

Eureka Township Quarterly Newsletter

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Board Happenings

It has been a very busy year so far in "OUR" township and a lot has been accomplished. Both the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission have been attending many meetings in order to attempt to stay on top of all the events that affect Eureka Township.

Some of the highlights that have occurred so far include continued work on township ordinances (we believe we can see the light at the end of the tunnel, and hope it's not a train). Both the Board and Planning Commission have expended a lot of effort in attempting to make them easier to understand and to put them in an order that makes them easier to find in our new ordinance book. Many thanks to all of those citizens who have attended these meetings and provided us with valuable input. Also, thanks to our township council who took our input, and somehow gleaned our intent for these new ordinances from our discussions (and ramblings later in the evening) and is helping us assemble these ordinances.

As mentioned last winter, the county came up with the money to replace the old 265th Street (Billy Goat) bridge east of Galaxie Ave. The old bridge was removed this summer and the new bridge is nearly complete. Supervisor Malecha took the lead on this project and I believe did a great job. We also replaced some old culverts this summer. This should help with some of the drainage problems.

A major issue this year has been the Elko/New Market waste water treatment plant expansion plans. Several very positive things have been accomplished; Communication has been established between Eureka Township and our neighbors, something that has been sometimes lacking in the past. We have made the MPCA aware of our concerns about pollution in the Vermillion River and forced Elko/New Market to come into compliance with pollution standards. Finally, I believe we came together as a community to attack this problem.

Saving the best for last. You may have noticed the construction going on at the corner of 250th Street (County Road 80) and Old Cedar Ave. Our new town hall committee has been very busy, and as a result, we hope to vote this November in our "New Town Hall". This could not have been accomplished without the support of the citizens of Eureka Township at the continued annual meeting. Thank you, and as Gary Smith said, "we deserve it."

That is it for this quarter. Please continue to attend the various meetings that occur and let us know what you think. Without input from the residents of Eureka Township, both the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission are flying in the blind. Have a fun Halloween and a great Thanksgiving.

Elko/New Market Sewer Update

We are pleased that Elko/New Market Waste Water Treatment Plant is hauling excess waste water that their plant does not have the capacity to treat. This is good news for the Vermillion River Watershed. A special thanks to the residents who attended the MPCA hearing to protest the dumping of waste water into the Vermillion River. Without their attendance and input, the problem would not have been addressed and the dumping of polluted water into our Vermillion River would have continued unchecked.

The Elko/New Market sewer permit will go before the MPCA Citizen's Board at their November 23, 2004 meeting. It will be important for Eureka Township residents to attend so we can have input on the amount of effluent they can discharge into the Vermillion. They are asking for 1,000,000 gallons per day. Eureka Township consultant research shows that the carrying capacity of the river is 200,000 gallons per day. The MPCA is located at 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, Phone: 651-296-6300, 800-657-3864. The agenda for the meeting will not be posted on the MPCA's website until November 1, so we're not sure what time this issue will be covered. You can check the MPCA website at: www.pca.state.mn.us/. You can also find out the exact time by calling Nanett closer to the meeting date. Please help us out by attending this meeting.

Zoning Ordinance News

The zoning ordinance for the Non-Conforming Use section governing businesses in the township has been updated to reflect changes in State of Minnesota Statutes. All business owners will be asked to register their businesses by December 31, 2004. Legal Non-Conforming Business Registration forms are available by contacting the Town Clerk. A registration fee of \$50.00 will be charged.

Burning Permits Required in Township

No open burning is allowed in Eureka Township unless it's:

1. A campfire which is 3 feet in diameter or less.
2. Contained in a charcoal grill, camp stove, or other device for cooking or heating.
3. A fire started when ground is covered by 3 inches of snow.

See State Statutes 2001.88.16

A burning permit can be obtained from the Fire Marshals of either the City of Lakeville or the City of Farmington. NO GARBAGE OF ANY KIND CAN BE BURNED IN DAKOTA COUNTY.

New Eureka Town Hall

Eureka's new town hall is taking shape and is on schedule. Healy Construction, our contractor, plans to install windows and doors and begin the brickwork before the end of September. The interior work is underway and we anticipate beginning selection of furnishings. Plans for the landscaping, parking lot, and sidewalks are done and the work will start as soon as progress on the exterior of the building permits. The best part of the project is that, thanks to contributions from a few of the businessmen of the township, we are well within our budget at this point. You can be sure the members of the New Town Hall Committee are trying to maintain the on time and on budget attitude towards completion of our new town hall.

Road Projects

The following road projects have been completed in Eureka Township this summer. Crushed rock has been applied to 240th Street from Highview Avenue to Cedar Avenue. Gravel has been applied to Fairgreen Avenue from 280th Street to 265th Street; and on Flagstaff Avenue from 225th Street to 220th Street.

Voting November 2, 2004

We will be voting in our new town hall on Tuesday, November 2, 2004. The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. This will give everyone a chance to visit the new town hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Township Elections

Filing for Township Board positions #2 and #3 will begin December 28, 2004 through January 11, 2005, filing deadline at 5:00 p.m. If anyone is interested, remember to file.

Reduced Speed Limit

The speed limit on Denmark Avenue by the Prairie Creek School has been reduced to 25 m.p.h.

TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

- For general information
- To get on the Town Board Meeting Agenda
- To get information on the requirement for a township building or mining permit

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Calendar of Meetings

Town Board:

October 11, 2004

November 8, 2004

December 13, 2004

Planning Commission:

October 4, 2004

November 1, 2004

December 6, 2004