

EUREKA! THE NEWS

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March 8, 2005 ELECTION RESULTS

The election of two Township Supervisors brought out 399 voters.
Supervisor 1: Cheryl Monson---231; Kenny Miller (write-in)---121
Supervisor 2: Gloria Belzer---203; Charles Hansen (write-in)---178

TOWN BOARD REORGANIZATION 3-28-05 to 3-14-06

Chair: Connie Anderson Vice Chair: Dan Rogers

Supervisor Assignments:

Lakeville Fire Contract - Dan Rogers
Farmington Fire Contract - Gloria Belzer
Cannon River Watershed - Connie Anderson/Gloria Belzer
Vermillion River Watershed - Dan Rogers/Cheryl Monson
Weed Inspector - Mark Malecha
ALF Ambulance - Dan Rogers
Roads - Mark Malecha and Dan Rogers
Communications/newsletter - Connie Anderson
Wetlands contact - Gloria Belzer
Airlake Airport - Dan Rogers/Cheryl Monson
Townhall - Cheryl Monson
County Contact - Connie Anderson
Sheriff Contact - Mark Malecha
Elko/New Market WWTP - Cheryl Monson
Compliance Officer for Data Practice - Cheryl Monson

Official Bank: Castle Rock Bank

Township Attorneys: Murnane, Conlin, White & Brandt

BOARD HAPPENINGS by Connie Anderson, Chair

On behalf of the Town Board and Planning Commission, "Thank you" to Don Pflaum for 7 years and Kenny Miller for 4 years of time, dedication and numerous accomplishments to Eureka Township while serving on the town board. We appreciate Nanett Leine's tireless supportive efforts on behalf of the township; it would be hard to function without her. "Welcome" to Cheryl Monson and Gloria Belzer as newly elected Supervisors. At the 2005 elections and annual meeting, how wonderful it was to see our "grassroots" government at work with the involvement of so many citizens.

As the town board moves on to the new year of 2005-2006, we will be challenged to focus on in-depth issues facing our community.

We will continue to monitor the interceptor line with Met Council; annexation issues with the City of Lakeville; Vermillion River JPO plan adoption; road projects and all the other assigned duties of the supervisors. With the adoption of the new ordinances, comes the revision of the current comprehensive plan in 2006 to be completed by 2008. The town board will work with the planning commission on this process. But more importantly, we will be looking to the citizens of Eureka Township for their opinions of the vision of our community for the future.

Please feel free to contact any Supervisor with questions or concerns you may have throughout this year.

Eureka Township Supervisors

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

Connie Anderson, Chair
952-469-2355

Dan Rogers, Vice Chair
952-469-3739

Gloria Belzer
612-202-5821

Mark Malecha
507-645-4015

Cheryl Monson
952-469-1835

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Nanett Leine, 952-469-3736

Eureka Planning Commission

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

Francie Madden, Chair
952-469-2958

Butch Hansen*, Vice Chair
Corey Behrendt

952-985-5411
Rich Stevens

651-463-4609

*term expires 4/30/05 plus 1 member to be selected by Supervisors

Township Contact

Nanett Leine, 952-469-3736
Monday, 8:00 a.m. to noon
Thursday, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 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.

Emergency fire, police, ambulance
call 911

E-mail: eureka@frontiernet.net

Website: www.eurekatownship-mn.us

- official meeting minutes
- ordinances, calendar, etc.

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

Editor: Carolyn Papke, 651-463-8546
Mailings by Wally Bohrn & family

THE NEW TOWN HALL, 25043 Cedar Avenue

Many people had a hand in bringing the new Eureka Town Hall to reality. Recognition is due Ruth Larson and family for the land donation; Task Team members: Chairman Kenny Miller, Kelly Brosseth, Ken DeMaster, Butch Hansen, John LaFavor, Chris Nielsen, Dan Rogers, Don Storlie, and John Strunk; Kenny Miller for granular fill and aggregate for site, Don Storlie for underground service, Kelly Brosseth for parking lot lights, John Strunk for landscape soil and materials, Butch Hansen & Chris Nielsen for landscaping & sidewalk construction, John Lafavor for reception area counter, Dan Rogers for furniture and office equipment; Town Board Supervisors Don Pflaum, Kenny Miller, Connie Anderson, Dan Rogers, Mark Malecha, Clark Smith, and Beverly Topp; and citizen taxpayers.

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, March 8, 2005

Following the election, an annual town board meeting was held. This enables "grassroots" democratic conversation and voting about township issues which affect our future.

- It was moved and carried to establish a feasibility study committee regarding use of the town hall for other purposes.
- It was moved and carried that the old town hall would be given to and moved by Dakota City Heritage Village; if not, it and items in and around the building will be auctioned as determined by the township supervisors.
- Elko-New Market waste treatment has been lowered to 735,000 gallons/day, although there are still violations. Eureka protests had some effect. The Met Council is planning a connector west or east of Cedar by the year 2010, which would affect future growth in the township.
- Mark Malecha reported on township road projects for 2005. They are:
 - 225th Street, Dodd to Highview: limestone surfacing
 - 265th Street, Fairgreen to Galaxie: limestone repair & gravel
 - 225th Street, Essex to bridge: culverts and raise road
 - Hamburg Ave. bridge will be fixed in 2006
- Connie Anderson and Dan Rogers will be meeting with Lakeville officials regarding any annexation issues.
- It was moved and carried that any unused balance of the \$15,000 for professional services be rolled over and added to the coming year. After a lengthy discussion on a motion to increase the 2006 budget for planning services, the motion failed. The 2006 budget of \$492,160 was approved.

