



Eureka Township Supervisors

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

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952-469-8561, term to 3/10

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Carrie Jennings, term to 3/11

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Dan Rogers, term to 3/12

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Nancy Sauber, term to 3/12

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Eureka Planning Commission

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

Vince Mako, Chair

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952-985-7248, term to 4/11

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Township Contact, Clerk/Treasurer

Nanett Sandstrom, 952-469-3736

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Town Hall Office Hours:

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

Drop box – A locked drop box is available near the door of the Town Hall to receive applications and other documents.

E-mail: eurekatn@frontiernet.net

Website: <http://eurekatownship-mn.us>

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Township Roads:

Brian Budenski 952-292-6028

Dan Rogers 952-469-3739

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Emergency 911: ambulance, police, fire
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Official Notices are posted on the bulletin board located on the south (parking lot) side of the Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave. and published in ThisWeek Life and Times newspaper.

Editor: Jody Arman-Jones, 651-463-2876

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Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect native to eastern Asia that attacks and kills ash trees. It probably inadvertently entered the United States in the 1990's via products shipped through the Great Lakes. Officials around the country have been on the watch for the EAB since 2002 when it was first identified in Detroit, Michigan. Since then, the EAB has rapidly spread in all directions, including into Canada. In the summer of 2008 the EAB showed up in eastern Wisconsin along Lake Michigan and by April 2009 it was found in Victory, Wisconsin located in the southwest portion of the state along the Mississippi River. Fast forward to May 2009, the EAB was discovered in a St. Paul, Minnesota neighborhood near Highway 280 and I-94. Experts estimate that the EAB has been present in that St. Paul location for 3 to 5 years. As a result of these findings, currently, three Minnesota counties are in a wood product transportation quarantine including Ramsey and Hennepin Counties in the Metro area and Houston County in southeastern Minnesota, bordering the Mississippi River outbreak near Victory, Wisconsin. While the EAB can fly only short distances, it is most likely spread by humans transporting it in the larvae stage while it is burrowed under the bark of firewood or landscape trees, hence the call for transportation quarantine. This is true of other wood borne insects such as Gypsy Moth.

Mike Schommer, a spokesperson for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, suggested protective action may be taken with ash trees of high value when an infestation is confirmed within 15 miles of the tree location. However, don't assume that just because no official announcement of an infestation in your area has been made, that the EAB is not present; rather watch your trees for signs of the EAB including:

- Die off by section, especially at the top
- Sudden appearance of sucker shoots
- Small (1/8 inch) "D" shaped exit holes on the bark

Mr. Schommer advises tree owners to consult a local tree company with a certified arborist on staff if there is concern over the EAB on the property, or one of the agencies listed at the end of this article.

Minnesota has the second highest prevalence of ash trees in the United States behind Maine and with a population of nearly 400,000 residents, it is estimated that Dakota County may have nearly as many ash trees. In order to prevent the spread of the EAB, it is recommended that residents:

1. Plant trees other than ash from reputable sellers.
2. Use only local firewood and do not transport any firewood, burning all of it before leaving.

For more information on the Emerald Ash Borer, please contact one or more of the following:

Arrest.the.Pest@state.mn.us or the Arrest the Pest Hotline at 651-201-6684

Forest Resources Extension at 612-624-3020

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/issues/eab/>

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/minnesotainfo.cfm>

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/eab.htm>

TOWN BOARD NEWS

Township Road Concerns – Please contact Town Board supervisors Brian Budenski at 952-292-6028 or Dan Rogers at 952-469-3739 regarding any issues relating to Township roads or ditches, rather than the road contractors.

CapX2020 Power Line - The “scoping” period for the La Crosse portion of the line ended July 25, 2009, as well as the comment period regarding which issues are to be studied in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Regarding the Brookings portion of the line, which will likely pass through Eureka Township, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has indicated that CAPX2020 must come back before the PUC if they want conditions requiring the utilization of wind generated energy removed. The PUC frequently referred to the position of the locally based Citizens Energy Task Force (CETF) that the citizens were promised that line was for wind generated energy sources.

PLANNING COMMISSION MESSAGES

Commercial-Industrial Taskforce – A number of landowners have submitted applications to serve on a task force being created to continue the work of the 2002 – 2003 Commercial – Industrial task force. The Planning Commission has completed interviewing professional planning firms and will likely interview the landowner applicants in an attempt to have balanced representation on the task force. Those landowners selected will serve along with liaisons from the Planning Commission and Town Board, facilitated by a professional planner.

