



Eureka Township Supervisors

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

Brian Budenski, Chair

952-292-6028, term thru 3/14

Dan Rogers, Vice Chair

952-469-3739, term thru 3/12

Kenny Miller,

952-469-4803, term thru 3/13

Nancy Sauber,

952-469-5146, term thru 3/12

Pete Storlie

952-469-3668, term thru 3/14

Eureka Planning Commission

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

Lucretia (Lucy) Barfknecht

952-469-3513, term thru 4/13

Mark Ceminsky

612-819-1334, term thru 4/12

Carrie Jennings

952-469-4976, term thru 4/14

Gayle Klauser

651-463-8370, term thru 4/12

Open seat – applications sought,
term thru 4/14

Township Contact, Clerk/Treasurer

Nanett Sandstrom, 952-469-3736

Fax 952-469-5525

Town Hall Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Until June 14: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

After June 14: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: 25043 Cedar Ave. S.

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Lakeville, MN 55044

Drop Box –Items may be placed in locked drop box near the Town Hall front door.

E-mail: eurekatn@frontiernet.net

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

Nanett Sandstrom 952-469-3736

Township Roads:

Kenny Miller 952-469-4803

Dan Rogers 952-469-3739

Building Officials: www.mnspect.com

MNSPECT 952-442-7520

info@mnspect.com

VRWJPO Permits: 952-891-7546

Travis.Thiel@co.dakota.mn.us

www.vermillionriverwatershed.org

Emergency 911: ambulance, police, fire

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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Election Results

As the polls opened on March 8, 2011, the voting record listed 1,006 registered voters in Eureka Township. Four voters registered at the polls that day, bringing the total number of voters to 1010. 272 total votes were cast in the 2011 Annual Election, including nine absentee ballots, for a turn out of about 27%.

The results of the 2011 Township election are as follows:

Supervisor #1 – **Brian Budenski 189 votes**

Various write-in candidates – 69 votes

Supervisor #2 – Carrie Jennings – 134

Pete Storlie – 137

Write in – 1

Annual Meeting

Cory Behrendt was elected moderator of the 2011 Annual Meeting, held at the Eureka Town Hall at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8.

Ken Olstad, Planning Commission Chair, presented an overview of 2010 events.

- Ten building permits were issued in the Township.
- The Comprehensive Plan was completed and accepted by the Metropolitan Council. Many were thanked for their hard work on this document, with special note made of the contributions of Sharon Buckley and Jim Sauber.
- Ordinance updates included Clustering and Building Eligibility rules, Subdivision, Swimming Pools and Dog Kennels.
- Please note the Planning Commission is looking for one more member.

Brian Budenski, Town Board Chair, provided the Board overview. Appreciation was expressed for the Power Point presentation created by Board member Carrie Jennings.

- Roads – The rebuilding of the Chub Lake crossing will take place in 2011, including replacing the non-functioning culverts. Anticipated cost will be between \$20,000 and \$25,000.
- Fire/Rescue Service – In 2010, Farmington charged \$53,167 for 20 calls and Lakeville charged \$33,240 for 27 calls. The Board is looking into recovering some costs for calls related to illegal items such as burning without a permit, burning barrels, multiple false alarms.
- Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization – Eureka adopted the plan put forth by the VRWJPO, but did not adopt the ordinance, thereby leaving the VRWJPO to administer the ordinance. Please note the changes that have resulted to the building permit application process under “Notes from the Town Clerk”, later in this newsletter.
- Levy – the 2012 levy of \$479,800 was approved by voice vote after removing \$10,000 for professional services. The levy provides an increase for fire coverage.

The 2012 Annual Town Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 8:15 p.m. The 2011 Town Meeting was then adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

TOWN BOARD

While a Town Board Supervisor may give an individual opinion on a topic, for any official business or decision, all topics must be directed to the FULL Town Board rather than individual Town Supervisors. Individual Supervisor opinions do NOT constitute a legally binding decision.

A Very Big Thank You to Carrie Jennings – The Town Board and citizens it represents would like to recognize the commitment and service of Carrie Jennings as she concludes her term on the Town Board. Carrie also served on the Strategic Planning Task Force prior to her election to the Town Board. Her time, talents and expertise, both personal and professional, are very much appreciated and will be sorely missed, as will her many contacts. Thank you for your outstanding work on behalf of the Township, Carrie.

Town Board 2010 Reorganization – During the April 5, 2011 Town Board Reorganization meeting, the following official designations, liaisons and representatives were identified:

Chair – Brian Budenski

Vice Chair – Dan Rogers

Official Newspaper – ThisWeek Life and Times

Official Bank – Castle Rock

Township Attorney – Kelly & Lemmons, P.A.

