

EUREKA! THE NEWS

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2006 ELECTION RESULTS

Town Board Supervisor Seat #3

Cory Behrendt 258 votes, Write in: 15 votes.

Town Board Supervisor Seat #4

Butch Hansen 98 votes, Dan Rogers 194 votes, Write in: 2 votes.

Town Board Supervisor Seat #5

Amy Nielsen 51 votes, Gary Smith 233 votes, Write-in 4 votes.

TOWN BOARD REORGANIZATION 3/27/06 to 3/12/07

Chair: Cory Behrendt

Vice Chair: Gary Smith

Supervisor Assignments:

Lakeville Fire Contract - Dan Rogers

Farmington Fire Contract - Gary Smith

Cannon River Watershed - Gloria Belzer/Cory Behrendt

Vermillion River Watershed - Gary Smith/Dan Rogers

Weed Inspector - Gary Smith

ALF Ambulance - Dan Rogers

Roads - Gary Smith and Dan Rogers

Communications/newsletter - Gloria Belzer

Wetlands contact - Cheryl Monson

Airlake Airport - Dan Rogers

Townhall - Cheryl Monson

County Contact - Cory Behrendt

Sheriff Contact - Cheryl Monson

Elko/New Market WWTP - Cory Behrendt

Compliance Officer for Data Practice - Cheryl Monson

Technical Advisory Committee (Cedar Ave. Bus Transit, Hy. 70 to Mall of America): Cory Behrendt/Gloria Belzer

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

Cory Behrendt, Chair
952-985-5411, term to 3/09

Gary Smith, Vice Chair
651-463-8045, term to 3/07

Gloria Belzer, term to 3/08
612-202-5821

Cheryl Monson, term to 3/08
952-469-1835

Dan Rogers, term to 3/09
952-469-3739

Eureka Planning Commission

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

Mike Greco, Chair
952-469-8418, term to 4/08

Sharon Buckley, term to 5/09
952-469-2290

Kevin Flaherty, term to 4/08
612-325-7361

Nancy Sauber, term to 5/09
952-469-5146

Rich Stevens, term to 4/07
651-463-4609

Township Contact, Clerk/Treasurer

Nanett Champlain, 952-469-3736

Monday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 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.

E-mail: eureka@frontiernet.net

Website: www.eurekatownship-mn.us

- official meeting minutes
- ordinances, calendar, etc.
- permit applications

Township Roads:

Gary Smith, 651-463-8045

Dan Rogers, 952-469-3739

Emergency 911: ambulance, police, fire (non-emergency 651-437-4211)

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

Editor: Carolyn Papke, 651-463-8546
Mailings by Georgie Molitor

There will be two openings on the Planning Commission. Each is a three-year term beginning May 1, 2006. The Town Board will make the appointments at the April 10 Board Meeting. Anyone interested in these positions should submit a letter to: Town Clerk, Eureka Township, PO Box 576, Lakeville, Mn. 55044 by April 6, 2006. See Ordinance No. 2, Chapter 3 (page 27) for more information.

CURRENT TOWNBOARD ISSUES

- An Ordinance Establishing Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Requirements for Land Disturbances was recommended for adoption to the Eureka Town Board as a result of the public hearing held by the Planning Commission on 3-21-06. The Ordinance was prepared by the North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization.
- **MinnCan Pipeline Project:**

The Minnesota Pipeline Company (MPL) is proposing the construction of a 295 mile pipeline which will run directly through Eureka Township. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to require a 100 foot wide construction right-of-way at most locations. MPL will negotiate with affected landowners for both permanent and temporary easements.

Any person may propose an alternate route or route segment. If a citizen would like to make a proposal (new route or route segment) that is more than five-eighths of a mile from MPL's alignment, contact the staff at the Department of Commerce. Contact project manager Larry Hartman, phone 651-296-5089 or larry.hartman@state.mn.us, for guidance on how to submit a proposal. Persons may submit new route proposals either by mail or fax (651-297-1959) any time on or before 4:30 p.m. on May 30, 2006. Please stop by the Eureka Town Hall for information on the proposed crude oil pipeline.
- The township received a copy of the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services FINAL FACILITY PLAN for the **Elko-New Market Interceptor**- February 2006. This report incorporates the comments from the December 8, 2005 Public Hearing. The copy is available for viewing at the Town Hall, during regular office hours.

A GUIDING LIGHT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EUREKA *by Gloria Belzer, Supervisor*

The Minnesota Association of Townships is an organization representing 1,786 Minnesota grassroots governments. Eureka is a member of this voluntary organization. MAT is the founder of Minnesota Center for Small Communities which provides training for local officials. The training sessions offered are an Annual Township Government Legal Training Seminar, an Urban Town Short Course, a Spring Short Course, a Summer Short Course, an Education Conference and Annual Meeting. Various sessions are conducted by the MAT staff attorneys offering legal insight on many subjects. MAT also provides insurance to the townships through the MAT Insurance Agency. The Association provides technical services to township officers and represent townships before the State legislature and State agencies.

Newly elected officers, current supervisors and the Township clerk are encouraged to attend the sessions offered by MAT to enhance the performance of their duties and responsibilities and to stay current with recently enacted legislation and pertinent Minnesota statute requirements.

