



Eureka Township Supervisors

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

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Eureka Planning Commission

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

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Town Hall Office Hours as of 5/1/2009:

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

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

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Commercial - Industrial Task Force

Eureka Township is in the final stages of determining criteria for forming a second Commercial – Industrial Task Force. The first such task force met March 2002 – October 2003. As a result of revising the Comprehensive Plan this past year, as is required by the Metropolitan Council (Met Council) every 10 years, and the recommendation of the Strategic Vision Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), the Town Board and Planning Commission have decided to revisit possible Commercial – Industrial zoning within the Township. Currently, Eureka has a single zoning category - agricultural zoning.

It is expected that some seven to eight Township owners and residents will serve with one to two Town Board member liaisons and one to two Planning Commission member liaisons. The task force will be facilitated by a professional planning service, of which the Township has received five applications to review. A decision on which service will be used is expected in May.

Township residents and owners interested in serving on a Commercial – Industrial task force are encouraged to check the website often at <http://eurekatownship-mn.us> for updated information on the selection process as it becomes finalized. Interested residents and owners may begin now to send a letter or e-mail of interest to:

Eureka Township Clerk

P.O. Box 576

Lakeville, MN 55044

eurekatn@frontiernet.net

Such a letter or e-mail should include contact information and a comment or two about why the writer is interested in serving on the Commercial – Industrial task force, and what they can bring to the discussion. The Planning Commission will set a deadline in May to receive any and all applications. The Township will then contact those expressing written or e-mail interest for more information regarding the formal selection process, including possible interviews.

Again, please check back at the website <http://eurekatownship-mn.us> frequently for updates on the Commercial – Industrial task force process. Also, please sign up to receive e-mail updates from the Township Clerk by sending an e-mail to eurekatn@frontiernet.net indicating you would like to be added to the distribution list. You may also call the Town Clerk at 952-469-3736 for any additional information.

Ballot Initiatives

At the Annual Meeting in March 2009, a question regarding the use of Initiative and Referenda was raised. After contacting several State agencies, it appears that while the State of Minnesota does not have this capability, under State statutes, certain municipalities *may* use this method to bring a *limited* number of topical ballot questions. Ongoing research is continuing and future newsletters will advise residents and owners as more information becomes available.

TOWN BOARD NEWS

The Town Board and citizens it represents would like to recognize the commitment and service of **Cory Behrendt** as he ends his term on the Town Board. Cory also served on the Planning Commission prior to his election as a Town Supervisor. His time and talents are very much appreciated and will be sorely missed. Thank you, Cory.

Town Board 2009 Reorganization – During the March 23, 2009 Town Board reorganization meeting, the following official designations and contacts were identified:

Chair - Jeff Otto	Wetlands – Carrie Jennings
Vice Chair – Brian Budenski	Airlake Airport – Dan Rogers
Official Newspaper – ThisWeek News/Life & Times	Town Hall – Nanett Sandstrom
Official Bank – Castle Rock State Bank	Dakota County – Nancy Sauber
Township Attorney – Kelly & Lemmons, P.A.	Dakota County Sheriff – Dan Rogers
Lakeville/Farmington Fire – Dan Rogers	Compliance Officer – Dan Rogers
Weed Inspector – Brian Budenski	DNR – Carrie Jennings
Allina Ambulance – Dan Rogers	Cannon/Vermillion River Watershed – Carrie Jennings,
Roads – Dan Rogers, Brian Budenski	alte alternate - Nancy Sauber
Communication/Newsletter – Nancy Sauber	

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.

Spring Clean Up – Many thanks to all who have taken it upon themselves to pick up litter and trash from the road ditches and around properties. Everyone is encouraged to join in and keep up the great work!



Eureka Estates and Rice Lake Heights Street Maintenance - Residents in these areas are advised that spring maintenance is planned for your paved streets. One activity will be pavement crack sealing, which will be brief and cause virtually no travel disruption. The more involved project will be building up the shoulders to reduce the possibility of the pavement edges breaking up. Since most residents like to maintain their lawns up to the edge of the pavement and the streets are low-speed residential areas, the plan is to build up the shoulders with soil rather than gravel. The shoulders will then be seeded with grass as part of the project. This will preserve the current finished appearance and avoid the risk of gravel stones intruding onto lawns. The shoulder project is tentatively scheduled for early May, 2009, depending upon weather. The intent is to do the project early enough so the seed will get a good start, however, the start date will be dependent upon when the ground is no longer too soft for effective work.

CapX2020 Power Line Need Approved - The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on April 16, 2009, granted the Certificate of Need for the three proposed projects to move forward. The Brookings, South Dakota line through Eureka Township to Hampton, has been submitted for a route permit. Currently, both proposed routes from Brookings, SD impact Eureka Township significantly. CapX's "preferred route" bisects the Township by entering from the west along 250th Street to Dodd, Blvd., then north along Dodd to 240th Street, then due east along 240th Street and cross country to the railroad just east of Denmark Ave. The CapX-designated "alternate route" would come from the Scott County side following Pillsbury from 242nd Street south to County Road 86, then east along 86 across most of the Township with a portion jogging south of 86 until east of our Township. The County Road 70 route proposed by Eureka Township is not included in the route permit request.

