11/2026	Payroll Period Ending 02/28/2026	11987	Payroll February 16-28, 2026	\$ 2,228.49
03/11/2026	Payroll Period Ending 02/28/2026	11988	Payroll February 16-28, 2026	\$ 486.69
03/11/2026	Payroll Period Ending 02/28/2026	11989	Payroll February 16-28, 2026	\$ 924.92
03/11/2026	Mark Ceminsky	11990	February Road Mileage	\$ 202.28
03/11/2026	Dakota Electric	11991	Escrow for ROW Permit 24-08 6595 225th Street W	\$ 2,500.00
03/11/2026	Dakota Electric	11992	Escrow for ROW Permit 25-08 existing Pole Highway Ave across from 22953 Highview Ave	\$ 2,500.00
03/11/2026	ECM Publishers	11993	Acct 1037996- AD 1519280 Ord 2026-01 and AD 1518488 Annual Meeting Election Notice	\$ 356.40
03/11/2026	Grossman Companies	11994	December and January Shared Roads Snow plowing	\$ 2,431.00
03/11/2026	Inspectron Inc	11995	January 2026	\$ 146.25
03/11/2026	JTN Communications	11996	March 2026	\$ 199.00
03/11/2026	Kennedy & Graven	11997	Enforcement matters	\$ 506.00
03/11/2026	Amy Liberty	11998	February Mileage	\$ 25.74
03/11/2026	Metro Sales Inc	11999	2/10/2026- 3/9/2026 Copier	\$ 124.67
03/11/2026	Otte Excavating	12000	Invoice 2/27/2026 Trim Trees Ditches 2025- Grenada, Highview, 240, 235, 225, Essex, 247	\$20,000.00
03/11/2026	Tee Jay North, INC	12001	Installation of ADA openers in Town Hall Entry Way	\$ 7,095.00
03/11/2026	Tommy's Electric	12002	Town Hall- Electrical for ADA Door Entrances and install electrical for cameras in meeting	\$ 1,970.00
03/11/2026	Town Law Center PLLP	12003	Invoice 1150 February 2026	\$ 6,362.16
03/11/2026	WSB	12004	Gravel Road Maintenance January 2026 Bid	\$ 1,350.50
03/11/2026	WSB	12005	January 2026 Services	\$ 7,369.50
03/11/2026	Internal Revenue Service	031126EEFT1	Tax February payroll	\$ 2,213.24
03/11/2026	PERA	031126EEFT2	February payroll	\$ 1,276.13
03/11/2026	Dakota Electric Association	031126EEFT3	Premise ID 118357 and 109402 service 01/18/2026-02/17/2026	\$ 228.51
03/11/2026	DSI / LSI	031126EEFT4	Inv#12941077T460 February 2026 garbage bill	\$ 171.61
03/11/2026	Point North Networks Inc	031126EEFT5	Monthly Services	\$ 525.00
03/11/2026	VISA	031126EEFT6	Adobe, Postage, office supplies, Website maintenance	904.21