

EUREKA! THE NEWS

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF EUREKA TOWNSHIP

JUNE 2001

Eureka Township Supervisors
7:30 pm, 2nd Monday of Month

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651-463-3577
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Kenny Miller
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Clark Smith
952-469-3352

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7:30 pm, 1st Monday of Month

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WELCOME TO THE VERY FIRST ISSUE OF THE EUREKA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER!

*Communications is a primary responsibility of every government
but communications that inform the citizens as well as itself.*

THE ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting held on March 13, 2001, the residents attending approved a motion to issue a quarterly newsletter. The purpose: To keep the residents informed of important events and issues that affect living in Eureka township.

Many important matters were discussed, and these are some of the decisions that were made:

The town started its fiscal year 2000, with \$309,937.93 and ended with a balance of \$377,326.43 on December 31, 2000.

[Ed. Note: The budget for fiscal year 2001 is \$310,918.]

The budget for fiscal year 2002 was approved for \$317,800.

The Town Board was directed to deal with the potential hazards of concrete box culverts on township roads.

The Town Board adopted a process to establish, alter or vacate township roads.

The Town Board will appoint a task force to research land and building options and alternatives for a possible new town hall. This topic will be on the agenda at the next annual meeting on March 12, 2002 for additional discussion and review.

TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS

The results of the township elections of supervisors on March 13th were reported at the Annual Meeting. Here they are:

Three Year Term

Connie Anderson 98 votes
Mark Malecha 84 votes

One Year Term

Kenny Miller 107 votes
Bernadette Wood 75 votes

The electors also voted for an item on the ballot which had the effect of requiring the appointment of the town Treasurer. The Treasurer was then appointed by the Town Board at the next regular meeting on April 9, 2001.

Following the Annual Meeting, the Town Board met and elected **Bev Topp** as Chairperson and **Don Pflaum** as Vice Chairperson.

MEET YOUR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

SUPERVISORS

Bev Topp - Has been on the town board since March 1997. She and her husband and three children moved to the township in 1975. She is a substitute teacher for the Farmington Schools and formerly was in business management. Her special interests and hobbies: membership in book clubs, flower gardening, singing and playing the piano. Has a B.A. degree in International Studies and Economics from the University of St. Thomas. She is an active member of the Chub Lake Greensway Committee and was a significant participant in the obtaining of funding and the establishment of the DNR Wildlife Management Area in Eureka Township. She serves on the Dakota County Zoning Board of Administration, the Dakota County Planning Commission, the Dakota County Township Officer's Ag Land Preservation Task Force.

Clark Smith - Has been a member of the Town Board since the early 90s and prior to that served on the township Planning Commission. Has lived in the township since 1976. He is married and has three grown children. Along with his wife, Carol, they work for the Datacard Corporation in Minnetonka. His hobbies are hunting, fishing and gardening, and when he has the time, he works on cars.

Don Pflaum - Has been a member of the Town Board since March 1998. He has lived in the township all his life - 25 years. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Geological Engineering. He is now employed with the City of Minneapolis Public Works as a professional in mass transportation and the development of a bicycle infrastructure. His special interests are farming, local geology and bicycling. He is a member of the Met Council's Housing and Land Use Advisory Committee and the Dan Patch Commuter Rail feasibility study group. [Ed. Note: His father Calvin is on the Planning Commission.]

- And this year, the new members on the Town Board are

Connie Anderson - Was a member of the Planning Commission until her election to the Board. She and her family, husband Brian and two children, moved to Eureka Township six and a half years ago. Her occupations include: spouse, mother, farmer and substitute assistant teacher in the Lakeville Schools. Her special interests/hobbies are organic farming, 4H, camping and the environment. She is a graduate of the Interstate Business College, Fargo, North Dakota.

Kenneth Miller - Has lived in the township for the most of his life except for a stint in military service with the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968, part of that time in Vietnam. He and his wife have 6 children, all grownup. He was the road maintenance contractor for 16 years prior to his serving on the Town Board. He owns and operates Eureka Sand and Gravel and Eureka Sands. Four of his adult children are active in his business. He was appointed by the Town Board to participate in a task force to develop a proposed model for mineral extraction in the township. His major interests/hobbies lie with travel, boating and scuba diving.

OTHER TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Town Clerk

Oliver Leine - Has lived in the township all of this life on the century old family farm.. He has been Town Clerk since 1995 and was appointed then to complete the term of his father. The Leine family has been in the township since the early 1850s (arriving by wagon train from Muskego, Wisconsin). His grandfather was town treasurer for 50 years! And his great grandfather was a township supervisor prior to that. They have been active in Eureka Township governance for over 120 years! He is a graduate of the Control Data Institute in computer technology. His interests lie in public service and hobbies like gardening, camping and travel.