THE OLD TOWN HALL

The Board of Dakota City Heritage Village in Farmington, through Rich Williams the Program Director, expressed their interest in acquiring the old Eureka Town Hall building for Dakota City. If the building is acquired, it would be their choice as to its use. However it would have a plaque documenting it as the Eureka Town Hall. To make this move a reality, \$13,000 in donations are needed, in addition to DCHV designated funds.

If you, or people you know, wish to make a tax-deductible donation to give the Eureka Township building "an extended life" at the 1900's Dakota City living museum, please send your checks by June 30, 2006 to: Dakota City Heritage Village, note "for Eureka Town Hall", at P.O. Box 73, Farmington, Mn. 55024 .

In case insufficient funds are received, the building will be demolished by the township and any of your funds sent to Dakota City will be returned upon request, or your donation can be used for their many other projects as a tax-deductible donation....you decide.

EARTHDAY - APRIL 22

"if we destroy our soil and water, we destroy ourselves" FDR

How about making an effort on Earthday to pick up the trash thrown in our ditches, and monthly there after? (weekly where we live) If you pick up more trash than you can dispose of, call Supervisor Cheryl Monson and she will dispose of it for you (952-469-1835).

MESSAGE FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Ready to build? Need a permit? Have we got a form for you. Over the last several months, the Planning Commission has been working with the Town Board to update and organize the many forms and procedures used for new construction and remodeling. Along with the forms used to request a specific permit is supporting documentation that helps organize related ordinances and documentation that will be needed to complete the permit process. This includes: residential buildings, additions, pole buildings (agriculture and residential), decks and pools, driveways, signs, lot splits, clustering, utility permits and others.

Please take time to review these forms and documentation when requesting a permit as it will make the process more efficient and make sure your project gets completed on schedule. These resources are available on the Township Website, <http://eurekatownship-mn.us> and in printed form at the Town Hall.

Please remember that the Planning Commission meets the first Monday of every month, and completed permit requests should be submitted prior to the meeting for preparation and review. If your permit or supporting documentation is incomplete, it may be requested that you complete the needed information and return the following month for completion of the permit process. Please plan ahead when requesting permits from the Township.

TOWNSHIP ACTIVITIES

All current and former residents and friends are invited to the annual **Eureka Township Memorial Day Picnic** at Monday noon, May 29, at the Town Hall. Come to socialize, bring a potluck treat to share, and enjoy coffee or lemonade which will be provided.

Trash Alert - this seems to be the time of year that irresponsible people dump their junk in Eureka ditches and wetlands. We all pay for the cost of removal through our township taxes. Help by notifying Supervisors and getting license plate info so the dumpers can be held accountable.

THANK YOU to . . .

- Wally Bohrn and family for handling the newsletter mailings for the past year.
- Georgie Molitor who volunteers to do the newsletter mailings in the future.
- Mike Greco for acquiring the display cabinet and dry-erase boards for the town hall.
- Connie Anderson for official Township service from Nov. 12, 1998 to March 26, 2006.
- Francie Madden for official Township service from Feb. 1998 to April 2006.
- Mark Malecha for official Township service from 2001 to 2006.
- Town Hall Use Committee: Wally Bohrn, Butch Hansen, Chris Neilson, & Gary Smith.
- Several Town Board Supervisors and Planning Commission members who have chosen not to collect Eureka compensation for township meetings, etc.

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK (952-469-3736; Mon & Thurs 10:30-2)

- Any **contact of the Township attorney** will be made by the Township Chair (Vice Chair in his absence, or Clerk as directed by the Town Board). If citizens choose to contact the attorney, that person will assume responsibility for any fees.
- The Clerk is seeking **bids for mowing** the town hall property. Persons must provide a Certificate of Liability insurance and be over the age of 18.
- **Road Maintenance Contract Bids:** 2 year contract, bid submittal date by 4-27-06, to be opened at 8:00 p.m. at the May 8, 2006 Town Board meeting.

Why not Volunteer for one of the following tasks for the Township:

- help complete the Townhall landscaping by planting, mulching, rock placement and/or materials.
- help maintain the the Townhall landscape.
- help complete the Townhall electrical wiring for lighting the flag pole.
- help set up a sound system in the Townhall (tubing exists for wiring).
- design, provide materials, and/or construct a curved Town Board meeting table.
- donate a picture or paint a picture of the old town hall building.



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*Your email address may be added to the list for current updates of monthly calendar, agendas, minutes, etc.
Blind copies are sent, so e-mail addresses are kept private.
Send the e-mail address to the clerk (eurekatn@frontiernet.net)*

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

April 3, 2006	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
April 6, 2006	Thurs.	2:00 p.m.	Deadline for Planning Commission Applications
April 10, 2006	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting
April 25, 2006	Tues.	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Board of Appeals & Equalization
April 27, 2006	Mon.	2:00 p.m.	Road Maintenance Bids due
April 29, 2006	Sat.	8 a.m.	Township Roads Inspection by Supervisors & Planning Com.
May 1, 2006	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
May 8, 2006	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting
May 29, 2006	Mon.	12 noon	Township Memorial Day Potluck Picnic
June 5, 2006	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
June 12, 2006	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting