



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,

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Mark Ceminsky

612-819-1334, term thru 3/15

Steve Madden

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Eureka Planning Commission

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

Lucretia (Lu) Barfknecht, Chair

952-469-3513, term thru 4/16

Carrie Jennings, Vice Chair

952-469-4976, term thru 4/14

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612-490-0091, term thru 4/15

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952-690-5940, term thru 4/15

Township Contact - Clerk/Treasurer

Interim- Linda Wilson

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

Town Hall Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 11, 2014 - Eureka Town Hall

Annual Election of Supervisors 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting 8:15 p.m.

Register to vote www.mnvotes.org

Absentee Balloting information

<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=211>

Vote in honor of a Veteran <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=874>

Minnesota Secretary of State Election phone numbers:

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Vote on Clerk/Treasurer Position to be Held at Annual Election

A special question will be on the ballot at the 2014 Annual Election to determine whether the Township Clerk/Treasurer position should remain one or be separated into two positions, as in the past. A **YES** vote would mean that the positions of Clerk and Treasurer would be separated; different individuals would be hired for each position. A **NO** vote would mean the position of Clerk/Treasurer would remain combined; one person would serve both positions. In either case, the person holding the position(s) would have the right to approve any assistant(s), with the Town Board having final authority regarding who would be hired as assistant(s). A joint position is considered a *Township Officer* and requires an annual audit costing approximately \$6,000. Splitting the position makes the positions *employees* and may make it easier to find suitable applicants. Please see the ad later in this newsletter.



Planning Commission Applicants

Two positions on the Planning Commission will be available for appointment in 2014. The three year terms run from the second Monday in April 2014 through the end of March 2017. The Planning Commission meets monthly, usually on the first Monday of the month. Commissioners receive a stipend of at least \$60 per meeting and standard IRS mileage. The Eureka Planning Commission is a citizen advisory committee appointed by the Town Board that assists the Town Board on matters related to planning and development. Visit the Township website at <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/planning.html> for more information about the Planning Commission and Commissioners. Those interested should send a letter by **Thursday, April 10 2014** to the Interim Town Clerk indicating interest in serving on the Planning Commission via e-mail at eurekatn@frontiernet.net, or by USPS to P.O. Box 576, Lakeville, MN 55044. Those interested should be present at the April 14, 2014 Town Board meeting in order to be interviewed.



Township Updates

Township Clerk/Treasurer, Nanett Sandstrom, Resigns

After 14 years on staff with Eureka Township, first as Treasurer and then Clerk/Treasurer, Nanett Sandstrom has announced her resignation effective November 27, 2013. Nanett was “recruited” by cousin-in-law, Oliver Leine, in 2001 thereby continuing a long standing history of Leine family members who have served the Township. During her tenure on staff, the Township has seen significant changes not only in the Township, but in the Clerk/Treasurer position, as well. Eureka Township and its citizens are greatly appreciative of the time, talents, efforts and many years of service Nanett has given to our community. We wish her well in all future endeavors – thanks, Nanett!

Deputy Clerk, **Linda Wilson**, has graciously consented to assume the duties of Interim Clerk, while **Colette Mumm**, has agreed to handle the financial side of the position, temporarily. Please express your appreciation to them for taking on these additional duties. The Town Board is placing a special question on the Annual Election ballot in preparation for determining how to proceed with the open position(s) and search for Nanett’s replacement(s).

Help Wanted - Part Time Clerk/Treasurer

Applicants should be organized, be able to have flexible hours. Previous Clerk/Treasurer experience a plus, along with financial experience, knowledge of CTAS, accounting experience, people skills, communication skills, computer skills, familiar with Microsoft Office and Excel, filing and record keeping. Position will require evening meetings 2 – 4 nights a month, and two days a week (8 – 15 hours per week.) Applicant must not reside in Eureka Township. Competitive pay.

Email resumes to eurekatn@frontiernet.net , or mail to Eureka Town Hall, P.O.Box 576, Lakeville, MN 55044

Applicants will be contacted for interviews.

Agri-Tourism Task Force – An open house was held by the task force in December 2013. The task force members would like to thank all those who attended and/or submitted comments, as well as the officials from surrounding communities who came to share their expertise. At the January Town Board meeting, the task force requested to continue the task force work with access to a professional planner (up to \$4,000) and one lawyer meeting in order to draft ordinance language. That request was approved with the funds coming from the Township’s Professional Services budget account. It is anticipated that meetings will continue on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. through February.

Building Right Transfer Ordinance Amendment and Fee Schedule Update – Procedures for transferring building rights within Eureka Township are in the final stages of being created, as is a fee structure. Stay tuned to the Township website for additional information as it becomes available. A HUGE THANK YOU to **Jeff Otto** for his ongoing work on these items.