Town Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Nanett Leine - Was appointed to the Town Board in March 2001. Has lived in the township for 19 years. Married to one of the descendants of the original settlers of the township, Dale Leine. [Oliver Leine's cousin.] She works in a greenhouse but also in the family's silk screening business. She has three children attending school in the Lakeville School district. She is active with Dakota City., and with the Girl Scouts where she has served as a leader for 8 years. Her special interests/hobbies lie in camping, canoeing sailing and gardening.

FAREWELLS

Leaving township offices, after many years of service, are Cheryl Schindeldecker and Ray Kadlec and Gary Schulz.

Cheryl has labored "in the vineyards" for 26 years, with 6 years on the **Planning Commission** and nineteen years on the **Town Board**, the last 10 years as **Chair**. She came to township affairs "to make a difference, not to complain but to do something about it". And she did make a difference that we can all applaud!

Ray spent 29 years, first on the **Planning Commission** and then on the **Town Board**. He was asked why did he do it and he said: "In 1967, 1968, some guy wanted to build an airport or 67 homes on prime farm land in the township. As a farmer I couldn't sit by and let that happen." He made a difference - the homes were not built and the airport landed a bit northward, pushed by MAC actions. We can thank Ray for his efforts in helping to retain farmland for farmland use in the township.

Gary Schulz, Gary began his work in the township on the **Planning Commission** in 1979, really grew on the job and became **Treasurer** in 1987. As **Treasurer** he brought about organization and growing expertise in township financial matters. We will miss his friendly demeanor, and wish him well on his new challenges. Thank you Gary for a job well done for 22 years!

DID YOU KNOW

An Envisioning Task Group is being formed; see the comments by the Chair in the next column. If you're interested, call Bev at 952-469-4859 for more information.

To report illegal acts offensive to you or the town, such as the dumping of trash in ditches, speeding, etc., call the county sheriff's office at 651-438-4700.

Permits are required for open burns in your yard, e.g. to burn brush, etc.

To get information from the right fire department:
if you live west of Cedar Ave. call 952-985-4700
if you live east of Cedar Ave. call 651-463-1813 or 651-463-1840 (Fire Marshall)
Call during normal business hours.

Building permits are required by the township for new barns, new homes, new garages, home modification & additions, decks and etc. Before any building is undertaken by the owner, call Nanette Leine at 952-469-3736.

CHAIR'S CORNER

The Eureka Town Board is pleased to bring to our citizens this first edition of the Eureka Township newsletter. Mahatma Gandhi, in his lifetime of effort for the Indian masses stated "Without a newspaper, a journal of some kind, you can not unite a community." With this vehicle we want to provide information of importance to citizens of the township. But we also want to allow for the exchange of information - from our citizens to their government - and to one another.

The effort to create community involvement in local government has taken on new meaning in the last couple years, thanks to the input of dedicated and caring residents. Citizen volunteer involvement in creating policy started with the formation of a mining task force to study and make recommendation on an updated (aggregate) mining ordinance. Many hours of meeting, study, and deliberation by this dedicated group resulted in a recommended ordinance which is now being finalized by the **Planning Commission** and **Town Board**, for public review before adoption. We are greatly indebted to the mining task force: Gary Smith, Patricia Steege, Don Storlie, Kenny Miller, Glen Shirley, Sharon Buckley, and Randy Wood for their many hours of hard and creative work.

Citizen involvement will once again be used in the creation of an **Envisioning Study Group** to work with "1000 Friends of Minnesota" and Dakota County. We are presently receiving letters from people who are interested in being a part of this group. Members will recommend a variety of possible future growth scenarios for the township. Using new technology, they will then be able to better understand and then communicate to us all of the impacts of these scenarios on economic, demographic, environmental and other areas of concern to Eureka Township.

The Eureka Town Board and **Planning Commission** invites your thoughts and comments into this new venture - the township newsletter. And we look forward to this opportunity for communications with one another.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR RESIDENTS

Call any town supervisor, or Oliver or Nanett and let any one of them know what you want to see in this newsletter. What's important to you!

NEXT ISSUE OF "EUREKA! THE NEWS"

Roads... **Planning Commission** (profiles)... **Wetlands**... **Tire Collection**... **Resident Inputs**... **Town Board Activities**.

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- for general information
- to get on the Town Board meeting agenda
- to get information on the requirement for a township building permit

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you have any questions, contact Jill
Trescott, Environmental Projects
Coordinator for Dakota County. Her
telephone number is 952-891-7019.

for the township.
this matter is being done by the county
requirement. Informing the public on
Council rules governing this
Eureka Township notifying them of Met
the county to owners of properties in
Letters have been sent or will be sent by
pumped or inspected every three years.
County are required to have their system
Owners of septic systems in Dakota

Septic Systems Maintenance

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Calendar of Meetings

Town Board

July 9

August 13

September 10

Planning Commission

July 2

August 6

September 4

All meetings start at 7:30 PM
in the Town Hall on old
Cedar Avenue, a block south
of 250 St. W.