



2013 Annual Election

Results of the March 12, 2013 Township election are as follows:
307 total votes were cast (approximately 30%), 11 were absentee ballots
Supervisor #5 – Kenny Miller – 154; Nancy Sauber 152; write-in 1

2013 Annual Meeting

Cory Behrendt was elected moderator of the 2013 Annual Meeting, held at the Town Hall beginning at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

Town Hall Loan – The Town Hall Loan Balance is \$74,015.93, with a payoff date of August 20, 2014. A motion was made, seconded and approved to pay off the balance of the Town Hall Loan as soon as possible, which is expected to save approximately \$3,500 in interest.

Planning Commission Report – Chair, Carrie Jennings reported an increase in the number of building permits and lot splits reviews. In addition, the Planning Commission held two public hearings on proposed ordinance updates and researched topics as requested by the Town Board, including how neighboring communities handle billboards and wind towers.

Town Board Report Roads – Supervisor Ceminsky shared that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management) paid the Township \$57,221.75 for road damages due to storms in 2012. Approximately 40% of the repairs were completed in 2012, the remainder are planned for 2013. See the list of proposed road projects for 2013 and 2014 later in this newsletter.

Transfer of Housing Eligibilities Taskforce – following a report from Jeff Otto, a motion was made, seconded and approved to move forward into phase II which would include Ordinance work and Comprehensive Plan updating, among other items.

Former Town Hall Site – The lot across the street was appraised at between \$51,000 and \$59,000 and has been reaffirmed as buildable. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept no less than \$45,000 for the sale of the lot. It was also estimated that the “portable” storage container on the lot be sold for approximately \$1,500.

Storage Space on Current Town Hall Site – Information was presented about the cost and materials to build several different sizes of storage buildings. A motion was made, seconded and approved to build a 24 feet X 36 feet building to be placed on the northwest corner of the parking lot at the cost of about \$30,000 - \$37,000. It is expected the sale of the former Town Hall lot should cover the cost of the new building.

Levy - The Levy for 2014 was set at \$434,650, down \$2,900 from 2013.

The 2014 Annual Meeting was set for Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 8:15 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Eureka Township Supervisors

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

Pete Storlie, Chair

952-469-3668, term thru 3/14

Kenny Miller, Vice Chair

952-469-4803, term thru 3/16

Brian Budenski,

952-292-6028, term thru 3/14

Mark Ceminsky

612-819-1334, term thru 3/15

Steve Madden

952-393-7801, term thru 3/15

Eureka Planning Commission

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

Carrie Jennings, Chair

952-469-4976, term thru 4/14

Butch Hansen, Vice Chair

612-490-0091, term thru 4/15

Lucretia (Lu) Barfknecht

952-469-3513, term thru 4/13

Fritz Frana

952-469-3576, term thru 4/14

Allen Novacek

952-690-5940, term thru 4/15

Township Contact, Clerk/Treasurer

Nanett Sandstrom

Assistant Linda Wilson

952-469-3736, Fax 952-469-5525

Town Hall Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: 25043 Cedar Ave. S.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 576

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:

Mark Ceminsky 612-819-1334

Pete Storlie 952-469-3668

Building Officials:

MNSPECT 952-442-7520

info@mnspect.com

VRWJPO Permits: 952-891-7546

Travis.Thiel@co.dakota.mn.us

www.vermillionriverwatershed.org

Emergency/non-emergency authorities – all contacts - 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 Sun ThisWeek newspaper.

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

jodyarmanjones@gmail.com

Mailings: Brianna Groves, Cheryl Groves

2013 - 2014 Town Board Assignments

Attorney Contact – Kenny Miller, alt. Pete Storlie, Nanett Sandstrom, Linda Wilson

Lakeville & Farmington Fire – Steve Madden

North Cannon Watershed – Mark Ceminsky, Brian Budenski

Vermillion River Watershed – Brian Budenski,

Weed Inspector - Brian Budenski

Allina Ambulance – Steve Madden

Roads – Mark Ceminsky and Pete Storlie

DNR/Wetlands – Mark Ceminsky

Airlake Airport – Brian Budenski

Town Hall –Kenny Miller, Nanett Sandstrom, Linda Wilson

Dakota County Contact – Steve Madden, alternate Pete Storlie

Sheriff Contact – Steve Madden

Compliance Officer – Kenny Miller

Professional Services – Kenny Miller, alternate Pete Storlie

Building Inspector – Brian Budenski, alternate Pete Storlie

Official Newspaper – Sun ThisWeek, Dakota County Tribune

Official Bank – Castle Rock Bank

Township Attorneys – Kelly & Lemmons, P.A.


Professional Services Consultants - TKDA

Planning Commission Appointee

Lu Barfknecht was re-appointed to the Planning Commission by the Town Board of Supervisors at their April 2013 meeting. She resides in Eureka Estates and will serve a three year term ending in April of 2016. Thank you, Lu, for all your continuing efforts on behalf of the citizens of Eureka.