CapX 2020 – Tower foundations have been poured and set. Most towers are in place, with a few left to finish, due to weather. The poles range between 200-1,000 feet apart but, to date, no power lines have been strung. Some equipment has been moved from the staging area to western Minnesota/eastern South Dakota. Other equipment will remain in the lay down yard, as needed to perform the remaining work, expected to be completed in June 2014, though the challenging weather may alter that expectation.

Dodd Blvd. Improvement Project – The Scott County portion of the project will begin in summer 2014, including the roundabout at Highway 46 (Pillsbury) and Highway 2, which will be back open to traffic in Fall 2014. Most of the project work along the segments of County 9 (Dodd) in Dakota County will begin in Spring 2015, with substantial completion of all work in Fall 2015. Anyone interested in receiving weekly construction updates is encouraged to send their email address to Dakota County Construction Engineer Ross Beckwith (ross.beckwith@co.dakota.mn.us), or information will also be available on Dakota County’s website at www.co.dakota.mn.us (search County 9 Eureka) beginning this June.

Illegal Dumping – People, primarily from outside the Township, are continuing to dump illegally, costing the Township significant time, effort and over \$2,000 in expenses. The Dakota County Sheriff’s office reports it will now stop vehicles on roads within the Township after midnight if their vehicles are not registered with a Township address. ***Please report suspicious activity immediately by calling 911. There are rewards for information that leads to the identification and conviction of those dumping illegally. Your assistance is vital, and has led to a number of prosecutions. TOGETHER, WE CAN STOP THIS UNSIGHTLY HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD!***

Township Storage Building Update – Initial site work has begun on a 36 foot X 36 foot garage-like structure to include 10 foot high walls. It will be built just south and west of the current Town Hall. Total cost is expected to be \$55,839, excluding interior steel. Work has been suspended for the time being due to weather.

Township Website – During the transition to a new Clerk/Treasurer, the website is not being updated on a regular basis. The Board is exploring long term solutions for maintaining the website. If you need information or assistance, please contact the Interim Clerk, Linda Wilson, during Town Hall Office hours at 952-469-3736 or eurekatn@frontiernet.net .

MAKE A SPLASH – as a WPC Commissioner

The Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board (VRWJPB) is seeking applicants from rural communities for two vacant seats on the Vermillion River Watershed Planning Commission (WPC). The WPC advises the VRWJPB about water quality and quantity issues, policies, and projects in the watershed. The nine-member commission represents the citizens in communities within the watershed. Commissioners serve a three-year term and attend monthly meetings. Commissioners receive a stipend, and must be a resident of the watershed district.

To apply, visit www.vermillionriverwatershed.org and search Planning Commission, or call 952-891-7000.

2014 Candidates for Town Board Supervisor

Two three-year terms to expire March 2017 (listed in alpha order)

Supervisor Position #1

Brian Budenski (incumbent) - Brian has lived on Highview Ave. near Eureka Estates for 22 years and is an Augsburg College graduate with degrees in Finance and Economics. He has been self-employed for 31 years. Mr. Budenski is the incumbent Supervisor for this position, completing his seventh year, including 3 years as Town Board Chair. He and his family are members of Highview Christiania Lutheran Church and he has coached several Lakeville youth baseball and soccer teams. Brian views honesty and integrity in government, planning for Eureka's future, good stewardship of Township roads and maintaining our rural quality of life as major concerns of the Township. He envisions tough decisions about growth and land use, to which he is committed to good planning and will bring to the table his knowledge and abilities rather than a personal agenda. "I feel a civic duty to the Township. I like the rural character, but I also appreciate land owner concerns about the current and future land use within the Township. As a result, the Township is a project in motion and I will do what is required of me to help this project succeed....I would strive to represent the interest of all Township residents."

Butch Hansen - With short exceptions, Butch Hansen's family has lived in Eureka since the days of his great-great grandmother, Karen Miller. He lives in the southwest quadrant on Highview Ave. near 267th St. Mr. Hansen is a family man with 16 grandchildren, along with whom he enjoys working livestock, hunting and horse team-penning games. He has been a small business owner for 35 years and served as president of the Suburban Sportsman Club and a member of the Garrison Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Butch is currently a member of the Eureka Township Planning Commission and has served on a number of committees and task forces including Town Hall Building, Transfer of Building Rights, Roads, Road Heavy Hall, Road Right-of-Way, and, currently, Agri-Tourism. Butch views some of the following as challenges and concerns facing Eureka:

- The increasing presence of major public utilities
- Growth and related issues
- Fair and equal application of the ordinances to everyone
- A permitting process that is too cumbersome

"I'm fair, just, use common sense and have no personal agenda. I have a vested interest in this community and am open-minded. I want all of the citizens of Eureka to be able to live the lifestyle they imagine for themselves and to fulfill whatever their dreams might be."