Liaison - Nancy Sauber (primary), Brian Budenski

Professional Services Firm – TKDA

Liaison - Kenny Miller (primary), Nancy Sauber

Lakeville/Farmington Fire – Dan Rogers

Weed Inspector – Kenny Miller

Allina Ambulance – Dan Rogers

Roads – Dan Rogers, Kenny Miller

Wetlands – Kenny Miller

Airlake Airport – Dan Rogers

Town Hall – Nanett Sandstrom

Dakota County – Kenny Miller (primary), Nancy Sauber

Dakota County Sheriff – Dan Rogers

Data Practices Compliance Official – Dan Rogers

DNR – Kenny Miller

Cannon River Watershed -- Pete Storlie

Vermillion River Watershed - Nancy Sauber

Township Road Concerns

Please contact Town Board Supervisors
Dan Rogers at 952-469-3739 or
Kenny Miller at 952-469-4803
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, especially the “Bumpy Road” gang on 245th/Fordham/247th who braved the elements on April 14 for their fourth annual family neighborhood clean up event. **All residents are encouraged to join in!** Contact Dan or Kenny regarding disposal of larger discarded items.



CAPX2020 – The final decision regarding the routing of the high voltage power line was made with the announcement of Belle Plaine river crossing. Easement purchase will begin this year, with field construction scheduled to begin in 2012 and completion slated for 2015. The line will pass through the entire width of Eureka Township from the western border to the eastern.

Vermillion Watershed District – <http://www.vermillionriverwatershed.org> is the general information website.

Beginning in 2011, all new or renewing applications for Agricultural Preserves and Green Acres designations, will trigger erosion standards (“tolerable erosion”) be upheld as part of intensive monitoring during the normal monitoring cycle. Please see http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/nri/findings/erosion_t.htm for more information.

Cannon River Watershed District – http://www.dakotaswcd.org/wshd_ncrwmo.html is the general website.

Research Project Announcement Watershed Survey Underway in Township

The University of Minnesota Department of Forest Resources will be initiating a landowner survey this spring in the Vermillion River and Sand Creek Watersheds. The survey will inquire about landowners’ perspectives on their community and water resource management issues. In the next two months, a sample of landowners will be receiving a survey in the mail. The project will help resource managers and community leaders better understand landowner opinions regarding water management. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Mae Davenport at 612-624-2721. Thank you to the two graduate assistants who attended the January 2011 Town Board meeting to introduce themselves and answer questions regarding the survey.

General Notice to Control or Eradicate Noxious Weeds

State statute requires residents to control or eradicate all noxious weeds on property they own, occupy, or are required to maintain. This must be done in a lawful manner and may need to be repeated in order to prevent the spread of seed, or other propagation methods, to other lands.

Please see the Township website homepage <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/index.html> under **What’s New** for additional information. Also see the Minnesota Department of Agriculture website for a complete list of designated noxious weeds: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/en/plants/badplants/noxiouslist.aspx>.



PLANNING COMMISSION MESSAGES

A big thank you to Ken Olstad and Vince Mako – Both of these Eureka residents are retiring from the Planning Commission, effective after the April, 2011 meeting. Ken has served since 2007 including a term as chair and Vince since 2008, also serving a term as chair. Both men have worked tirelessly for the Township and its citizens. Your service is sincerely appreciated. Pete Storlie, former Planning Commission member, was elected to the seat of Supervisor #2 on the Town Board.

New Planning Commission Members – We welcome the public service of the following citizens:

- **Mark Ceminsky** was appointed to fill the remainder of the term of retiring Planning Commission member Cheryl Groves through April 2012. Mark has lived in the northeast quadrant of the Township since 2008 and is a self-employed general contractor.
- **Gayle Klauser** lives in the northeast quadrant and was appointed to fulfill the remainder of Pete Storlie's term through April 2012. She has a variety of interests as well as a background in accounting and has lived in the Township for 26 years.
- **Carrie Jennings** is a 22 year resident of the southwest quadrant of the Township. She is a geologist and former Town Board member. Her term will run through April 2014.

One Planning Commission Member Needed – The Town Board is seeking a citizen to serve on the Planning Commission for a three-year term beginning immediately through April 2014. Planning Commission members are compensated at \$40 per meeting (\$10 additional for meetings past 10 p.m.) and standard IRS mileage. Interested parties are asked to send a letter of interest to the Town Clerk at eurekatn@frontiernet.net or P.O. Box 576, Lakeville, MN 55044, as soon as possible.