Spring Clean Up

Residents are encouraged to work together to help clean up the ditches of the roads. Recently there has been a significant increase in illegal dumping, particularly in areas of the Township north of County Road 80. Please report any suspicious activity by calling **911**. A description or photo of the vehicle and/or license plate number are helpful.

 *There is a reward for information leading to the prosecution of illegal dumping.*



Please contact Town Board Road Supervisors Mark Ceminsky at 612-819-1334 or Pete Storlie at 952-469-3668 for help with larger discarded items, i.e. TV's, furniture, appliances, tires, etc.

The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District will **pick up and recycle car sized tires** on residential properties **AT NO CHARGE**, provided they are off the rim! Call the main office at MMCD 651-645-9149 for more information.

The Dakota County Eco-Site in Eagan

accepts the following household electronics *free from residents*:

- Answering machines •Copiers •Computer equipment (keyboards, mouse, towers, hard drives, modems, etc.) •DVD players
- Electronic games systems (Wii™, PlayStation™, Xbox®, Nintendo DS™, Leap Frog®, VTech®, etc.) •Fax machines
- iPods®, MP3 and other portable media players •Laptops •Monitors/terminals •Printers •Scanners •Stereo equipment
- Telephones (including cell phones and smart phones) •Televisions •VCR players •Blenders (remove glass pitcher)
- Bread makers •Cameras •Carpet sweepers •Clocks •Coffee makers (remove glass carafe) •Electric knives •Electric toothbrushes
- Food sealing equipment •Fryers •Hair dryers •Irons •Massagers •Metal tools (drills, screwdrivers, sanders, small saws, etc.)
- Mixers •Portable fans •Radios •Remotes •Shaving equipment •Small Heaters •Toasters •Toaster ovens • Vacuum cleaners (remove bags) * *Remove batteries from all items*

Household chemicals and hazardous waste accepted:

- Aerosols •Antifreeze •Auto batteries •Fire extinguishers •Fluorescent light bulbs •Gasoline •Household cleaners
- Latex/oil paint •Lawn and garden products •Mercury thermometers •Pesticides •Pool and spa chemicals
- Propane tanks/gas cylinders •Thermostats •Used oil/filters •Weed killer
- Most products labeled dangerous, flammable, poison, combustible or corrosive

Dakota County - The Recycling Zone

3365 Dodd Road
Eagan, MN



The Recycling Zone is located off Highway 149 between Yankee Doodle Road and Highway 55 in Eagan.

651-905-4520

<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/RecyclingZone/Pages/default.aspx>

Household Electronics and Recyclables Drop-Off Hours

Wednesday: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Thursday: noon–8 p.m. (closed on Thanksgiving)
Friday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.



Household Chemicals and Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Hours

Wednesday: 3–8 p.m.
Thursday: noon–5 p.m. (closed on Thanksgiving)
Saturday: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

* The Recycling Zone is closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Scheduled Road Projects in Eureka



2013 Road Projects:

- *225th St. from Denmark Ave. to Highview Ave. - overlay and repair
- *Cedar Ave from County Road 80 to 255th St. W., - overlay
- *255th St W. through Granite Path and 257th St.W. - spot gravel

2014 Road Projects:

- *247th St. to Cedar Ave. to Fordham Ave., Fordham Ave. to 245th St. W. and from Fordham Ave. to Essex Ave. - lift
- *245th St. - install culverts
- *Flagstaff Ave. to Town line to 225th St., - lift
- *Highview Ave. north Town line to 250th St., - lift
- *Hamburg Ave. - 267th St. to 272nd St. - lift and ditch work
- *Ditch clean outs, tree removal, trees and brush cutting in road right-of-way throughout Township
- *County Rd. 9 (Dodd Blvd.) - Dakota County to begin reconstruction

Eureka Township History – *As a new feature of this and future issues of this newsletter, at the request of the Planning Commission, snippets of the history of our Township will be included. In order to personalize this section, we'd love to hear your remembrances or perhaps you know someone with a great story to share, including those of native peoples. Please feel free to contact Jody Arman-Jones, editor of Eureka! The News at jodyarmanjones@aol.com or 651-463-2876.*

Again, as a point of reference, Minnesota became a territory in 1849, with Dakota being one of the original nine Territorial counties. Minnesota became the 32nd state in 1858. The following description is taken from an online article written by Benita Devney for the 1954 centennial of Eureka. It may be found at http://www.geocities.ws/fahsmn/eureka_township.htm

As we discovered in the last edition of this newsletter, “the building of Dodd Road, from Fort Snelling to St. Peter, passing through Eureka Township, played an important part in the settlement of the Town. Early in the 1850’s hopes were high throughout Minnesota, that St. Peter was the coming city of the new territory.