EUREKA ROADS

Road Supervisors Dan Rogers and Mark Malecha will be working the next several months on dust control, mowing, and road projects for 2005. Chris Neilson of Farm Road Services, LLP, continues as Road Contractor to 2006. On April 30 at 8:30 a.m. the Town Board and Planning Commission members will be inspecting township roads for safety and future planning.

2005 Dakota County Projects for Eureka Township:

- Gravel resurfacing--C.R. 84 from County Line to C.R. 17 (Highview Ave.)

2005 Potential Preservation Project (hard surface) locations in Eureka Township:

(Note: Dakota County funding is limited, not all projects may be completed.)

- C.S.A.H. 9 (Dodd Blvd.) from County Line to 235th Street
- C.R. 17 (Highview Ave.) from C.R. 84 to C.S.A.H. 80
- C.S.A.H. 86 from County Line to C.S.A.H. 23

EUREKA TOWNSHIP WATERSHEDS:

Chub Creek in North Cannon Watershed; Vermillion River in Vermillion Watershed.

The Vermillion River Watershed draft plan is still in its review process.

North Cannon River WMO has over \$14,000 in 2005 to help landowners improve rivers, streams and natural resources in their area through best management practices (BMPs) that can include projects such as buffer strips, grassed waterways, feedlot improvements, fencing livestock off streams, sediment control basins, rainwater gardens, shoreline or streambank restoration, and others. Projects must be within the WMO boundaries and funds can be used in conjunction with other local, state or federal cost sharing programs. For an application or more information, please contact Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District at 651-480-7777 or Connie Anderson at 952-469-2355. The deadline is June 15, 2005.

TOWNSHIP ACTIVITIES

EUREKA TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES

After a labor of many years by Board members, Planning Commission members and committees, the new ordinances are ready for public discussion prior to final approval by the Town Board. They have been reorganized for efficiency, redundancies eliminated, and upgraded to current needs. Please read them at Lakeville or Farmington Libraries, or on our website, or purchase draft copies from the town clerk for \$15 for 141 page document (call ahead so they can be printed). Come to the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. at the new town hall on April 18, 2005 for public discussion before the ordinances are formally adopted.

BUILDING PERMIT PACKETS of procedural information and applications are available at the Town Hall from Nanett Leine. Application to the Planning Commission before construction is required for additions, pole sheds, new buildings, pools, and other alterations (see ordinance).

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

The Eureka Township Memorial Day Picnic will be held on Monday noon, May 30, at the Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Avenue. All current and former residents and friends are invited to spend an afternoon socializing together. It will be potluck with coffee and lemonade provided. For further information, call the Eureka Township office at 952-469-3736.

OUR ENVIRONMENT

WASTE NOT

•A one-time drop off of household hazardous waste for Dakota County residents will be available on April 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Lakeville at North Park, 17100 Ipava Ave. (Acceptable items: paints, garden products, oil, poisons, fuels, batteries, etc.) Questions: 952-985-4400.

•The 2005 Dakota County Green Guide can be requested at 952-891-7020, or viewed online at www.co.dakota.mn.us/environ/greenguide

TRASH

•Spring is often a season when trash is dumped on Township roadways. Notify supervisors of dumping locations. If you can get license plate info, responsible parties can be pursued. The township must pay for cleanup with your tax dollars.

LIVING GREEN EXPO, April 30-May 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the MN. State Fair Grounds, St. Paul. Come to a free family friendly event featuring workshops, exhibitors, and activities on green living choices, technologies, and issues. For a list of exhibitors, schedules for workshops and entertainment call 651-215-0218 or visit the web at www.livinggreen.org.

BLUEBIRDS ARE COMING SOON!

Spring is here when the non-resident birds start returning. The first redwing blackbirds were spotted during the snowstorm on March 18, but bluebirds always seem like a special treat. Marlys Shirley is an expert on bluebirds, their nest boxes, locations, spacing and monitoring. She is affiliated with the Bluebird Recovery Program and has presented many public programs. Contact her very soon at 952-469-3510 if you are interested in supporting bluebirds on your property this year.

Persons interested in being put on the request list for meetings, agendas and minutes: Send e-mail address to the clerk (eurekatn@frontiernet.net) and they will be added to the list for current updates of monthly calendar, agendas, happenings, etc. Blind copies are sent, so e-mail addresses are kept private.

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

April 4	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
April 11		Deadline for Planning Commission Application
April 11	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting
April 18	7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing on all Eureka Ordinances
April 23	9 am-2 pm	Household Hazardous Waste Drop off in Lakeville
April 25	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Board of Appeals & Equalization
April 30	8:30 a.m.	Road Inspections by Township Supervisors & Planning Com.
May 2	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
May 3	9:00 a.m.	Hearing: Krapu vs. Eureka Township at Hastings
May 9	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting
May 30	12 noon	Township Memorial Day Potluck Picnic
June 6	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Planning Commission Meeting
June 13	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Township Supervisors Meeting
June 15		Deadline for BMP grants, North Cannon Watershed

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