

Eureka Township

Dakota County

State of Minnesota

Special Meeting
February 17, 2005

Chair Don Pflaum called the Special Meeting of the Eureka Town Board to order at 7:04 p.m.

Town board members present were Don Pflaum, Kenny Miller, Dan Rogers and Connie Anderson. Clerk/ Treasurer Nanett Leine to record minutes.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Discussion with Dakota County Sheriff Department

Sheriff Don Gudmundson, Chief Deputy David Bellows and Captain Steven Theriault- Patrol Division represented the Sheriffs Department.

A presentation was made by the Dakota County Sheriff's Office on total incidents and types of incidents in Eureka and surrounding townships. *See attached graphs*

Most service calls are between 8pm and 2am. There are a total of 7 squads serving Dakota County. The number of squads on duty ranges between 2 and 7 at any given time. They travel 200-225 miles per shift. They dedicate resources during high call times, not 24 hrs. By changing shifts they supply double coverage 8 pm to 2 am. The last 10-15 years- same amount of officers. 1/3 of all arrests are drug related. Meth labs are a big problem.

The town board would like to set up an informational night for citizens/ community on Meth Labs. A representative from the Drug task force will contact with township clerk, with more information.

The Eureka Town board expressed interest in obtaining additional resources. It is all about public safety. The township needs to contact County Commissioner Joe Harris and the County Board, they are the ones that would provide for additional patrol officers/ squads. The cost for a full time position is approximately \$70,000.

This needs to be brought before the Dakota County Township Officers Meeting. Other townships may be willing to pool resources together. The townships need to be vocal/ show support during negotiations/ budget.

The Sheriff Department is not interested in contracting for services with a township.

A motion by Supervisor Kenny Miller: To adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Connie Anderson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.