

Eureka Township

Dakota County

State of Minnesota

Special Meeting
December 15, 2004

Chair Don Pflaum called the Special Meeting of the Eureka Town Board to order at 7:08 p.m.

Town board members present were Don Pflaum, Connie Anderson and Dan Rogers. Clerk/ Treasurer Nanett Leine to record minutes. Township Attorney, Peter Tiede.

Planning Commission Members: Corey Behrendt, Francie Madden, Ritchie Stevens and Cheryl Monson.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Ordinance work.

Discussion on Ordinance verbiage took place.

- Fees are non refundable.
- Conditional use permits as relating to farms.

SECTION 9.1 Delete: "The town board may require any farm operation to secure a Conditional Use..." and 2 paragraphs following.

SECTION 10 Delete... no commercial allowed.

SECTION 11 Signs

11.1 Delete: "create a more attractive business climate"

11.2 Add: This section pertains to signs on private property. Signs within the public right of way are governed under the Township Public Safety Ordinance.

11.4 Add: "No billboard advertising is permitted in Eureka Township."

- Billboards need to be defined.- larger than 50 square feet

11.8 5. Event Signs

11.10 Change "5 years" to "3 years"

Lee Dille, SE MN Clean Energy Resource Team presented information on wind energy generating plants. He presented a sample ordinance from Rice County. (*see attached file*)

The greatest opposition to this type of energy is the visual impact.

It is a commercial type business; the ordinance would need to be modified to include wind towers.

SECTION 12 Remove (enforcement)

Building permit fees: move to fee ordinance.

Attorney, Peter Tiede will review the wireless telecommunications Facilities and Energy Systems sample ordinances and draft wording for Eureka Township Ordinance.

Granting variances- advised to use State Statute language.
Change “zoning administrator” to “Clerk.”

Board of Adjustment- was discussed, leave as it is. Was a resolution created, dedicating the town board as the board of adjustment? Clerk Nanett Leine will research this.

8. Add: “unless there has been a material change in the circumstances relating to the denial.”

➤ Mobile homes cannot remove language- due to equal housing requirements.

Attorney Peter Tiede will redraft the ordinance and send a copy to each town board, planning commission member and town clerk by January 17, 2005.

January 3, 2005 Special Town Board Meeting- Road Projects for 2005, following regular scheduled Planning Commission Meeting approximately 7:30 pm, Eureka Town Hall.

January 24 2005 Special Town Board Meeting- Ordinance Work. 7:00 pm, Eureka Town Hall.

A motion by Supervisor Dan Rogers: To adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Connie Anderson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm