

Eureka Township
Dakota County
State of Minnesota

Special Eureka Townboard Meeting

Agenda:

1. 7:00 pm Board of Canvas
2. 7:15 pm Lakeville Mayor and Administrator- Elko/ New Market WWTP Expansion Project.
3. Closed meeting following- employee review.

March 10, 2004

Supervisor Don Pflaum called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Town board members present were Don Pflaum, Kenny Miller, Mark Malecha, Dan Rogers and Connie Anderson. Clerk/ Treasurer Nanett Leine recorded the minutes.

Board of Canvas

The town board was presented with the Precinct Summary Statement from the March 9, 2004 Township Election. The official election results were certified. There were a total of 348 voters at the polling place and 14 absentee ballots. The total number of persons voting in precinct was 362. Candidate vote count included 4 defective ballots, 1 vote for Greg Miller, 1 vote for Jim Sauber, 223 votes for Connie Anderson and 133 votes for Charles (Butch) Hansen.

The Canvas board verified that these were the official election results. There was a discrepancy in the total number of ballots received from the clerk prior to the polls opening.

The board of Canvas was tabled until after the meeting with Lakeville. Carolyn Papke, an election judge was called and asked to come to the meeting.

Elko/ New Market WWTP Expansion Project

The Eureka Town Board met with Lakeville Mayor Bob Johnson and Administrator Bob Erickson, on the Elko/ New Market WWTP Expansion project.

Bob Erickson presented the Eureka Town Board with the following information. The MET Council is in the process of hiring a consultant to do a system plan update for wastewater. The current map of the septic line is a concept. The study will take 2 years.

In 2006 all communities will need to update their COMP Plans. (*Mandated by State Law*)

Bob Erickson said there will not be any pipe until 2009 or 2010.

Lakeville is concerned about the size of the proposed treatment plant. This plant will be obsolete when pipeline is in place.

Lakeville was upset about the proposed pipeline into Elko/ New Market area, because they had not been informed about the pipe or the alignment issues.

The MET Council is working on their behalf. Brian McDaniel is the contact in the watershed.

2 years ago the MET Council ran a pipe to bypass the Vermillion River to protect the trout from the Empire Plant to the Mississippi River. The Elko plant will be dumping into the head waters of the Vermillion River. This is confusing.

Lakeville is not looking at annexing any of Eureka Township land.

Lakeville suggested in asking the Met Council for a grant, so that Eureka has the resources to participate in the system plan update, so someone can be monitoring, so that Eureka is treated fairly.

Butch Hansen expressed concerns with the possibility of Lakeville annexing land. Lakeville responded that they have no plans on annexing land.

Cheryl Monson asked if Lakeville has any control over the growth in communities that use the school system. Lakeville said no, it is a concern they have.

Supervisor Don Pflaum asked if the existing sewer line is adequate for Lakeville's development plans. Lakeville said yes, for the next 15 years. The proposed line would open an area earlier than originally planned.

Supervisor Don Pflaum asked if Lakeville was part of the transit taxing district. Lakeville said that less than 2 % of Lakeville residents use the transit system, it is not cost effective right now to participate. (\$600,000) At some point they would need to be equal participant. Lakeville was a partner in the Apple Valley transit station. They are studying 35 transit setting Minneapolis to Lakeville, this study will be done at the end of the year.

Supervisor Don Pflaum thanked Lakeville officials for meeting with Eureka Supervisors. Eureka would like to continue working with Lakeville, in a positive manner.

Board of Canvas Continued

Carolyn was not at the polls at the opening of the election. It looks like the election judges did not count the ballots prior to the election. The printer may have put in one or two extra sheets of paper in a pad. There was a difference of 9 ballots. Clerk Nanett Leine will notify County Elections. It was also noted that the ballots were not put into envelopes, sealed and signed by the election judges. The ballots were put into an envelope and sealed. Carolyn signed the seal.

Butch Hansen said that he would concede that Connie Anderson won the election. He had no issue with the election results.

A statement was made that pencils should not be used to mark the ballots.

A Motion by Supervisor Mark Malecha: As board of canvas for the Town of Eureka, to pass onto the County that the ballots have been counted, the vote tally: 223 Connie Anderson and 133 for Butch Hansen. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dan Rogers. Motion Carried.

The Canvass Board Certification was signed by the Town Board Supervisors.

See attached document.

Supervisor Connie Anderson abstained from the board of Canvas.

Closed meeting for Employee review followed.