



Eureka Township News

Winter 2022

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Town Hall Hours

10 am – 2 pm Tuesday & Thursday

Website

<http://eurekatownship-mn.us>

Eureka Township Supervisors

Meet semi-monthly, 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 pm

SEAT 1

Donovan Palmquist, Chair (2023)

SEAT 2

Ralph Fredlund, Vice Chair (2023)

SEAT 3

Kathleen Kaufmann (2024)

SEAT 4

Nancy Sauber (2024)

SEAT 5

Lu Barfknecht (2022)

Planning Commission

Meet monthly, 1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Randy Wood, Chair (2023)

Bill Clancy, Vice Chair (2022)

Julie Larson (2023)

Debbie Burkhardt (2024)

Chad Berg (2024)

Official Notices

Posted on the bulletin board on the south exterior wall of the Town Hall and published in *Sun This Week* and *Dakota County Tribune* newspapers.

✓ 2022 TOWNSHIP ELECTION ✓

Township Annual Election for Board of Supervisors Tuesday, March 8, 2022



Eureka Town Hall • POLLS OPEN 7am– 8pm

One Board position is open.

Supervisor Position #5: Lu Barfknecht

Please see page 3 for candidates' statements

Vote in person on Tuesday, March 8 at the Eureka Town Hall.

Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

The address is 25043 Cedar Avenue, Farmington, Minnesota 55024 (intersection of Cedar Avenue and 250th Street).

Register at the polls on Election Day.

Proof of residence is required. For more information, visit

www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/

Absentee Voting

You can request an absentee ballot online at www.mnvotes.org. Or you can cast an absentee ballot in person at the Hastings or Apple Valley Government Centers. If you have questions about absentee voting, contact Dakota County Elections at 651-438-4305 or, email elections@co.dakota.mn.us. Ballots **must be returned by Election Day** to be counted.

Voters may also **vote early** between now and March 7th in person at the Western Service Center 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday (14955 Galaxie Ave., Apple Valley) or the Dakota County Administration building 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday (1590 Hwy. 55, Ste. 2300, Hastings). Early voting, also known as direct balloting, is available at the Dakota County Administration Building March 1st through March 7th.

Voters **MUST** reside in the Township to vote in this election

Annual Town Meeting

Please join us for the Annual Meeting immediately after the polls close (8:15 pm)

Top 5 Reasons why you should attend the Annual Meeting

1. **This is YOUR meeting.** The Annual Meeting is the only meeting that is run by the town residents. A moderator is selected from those that are present.
2. **Get Involved.** This is an opportunity to raise items of town business to the floor for discussion.
3. **Stay Informed.** Both the Town Board and Planning Commissioners will be presenting reports from the past year.
4. **Understand Community Management.** Learn how your tax money is being spent and vote on the levy.
5. **Meet People.** Get to know your neighbors. Learn from others about concerns or issues. Perhaps you can work together towards change!

Apply!

PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS

One position on the Planning Commission will be available for appointment in 2022.

The three-year term runs May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2025. The Planning Commission meets monthly, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Commissioners receive a stipend of \$100.00 per meeting and standard IRS mileage.

Interested persons should send a letter indicating interest in serving on the Planning Commission to the Town Clerk at clerk@eurekatownship-mn.us or by USPS to 25043 Cedar Ave, Farmington, MN 55024.



Letters should be received no later than Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at noon. Interested persons should be present at the April 11, 2022, Town Board meeting in order to be interviewed.

Supervisor Position #5: Lu Barfknecht

For the past six years I have served on the Eureka Township Board of Supervisors. I thank you for your support. I am asking for your vote to continue my work protecting Eureka citizens.

As a professional contract negotiator, I use my experience to carefully review every township contract and payment. I have saved the Township thousands, significantly increasing the value we receive for each dollar we spend.

I help citizens find solutions that enable them to use their property freely and legally, without impacting their neighbors. I use common sense when I interpret our ordinances. Lawyers should not be needed to decipher our often-confusing ordinance language. I am working to clarify inconsistencies as we conduct our regular review of our ordinances.

I am proud of the progress our current board has made in improving our roads. We need to continue that work and complete the renovation of the hard surface roads in Eureka Estates.



All Supervisors must be committed to more productivity, and faster responses to citizens. We can do better. A good Supervisor listens to everyone, without bias. I will keep listening to you.