Supervisor Position #2

Cory Behrendt - 272nd St. West, southwest quadrant. "I have lived in Eureka Township with my family for over 12 years and am a member of a family that has been in the Township for over 100 years. I have degrees in both Electrical Engineering and Management Information Systems. I am currently employed as IT Director for CliftonLarsonAllen.

As a professional, it is my responsibility to create business and technology plans that support the daily needs of a diverse and dynamic organization. In the course of my work I must listen closely to ideas and concepts of many people to develop plans and strategies that align with established goals and values. I would apply that ability to help the Township achieve its goals and manage the regular operations of the Township effectively in a positive, efficient manner.

I have previously served our Township on the Planning Commission 2002-2006, Township Supervisor 2006-2009 and actively on the Agri-tourism task force. I have enjoyed working with Township issues and being able to help citizens build their lives in Eureka. I am able to carefully prepare and listen to the business at hand and apply decisions that are fair, impartial and maintain proper discourse. During my time serving the Township, I believe I have brought clarity to many issues and consistently applied our ordinances. I am also interested in preserving the history and heritage of the Township while creating one that our next generations can be proud of."

Pete Storlie (incumbent) - "My family and I have enjoyed living on 235th St. West (northwest quadrant) for the last 12 years. I'm currently employed by Anytime Fitness as a Sr. Construction Manager. Prior to Anytime Fitness, I was with Regis Corporation for 12 years and Kmart for 14 Years. My work experience includes project management, budgeting and forecasting, brand development, contract review, vendor management. I have worked with numerous cities, townships, development departments and vision boards during my career. I graduated from Apple Valley High School and Dakota Country Technical College. I'm currently the Chair of the Eureka Town Board Supervisors and a member of the Eureka Road Committee. I have served on the Eureka Planning Commission and the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC). I'm a member of Hosanna Lutheran church and a parent volunteer for Lakeville South baseball and basketball youth programs. During my tenure as a Eureka Township Supervisor, the following was completed:

- Paid off the Town Hall early, saving the Township taxpayers approximately \$3,000 in interest.
- Developed the Eureka Road Committee to provide oversight of the road budget and projects.
- Reduced road maintenance costs, while completing more road projects and miles of improved roads.
- Revamped the Township budget to include more detail for better control of spending.
- Actively working with the Dakota County Sheriff on garbage dumping within the Township and prosecution of all identified illegal dumpers.
- Right-of-Way/ Large utility permits put in place to protect the Township, town roads & right-of-ways.
- Held CAPX 2020/ Great River Energy and other utility companies financially accountable for damages to Township roads.

I want to continue to improve the Township budget process, putting in place a 5 and a 10 year budget plan. As a Township we need to continue to improve, reduce and budget for better spending. I want to continue to improve the common sense approach to solving problems in our Township. We are an agriculture community on the edge of the city. We don't have the demand for growth today, but we need to continue to plan for growth in a reasonable manner or it will run us over. I want to continue to reduce the unnecessary regulations, as a Township we don't need to tell people how to manage every aspect of their life. As a community we need to allow people to be good stewards of the land and allow people the right to reasonable use of their land."



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2014 Eureka Township Calendar...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

February 20	Thursday	noon	Applications due for October Planning Commission Meeting
February 27	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
March 3	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
March 10	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
March 11	Tuesday	7:00 a.m.– 8:00 p.m.	Annual Township Elections
March 11	Tuesday	8:15 p.m.	Township Annual Meeting
March 27	Thursday	noon	Applications due for April Planning Commission Meeting
March 27	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
April 7	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
April 10	Thursday	noon	Last day to submit Letter of Interest for Planning Commission
April 14	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting, appoint Commissioners
April 24	Thursday	noon	Applications due for April Planning Commission Meeting
April 24	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
May 5	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
May 12	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
May 22	Thursday	noon	Applications due for April Planning Commission Meeting
May 22	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting, Apple Valley
June 2	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Special Board Meeting
June 9	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting, Special Planning Commission Meeting
June 26	Thursday	noon	Applications due for April Planning Commission Meeting
June 26	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 \$5 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, the Eureka Town Hall and the Dakota County Law Library.

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LOW INCOME FIX-UP GRANT FOR FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Dakota County, grouped together with Minneapolis, St. Paul and Bloomington, received an MPCA/Clean Water Legacy Grant for upgrading failing septic systems. Funds can be used county wide outside of shoreland areas. Requirements are:

- Must have a notice of noncompliance (failing compliance inspection report) to apply.
- Income based - a family of two is \$52,000, so many people will qualify. This will be on a first come first serve basis

Interested? Call Dee McDaniels at 952.891.7024.
Grant funds must be spent or returned by June 30, 2014.

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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.

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