Recorder Sought - \$10.00 per Hour - The Township is interested in hiring an individual with good language and basic computer skills to assist the Planning Commission in the recording of its minutes. Such an individual would be asked to attend any Planning Commission Regular Meeting (7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, as a rule) and all Special Meetings (7:00 p.m. on scheduled dates) and to write a draft of the minutes from those meetings for approval by the Commission. The meetings are recorded to assist the Recorder with the writing of the minutes. The meetings frequently last three to four hours.

The Commission will decide what level of detail it desires beyond the minimum requirement of the recording of such items as motions and votes, and will work with the individual hired to reach that goal. The first part of the draft minutes from a Regular Commission Meeting, that includes permit requests and land use and zoning issues, must be submitted to the Town Clerk by the Thursday immediately following the Commission meeting so that the Clerk can forward that portion to the Board for its own meeting on the following Monday. The complete draft minutes are submitted to the Commission, by way of the Clerk, no later than the Thursday before its next meeting for their review. Any such additions or corrections the Commission approves at its next meeting must be incorporated into the minutes. The edited, approved minutes are then emailed to the Town Clerk for the records and to the website manager for the public’s information.

The hours can vary by month as Special Meetings, in addition to the Regular Meeting, may be scheduled by the Commission to address certain topics. The minimum would most likely be the Regular Meeting attendance of three to four hours, eight to ten hours to draft the minutes from the recording, plus whatever time may be required to edit the minutes for the final version. As other meetings may be scheduled by the Commission, the hours would increase for that month. The position pays \$10/hour.

Please send your name and contact information to Town Clerk Nanett Sandstrom at eurekatn@frontiernet.net or call 952-469-3736. The Township would like to fill this position in the very near future.

NOTES FROM THE CLERK

This Township newsletter is now available electronically! If you would like to receive it in that form, please contact Clerk Nanett Sandstrom at eurekatn@frontiernet.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLASSIFIEDS

We Can See Clearly Now!

Special thanks go to **Sharon Buckley** for washing both the windows *and* the screens of the Town Hall. We appreciate your continuing Community Service.

Town Hall Available for Rent

The Town Hall is available to be rented Sundays through Saturdays, from 7:30 a.m. through 11:30 p.m. An application is available by calling the Clerk at 952-469-3736 or in person at the Town Hall. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. A fee of \$25.00 per block of four hours and a \$200 deposit is required at least two weeks prior to the event. Please note that events may not be of a commercial, promotional, sales or fundraising nature. No admission may be charged to events. Alcoholic beverages, gambling and smoking are prohibited on the premises. No food preparation or cleaning facilities are available. The Town Hall capacity is 140 people.

Needed: Citizen Volunteers to Monitor Water Transparency

As part of ongoing river monitoring, volunteers will be trained to take regular measurements of the transparency of water at one or more local river crossings including:

- West Eureka Creek at CSAH 23
- East Eureka Creek at Co. Road 78, 3 miles southwest of Farmington
- A number of Vermillion River crossings and tributaries in the North Cannon River watershed

Interested parties may learn more at the MPCA website <http://pca.state.mn.us/water/csmp.html> or by contacting Laurie Sovell at 651-757-2750



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Business Ads by Residents and/or Landowners in Eureka Township

This is not meant as an endorsement of products, services or business status by Eureka Township.

Eureka landowners and/or residents who wish to advertise their businesses in this newsletter, may place a "business card ad" for the price of \$35.00 per quarter or \$125.00 per annum. Any revenue obtained will be applied to the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Contact the Newsletter editor at 651-463-2876.

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To receive e-mail notice of public hearings, special meetings, etc. e-mail your request to be placed on the distribution list to: eurekatn@frontiernet.net

2009 Eureka Calendar...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

August 3	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
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August 10	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
August 10	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Special Planning Commission Meeting, agenda - Town Board Meeting
August 27	Thursday	noon	Applications due for September 8 Planning Commission Meeting
September 8	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
September 14	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
September 24	Thursday	noon	Applications due for October 5 Planning Commission Meeting
October 5	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
October 13	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
October 22	Thursday	noon	Applications due for November 2 Planning Commission Meeting
November 2	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
November 9	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
November 24	Thursday	noon	Applications due for December 7 Planning Commission Meeting

**Note: All new structures, most types of remodeling (both interior and exterior), and some types of repairs require a building permit under the Minnesota State Uniform Building Code and Eureka Township Ordinances. If you are in doubt about whether a project requires a permit, please contact the Town Clerk at 952-469-3736. Eureka Township Ordinances are available from the Town Clerk at \$25 for a hard copy, \$2 for a CD disk or can be accessed on the website, <http://eurekatownship-mn.us>, or at the Dakota County libraries in Lakeville and Farmington, or Eureka Town Hall or the Dakota County Law Library.*