Your vote is your voice. Please take a few minutes to vote on March 8 and join us for the Annual Meeting immediately following the election.

www.luforeureka.com
<https://eurekatownship-mn.us/>



Agricultural Chemical Reduction Effort (ACRE) Public Sector Meeting

Wednesday, March 9th from 5:00-7:00 pm

This meeting is focused on getting input from city, township, watershed management organization, and other organization representatives located within rural Dakota County potentially impacted by high nitrate. Additional information can be found at <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/WaterResources/Agriculture/Pages/agricultural-chemical-reduction-effort.aspx>

In-person: Dakota County Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, Room 3A

Zoom:

<https://dakotacountymn.zoom.us/j/94698056341?pwd=alkxV2VrTmE2Z3hQSGdCUzkrQIZ6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 946 9805 6341, Passcode: 993076

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A DIP INTO EUREKA'S HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

According to genealogytrails.com, the annual meetings were first held at what was known as the "Central schoolhouse," in district number 49.

The following persons have held the positions of town clerk and chairman of the board of supervisors:

- * 1859 - Samuel Livingston, chairman; James W. Pool, clerk.
- * 1860 - G. B. Mallery, chairman; James W. Pool, clerk.
- * 1861 - Samuel Livingston, chairman; James W. Pool, clerk.
- * 1862 - Peter Thompson, chairman; A. L. Caskey, clerk.
- * 1863 - G. B. Mallery, chairman; James Jockwood, clerk.
- * 1864 - G. B. Mallery, chairman; Cyrus M. Kingsley, clerk.
- * 1865 - A. F. Bean, chairman; S. Livingston, clerk.
- * 1866 - A. F. Bean, chairman; John W. Pool, clerk.

- * 1867 - D. C. Fix, chairman; William A. Parry, clerk.
- * 1868 - D. C. Fix, chairman; William A. Parry, clerk.
- * 1869 - F. C. Carpenter, chairman; I. N. VanDoren, clerk.
- * 1870 - V. G. Van Slyke, chairman; John M. Livingston, clerk.
- * 1871 - Charles Jones, chairman; J. M. Livingston, clerk.
- * 1872 - C. M. Kingsley, chairman; J. M. Livingston, clerk.
- * 1873 - James W. Lytle, chairman; M. A. Parry, clerk.
- * 1874 - C. M. Kingsley, chairman; M. A. Parry, clerk.
- * 1875 - C. M. Kingsley, chairman; M. A. Parry, clerk.
- * 1876 - C. M. Kingsley, chairman; J. M. Livingston, clerk.
- * 1877 - William A. Parry, chairman; J. M. Livingston, clerk.
- * 1878 - Peter Thompson, chairman; O. G. Olson, clerk.
- * 1879 - W. A. Parry, chairman; O. G. Olson, clerk.
- * 1880 - W. A. Parry, chairman; B. J. Skofstad, clerk.

'Eureka! We Have Found It'-Check out the volunteer run site
https://genealogytrails.com/minn/dakota/twsp_eureka.html



EUREKA TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

*Upcoming Township meetings and events – through April 2022
Check the Township website for additional meetings or changes in schedule
Meetings held in person at the Townhall and online via Zoom.*

You can join the Zoom Meeting one of the following ways:

1. Navigate to <https://zoom.us/j/3134376987?pwd=V3VRRkJKblUxeUY1eJlBdmVNUmUrdz09>

Meeting ID: 313 437 6987

2. One tap mobile: dial [1-312-626-6799](tel:1-312-626-6799), [3134376987#](tel:3134376987)

February 28	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
March 1	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
March 8	Tuesday	7:00am	Township Election Day *(Open until 8:00pm)
March 8	Tuesday	8:15 pm	Annual Town Meeting *(After polls close)
March 9	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Board of Canvass
March 14	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
March 28	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
April 5	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting *(Deadline date for Planning Commission applicants)
April 11	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
April 25	Monday	7:00 pm	Town Board Meeting

Agendas and public packets for each meeting are posted on the website under News and Notices on the Thursday preceding the meeting.

If you wish to receive a copy of the quarterly newsletter, please contact the Clerk. The newsletter is also available for viewing on the website: <https://eurekatownship-mn.us>.
