

EUREKA! THE NEWS

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Eureka Township Supervisors

Meet monthly, 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Connie Anderson, Chair

952-469-2355, term to 3/07

Dan Rogers, Vice Chair

952-469-3739, term to 3/06

Gloria Belzer, term to 3/08

952-469-8488

Mark Malecha, term to 3/06

507-645-4015

Cheryl Monson, term to 3/08

952-469-1835

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Nanett Leine, 952-469-3736

Eureka Planning Commission

Meet monthly, 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Corey Behrendt, Chair

952-985-5411, term to 4/06

Mike Greco, Vice Chair

952-469-8418, term to 4/08

Kevin Flaherty, term to 4/08

612-325-7361

Francie Madden, term to 4/06

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Rich Stevens, term to 4/07

651-463-4609

Township Contact

Nanett Leine, 952-469-3736

Monday, 8:00 a.m. to noon

Thursday, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

At other times, calls transferred to voice mail; all calls are returned.

- for general information
- to get on meeting agenda
- for building, etc. permit info.

Emergency fire, police, ambulance call 911

E-mail: eureka@frontiernet.net

Website: www.eurekatownship-mn.us

- official meeting minutes
- ordinances, calendar, etc.

Official Notices published in *Lakeville This Week Life and Times* newspaper, and posted on bulletin board outside the new Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave.

Editor: Carolyn Papke, 651-463-8546
Mailings by Wally Bohrn & family

NEW ORDINANCES ADOPTED

Culminating several years of work and innumerable hours by many people, the new Eureka Township Ordinances were adopted on June 7, 2005. Legal notification was published on June 18. This effort reflects an up-to-date, organized set of ordinances. They are available from the Town Clerk at \$25 for hard copy, or \$2 for CD disk, and can be accessed on our website.

BOARD HAPPENINGS

by Gloria Belzer, Supervisor

The Community of Eureka welcomes two new members to its Planning Commission, Mike Greco and Kevin Flaherty. Mike and Kevin bring diverse experiences and skills to the Commission and are devoted to sound planning principles that will enhance the quality of life for Eureka citizens. The Town Board is looking forward to working in tandem with the Commission to foster a community environment that provides for the needs of both residents and our natural surroundings.

On June 7, 2005, the Town Board adopted new ordinances. Thank you to those who dedicated many hours to the process of drafting the ordinances. A copy of the ordinances is posted at the community library, the Town Hall, and the County Law Library. Citizens can obtain a copy from the Township clerk.

The Town Board, in conjunction with the Planning Commission, is in the process of updating forms, policies and procedures. While striving to meet the challenges and pressures of the future, the Town Board welcomes the voice of all citizens articulating common goals and differing points of view.

TOWNSHIP ROADS

Supervisor Contacts: Mark Malecha and Dan Rogers

- Overlays on County Road 9 (Dodd Blvd), County Road 17 (Highview Ave) and County Road 86 (280th Street) were approved by the County Board of Commissioners. Adjoining property owners will be notified by the county as to when this will occur.
- Dust control will be done in early July.
- Spot Graveling is taking place on many of the township roads, most is completed.
- Completed Road Projects: 225th Cedar to Dodd; 265th Galaxie to Fairgreen; 225th Cedar to Dodd.

CURRENT TOWN BOARD ISSUES

The Town Board is continually in the process of making decisions about Building Permits, Split Lots, Non-Conforming Use Permits, Conditional Use Permits, and issues that are not in compliance with our Ordinances. For specific information, refer to the minutes of Town Board Meetings on our website.

INTERCEPTOR (MUSA) LINE —Attend the public informational meeting Tues., Aug. 2, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall—

See the interceptor poster boards now on display in the town hall. ___

MET Council- Empire WWTP Service Area Recommended Plan is to have the Target Interceptor in service by 2010 from Elko/ New Market to existing sewer in Lakeville. (The first 2 miles of the interceptor will go in later this year in conjunction with the widening project on County Road 2.) By 2030 Lakeville/ Farmington would reach capacity because of the Elko/ New Market flow. The flow would be diverted East/ West across Eureka and Castle Rock to Empire treatment plant.