Commercial/Industrial Task Force – Please watch for information to be announced regarding a Community Meeting to share the results of the survey taken earlier this year. Check the Township Website <http://eurekatownship-mn.us> or call Town Clerk, Nanett Sandstron at 952-469-3736, or sign up for electronic notification at eurekatn@frontiernet.net.

Wind Energy Ordinance – Work continues on this proposed ordinance. Those with ideas or opinions are invited to contact, former Planning Commission Chair, Ken Olstad, at ken.olstad@pobox.com or 612-564-5656.

NOTES FROM THE CLERK



Summer Town Hall Office Hours
Beginning June 14, 2011
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Major Change to Permit Application Process

Residents are advised that **effective immediately**, requesting building permits for property that lies in the Vermillion Watershed District (approximately the northern two-thirds of the Township from County Road 84 on the west side to County Road 80 on the East side) in which land disturbance may occur, must apply **FIRST** to the VRWJPO **BEFORE** applying to the Township.

Permits Required from the VRWJPO – construction that changes the footprint of an existing building, or any additional building or land disturbance, lot splits and subdivision approvals. This includes pools and decks. Additional fees will apply in all cases.

Permits not required from the VRWJPO – re-roof, re-side, new windows, plumbing, heating, interior remodeling.

Permit waiting time may increase – After a properly completed permit application is received by the VRWJPO, it has up to 60 days to act upon the request, although every attempt will be made to expedite the process. The ruling VRWJPO Board usually meets the 4th Thursday, 1 p.m. (contact the VRWJPO) at the Western Service Center in Apple Valley. After approval is received from the VRWJPO, the permit may then be taken to the Township, which also has up to 60 additional days to act upon the request.

Shoreland/Floodplain Zoning – in some cases, land that falls within the jurisdiction of the VRWJPO also falls within the Shoreland/Floodplain zoning, for which a separate permit may be required, further extending the wait time for permit approval.

The responsibility for properly completing a permit application lies squarely on the applicant.

More information and assistance is available at:

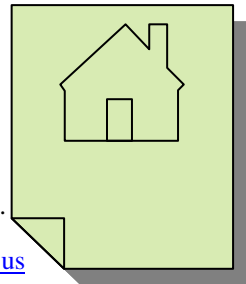
VRWJPO – Travis Thiel, Watershed Specialist, Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization

14955 Galaxie Ave. Apple Valley, MN 55124

Phone 952-891-7546, Fax 952-891-7588

travis.thiel@co.dakota.mn.us

www.vermillionriverwatershed.org is the home page, search for permit application, permit fees, etc.



Shoreland/Floodplain Zoning – Dee McDaniels, 952-891-7024, Dee.McDaniels@co.dakota.mn.us

www.co.dakota.mn.us then search for Shoreland Zoning



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2011 Eureka Township Calendar...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

May 2	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
May 9	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
May 26	Thursday	noon	Applications due for June 6 Commission Planning Mtg.
<i>June 6</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting</i>
<i>June 13</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting</i>
<i>June 22</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>noon</i>	<i>Applications due for July 5 Planning Commission Mtg,</i>
July 5	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
July 11	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
July 21	Thursday	noon	Applications due for August 1 Planning Commission Mtg.
<i>August 1</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting</i>
<i>August 9</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting</i>
<i>August 25</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>noon</i>	<i>Applications due for September 6 Planning Commission Mtg.</i>

**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 MNSPECT, 952-442-7520, info@mnspect.com. Also, please check with the VRWJPO and Shoreland/Floodplain Zoning BEFORE coming to the Township.*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLASSIFIEDS

Town Hall Available for Rent

The Town Hall holds up to 140 people and is available to be rented Sundays through Saturdays, from 7:30 a.m. through 11:30 p.m. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. More information and an application are available by calling the Clerk at 952-469-3736, in person at the Town Hall or on the website at <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/Policies%20Procedures/Town%20Hall%20Rental%20Agreement%2012-10-2007.pdf>.



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No endorsement of products, services or business status is implied. 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 which will help defray costs of this newsletter.

Silver Cycling Events Ride Again!



The Silver Cycling club, based in Lakeville, will again hold a series of time trials in Eureka Township. The Town Hall will serve as the starting point for the second annual Farm Dog Time Trials, while also utilizing 250th St., Dodd Blvd. Highview Ave., and Cedar Ave. as their course. The first event will be **Saturday, May 14, (9 a.m. to noon)** and the Wednesday night series will be held **June 1, 15, 29, July 13, 27 and August 10, 2011 (registration begins at 5:30 p.m., races starting at 7:00 p.m.)** Everyone is encouraged to participate in these time trials.

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.silvercycling.org/bdtt.html>

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