The Minnesota Office of Energy Security (OES) has appointed a Citizens' Advisory Task Force to assist in identifying route-specific impacts that should be evaluated in the Environmental Impact Statement for the project and identify an alternative route that may reduce impact. Eureka resident Ray Kaufenburg has been selected by the OES from the public and Supervisor Carrie Jennings is representing your Town Board in this effort.

The public may continue to comment on the routes at CapX-scheduled public meetings and all residents are encouraged to contact our legislators on this topic. Also, please consider attending the next Citizens' Advisory Task Force meeting on April 29th at the Elko-New Market city hall from 1:00-5:00 p.m., with public comment taken in the last hour.

Eminent Domain – Efforts to address the inequities in the Minnesota Eminent Domain laws with regard to Public Utilities failed to advance through the legislative process this session. Citizens are encouraged to stay informed on this topic, especially in light of the proposed power lines, and contact our state legislators. Hearings will be held in the near future. One source of ongoing information is Citizens' Energy Task Force <http://cetf.us/>.

Rural Collaborative Water Resources Management Plan and Ordinance - At the April 16 continuation of the April 13 Board Meeting, the Town Board voted NOT to adopt the *Collaborative Ordinance* as drafted by consultant Dean Johnson and encouraged by the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO). This places the administrative and enforcement burden of the *Ordinance* with the VRWJPO, but does not make any of the VRWJPO rules

obsolete. The Board did adopt the *Plan*, which has more generic language describing goals and policies without the specific enforcement imperative that the *Ordinance* represents.

Thanks to our Township Attorney for efforts to draft a modified ordinance that attempted to correct jurisdictional problems with the collaborative version, including placing some of the burden with the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) that is better equipped to handle technical issues that the Township would have to pay a consultant to review. Although the Board did not take action on this modified version, the effort will serve us well as we go forward seeking to amend the VRWJPO Rules to allow amendments to the *Ordinance*. The proposed jurisdictional corrections already have the support of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) staff, SWCD, and VRWJPO staff. Remaining unknowns and concerns with other parts of the *Ordinance* language, however, are what ultimately swayed the decision to reject it rather than offer a modified version. Thank you to all who helped research as well as offer testimony and input on this complex subject.

Comprehensive Plan - <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/CompPlan/CompPlanUpdate.html#Update>

Interceptor Sewer Line - Work will begin on the portion north of 235th St. on Dodd Blvd. approximately May 1.

Northern Natural Gas Pipeline - Work will begin following material offloading at Highview and 225th St.

PLANNING COMMISSION MESSAGES

The Town Board would like to recognize the contributions of Sharon Buckley, Planning Commission Chair, and Nancy Sauber, Planning Commission Recorder who have just completed their terms on the Planning Commission. Sharon intends to take a supporting role with a greater appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our elected and appointed officials, while Nancy was elected Town Board Supervisor #3 and will serve in that capacity through March 2012. Thank you both for your tremendous commitment to Eureka Township.

New Planning Commission Members - The Town Board has appointed applicants Cheryl Groves and Peter Storlie to the two vacant three year terms on the Planning Commission. These terms will expire in April of 2012. The Board also wishes to thank Bill Kuhns for his application.

NOTES FROM THE CLERK

March 2009 Township Election Results - 161 total ballots were cast (158 in person, 3 absentee).

Supervisor Seat #3 - Nancy Sauber with 139 votes

Supervisor Seat #4 - Dan Rogers with 149 votes

Township Annual Meetings - As part of the 2009 Annual Meeting, Town Clerk Nanett Sandstrom presented attendees with information regarding the option to move the Township elections to November of *every other year*. A motion was made and seconded to place this as a question on the ballot for next year. The motion failed by a 10 - 31 vote. The 2010 Annual Township meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 8:15 p.m. in the Eureka Township Hall.

New Township Office Hours

Beginning May 1, 2009 the Town Hall office hours will change to Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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.

Stay on Top of Happenings!

Keep informed of current Township activities! If you would like to receive e-mail notice of public hearings, special meetings, or other ongoing news and information, please notify the Township Clerk at eurekatn@frontiernet.net. Your address will be added to a distribution list..

Township Representative Needed

CEEF Enhancement Group

(Castle Rock, Empire, Eureka, Farmington)

This advisory group brings together approximately 10 representatives of Castle Rock, Empire, Eureka and Farmington, providing a neutral environment for interaction of the Townships and City, as well as supports the efforts of local civic projects and events. The group meets quarterly, usually in the early evening for about 1 ½ hours, often at Dunn Brothers in Farmington. Interested individuals should contact Clerk Nanett Sandstrom at 952-469-3736 or

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

• April 23	Thursday	noon	Applications due for May 4 Planning Commission Meeting
• April 27	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing – Mining Ordinance Text Amendment
• April 27	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing – CUP Application Northern Natural Gas
• April 28	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Comprehensive Plan Update
• May 4	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
• May 11	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
• May 21	Thursday	noon	Applications due for June 1 Planning Commission Meeting
• June 1	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
• June 8	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
• June 25	Thursday	noon	Applications due for July 6 Planning Commission Meeting
• July 6	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
• July 13	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
• July 23	Thursday	noon	Applications due for August 3 Planning Commission Meeting
• August 3	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
• August 10	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
• August 27	Thursday	noon	Applications due for September 8 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.

*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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