Facility Planning is underway. They are starting preliminary engineering including wetland delineation, EAW, environmental assessment, soil borings, property easements, utility locations, etc. The facility planning will be completed this summer; a public hearing held; then it will be submitted to the MET Council for adoption.

RESULTS OF KRAPU VS. EUREKA HEARING

In August, 2004, Jeff & Andi Krapu requested a Conditional Use Permit to open a dog kennel on Dodd Blvd. capable of boarding 50 dogs. Two public hearings registered public concerns of property values, noise, safety, environmental issues, etc. The request was unanimously denied Sep. 27 by the Town Board. A law suit was brought by the Krapu's in December. Mn. Township Assn. Insurance covers township legal fees. The First Judicial District Court ruled in favor of Krapu's in May. At a recent Town Board special meeting on June 24, a decision was made to appeal the verdict.

ANNEXATION ISSUES

The Town Board gave approval for the Town Board sub-committee to continue to work with Lakeville regarding any airport annexation issues. The Town Board will have further discussion at their July 11 regular meeting regarding Hat Trick Investments Inc. property.

THE OLD TOWN HALL BUILDING

The old town hall will be torn down as other options were not utilized. The tear-down was awarded to S.R. Stevens Excavating, Inc. and will be scheduled after required inspections are completed.

SHERIFF ACTIVITIES

An additional officer was assigned for the months of June, July and August to patrol Eureka, Castle Rock, and Empire townships. A formal Town Board letter to support additional sheriff deputy staff in the 2006 Dakota County budget was sent to Commissioner Harris, who is working on it.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT EUREKA ORDINANCE.....

This is a quick ordinance synopsis; for complete information, refer to Eureka Township Ordinances. They are available from the Town Clerk at \$25 for hard copy, \$2 for CD disk, or can be accessed on our website, or at Farmington or Lakeville Libraries, or Eureka Town Hall, or the County Law Library.

Ordinance 4, Chapter 2, Section 16 (page 88): Both Township and County laws state it is illegal to use **All Terrain Vehicles** (ATVs) on township roads or ditches unless registered for farm use. (Recall the tragic ATV-related death in Castle Rock a few weeks ago.) For more information see Department of Natural Resources booklet on Off Highway Vehicle Regulations.

Ordinance 3, Chapter 9, (page 77): Junk Vehicles (motor vehicles that are inoperable for 45 days or more, or not properly licensed for MN. operation, except seasonal service vehicles) cannot be located within the boundaries of Eureka Township.

Ordinance 3, Chapter 4, Section 8 (page 51): Swimming Pools (containing over 15,000 gallons of water and over 2 feet deep) require permits and inspection. Fencing of at least 4 1/2 feet with self-closing gates are also required.

PLANNING COMMISSION MESSAGE by Corey Behrendt

Our goal is to efficiently process all permit applications in a timely manner. Please take the time to review all related ordinances and adhere to the outlined processes. This will help ensure consistency and eliminate any unforeseen issues. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Town Clerk so they can be addressed properly.

Preliminary Work:

- ☐ Applications for building permits for consideration at the next planning commission meeting are to be returned to the Town Clerk by Monday at noon, one week prior to the Planning Commission Meeting. Other applications may be considered, but will be addressed following all other scheduled business.
- ☐ Applications must be completed by the applicant prior to coming before the Planning Commission. A complete application consists of the permit application, a completed site plan, complete building plans and other documents (i.e. driveway and sign permits) as applicable.
- ☐ Building plans will be submitted to the building inspector following a recommendation to proceed by the Planning Commission, thus, building plans should be in final draft form when submitted.
- ☐ Two certificates of survey will be required for all new dwellings and lot splits.
- ☐ The applicant must have ownership of the involved property. The Parcel ID will be used for verification of ownership; conflicts must be resolved with a proper deed.

Process:

- This process will take a minimum of two weeks to complete, not including preparation time or additional time required by incomplete applications or unresolved issues.
- If this process is not followed, you may be requested to complete missing information and continue the process during the following month's meeting.
- ☐ 1. Completed permit application and two copies of relating documentation is submitted to the Town Clerk one week prior to the Planning Commission meeting.
- ☐ 2. Applicant comes before the Planning Commission to represent the permit application. NOTE: The building permit is completed in the property owners' name; however, a contractor/builder may represent the permit application.
- ☐ 3. Applicant comes before the Town Board at the next scheduled board meeting for representation and final approval of the permit.

MEET OUR NEW OFFICIALS

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISORS:

Gloria Belzer was raised in a rural township in SW Mn. where she developed her passion for the beauty of rural areas. She and husband, Jeff, live on Dodd Blvd. and have five adult children. Gloria is a registered surgical nurse of 27 years, served on medical committees and done volunteer medical work in Peru and Honduras. She had recently been active in Lakeville community work.

Cheryl Monson has lived in our Township for 15 years. She and her husband have 3 school-aged children. Cheryl is self-employed, working part-time; she enjoys camping and horses. Cheryl served two years on the Planning Commission prior to being elected to the Town Board.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Kevin Flaherty has lived in the township 5 years with his wife and 4 daughters. He is enthusiastic about hunting, fishing, and golf. Kevin was an officer of Best Buy for 13 years, and now is V.P. of Sales for Earthlink.

Mike Greco, Planning Commission vice-chair, is originally from Ohio. He moved to the township in 1998 with his wife, Shelley Clubb, who was raised in Eureka. Mike works as the Communications Coordinator and Editor at the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) at the U. of MN. He has served on several township task forces. His hobbies include organic gardening, biking, and music.

TOWNSHIP ACTIVITIES

TOWN HALL USE COMMITTEE

Wally Bohm, Gary Smith, Chris Neilson, Butch Hansen were appointed by the Town Board on June 13 to this committee. Their charge is to research appropriate uses of the town hall besides township business such as fees, deposits, monitoring use, also possible use of the town hall by the Sheriff Department. The committee will report to the citizens at the Annual Town Meeting in March 2006.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

Cheryl Schindeldecker for many volunteer hours to assist the Town Clerk in organizing all the old township records.

YOUNG AND OLD: SURVEY EUREKA NATURE

Life is changing right before us! I bet there are animals and birds you've seen in the past that are no longer around. The editor suggests publishing a list of the critters we encounter in Eureka Township in 2005, such as varieties of birds, mammals, amphibians, butterflies, insects, etc. What do you see, hear or find in 2005? The informal survey will be published this fall. Call Carolyn with your information at 651-463-8546, or email me at: papkecr@earthlink.net.

NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

A microwave and a vacuum cleaner were donated to the town hall. A donation of a small refrigerator (2-4 cu ft.) would be greatly appreciated.

Persons interested in being put on the request list for meetings, agendas and minutes: Send e-mail address to the clerk (eurekatn@frontiernet.net) and they will be added to the list for current updates of monthly calendar, agendas, happenings, etc. Blind copies are sent, so e-mail addresses are kept private.

EUREKA CALENDAR - events at Eureka Town Hall unless otherwise indicated.

July 5 7:00 p.m. Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
July 11 7:00 p.m. Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting

The township office will be closed from July 11, 2005 to July 15, 2005.
Voice mail will be checked during this week. Please feel free to leave a message and someone will return your call.

August 1 7:00 p.m. Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
August 2 7:00 p.m. Public Meeting about Interceptor Line in Eureka
August 8 7:00 p.m. Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting

Sep. 6 7:00 p.m. Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
Sep. 12 7:00 p.m. Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting

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