In May of 1853, the Kingsley brothers, Cyrus, Dwight, and Ancil, under the direction of a Captain Dodd, began work on this territorial road. By the latter part of June, their work had brought them to a portion of the road, afterward included within the boundaries of Eureka Township. When at the point (now in section 7), where the Dodd road crosses the Vermillion River, Captain Dodd was so impressed with the loveliness of the spot he told Cyrus Kingsley to build a log pen and stakeout a claim of one hundred and sixty acres for him. His interest was short lived, for he soon forgot his claim as his work carried him along the new road. However, his fellow workers, the Kingsley brothers, could not forget.

While spending the winter of 1853-54 in St. Paul, where they built the city's first foundry buildings, the brothers met an old friend from the east, Benjamin Caskey, who was looking for a good location. Impressed with the Kingsleys’ description of lands waiting to be taken along the Dodd Road, Caskey set out alone, in May, on a prospecting tour. As chance would have it, he settled on the exact claim staked out the year before by Captain Dodd.

A few weeks later, two of the Kingsley brothers, Cyrus, and Dwight came down the road to be Caskeys’ neighbors, even sharing his cabin for a time. For the first house, in Eureka, was built by Cyrus Kingsley and Benjamin Caskey on the latter’s claim during July 1854. In terms of today, this first cabin was located near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pool, present owners of the old claim(now Terri Petters and Dan Storlie home).

The cabin was typical of those days, built of logs and about fourteen by eighteen feet in dimensions. For beds, wooden pins were driven into the logs and slabs or poles were laid upon them. A foot or so of wild hay completed the crude beds. The nearest neighbors were a camp of fifteen lodges of Dakota Indians.

That summer, Dwight Kingsley brought his wife from St. Paul and they soon built a cabin on Dwight's claim in the southeast quarter of section 6. Since both claims were located near the Dodd, the only road through the area, Alexander Faribault and other important personages, as well as the most humble of early pioneers shared the warm hearted hospitality of Eureka's first citizens, the Caskeys and the Kingsleys.

Writing for the Dakota County Tribune in 1904, Dwight Kingsley, then living in Minneapolis, told this about Old Days in Eureka:

"I am one of the first settlers of Eureka Township and the only one now alive that first settled in Eureka. At the beginning, my brother Ancil R. and Cyrus M., with myself, worked cutting the Dodd road through, under the direction of Captain Dodd. We worked from May 3rd to June 20th, 1853, then went across country to what is now Union Lake. We followed the Indian trail to Black Dog and came to St. Paul by way of Mendota. I never received one cent for my work on the Dodd from Captain Dodd or anyone else. I went East and married Ellen Caskey and made for Minnesota again, as I thought the winter was the nicest I ever saw. I came back with my wife in the spring of 1854, on April 13, my birthday, and reached St. Paul in ten days. Stayed there until July and then made a break for a farm and I settled in Eureka at the head of the Vermillion River. It was as handsome a stream as I ever knew. My partners were Ben Caskey and wife. In the course of two or three months, I found I had some neighbors about three miles from me at Chub Lake by the name of Peter Sampson. They had some cows and two horses. In the spring of 1855, James Caskey came in. He had left his wife behind and soon got sick of farming and sold out to his brother Henry.

I built a shanty on land Joseph Mallory now owns. There were a good many people traveling to Faribault. They used to stop with us sometimes and we had them lying on the floor two or three thick.""



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2013 Eureka Township Calendar...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

April 21	Thursday	noon	Applications due for May Planning Commission Meeting
April 25	Thursday	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
May 6	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
May 9	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Septic System Owner Education Program, Randolph City Hall
May 13	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
May 20	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Round Table meeting of Town Board and Planning Commission
May 23	Thursday	noon	Applications due for June Planning Commission Meeting
May 23	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
June 3	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
June 10	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
June 20	Thursday	noon	Applications due for July Planning Commission Meeting
June 27	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
July 1	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
July 8	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
July 25	Thursday	noon	Applications due for August Planning Commission Meeting
July 25	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
August 5	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
August 12	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
August 22	Thursday	noon	Applications due for September Planning Commission Meeting
August 22	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley

***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, or email info@mnspect.com. Also, please check with the VRWJPO and Shoreland/Floodplain Zoning. VRWJPO permits must be applied for at the same time as permit application is submitted 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 AND ADS

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Septic Systems Owner Education Program

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Randolph City Hall, 4365 292nd St. E., Randolph, MN
Operation, Maintenance, Financial Assistance, Planning, Permitting, Sensitive Locations, Pumping

Contact Mike Rutton, Dakota County Water Resources
Department, 952 -891- 7008, water@co.dakota.mn.us

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, or in person at the Town Hall or on the website at

<http://eurekatownship-mn.us/policies.html>

Business Ads by Residents and/or Landowners in Eureka Township.

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.

Thank you for your support.

CAPX 2020 Update –The Brookings to Hampton portion of the CAPX 2020 project that bisects Eureka Township from west to east, broke ground in May 2012 and is nearing completion of the project's first segment between Renville and Scott counties. Currently, local property owners in our area are being contacted for utility easements. Work in Eureka Township is expected to begin shortly. Property owners are advised to know and exercise your rights.

