

Eureka Township

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Eureka Town Board Meeting
July 9, 2001

Chair Person Bev Topp called the regular monthly meeting of Eureka Township to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Supervisors Donald Pflaum, Clark Smith, Connie Anderson, Kenny Miller and Clerk Oliver Leine.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clark Smith to accept the June 11th minutes, with the following changes: page 4 add west half of township to paragraph 3 (Rud's bid). Change Kingseth to Kindseth. Seconded by Supervisor Connie Anderson, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clark Smith to accept June 19th Emergency Road Meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Don Pflaum, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kenny Miller to accept June 27th Ratzlaff/Petter Public Hearing/meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Connie Anderson, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kenny Miller to accept July 2nd Town Board/Planning Commission workshop minutes as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Clark Smith, motion carried.

The following items were presented to the board for approval:

1st Request for a Building Permit

Jim Anderson 25275 Ipava Ave., LKVL

8'x24' pole shed

Paul to inspect stakes

Permit Fee

\$50.00

**Board Action: Motion by Supervisor Clark Smith,
seconded by Supervisor Connie Anderson/ carried**

2nd Request for a Building Permit

Dennis Hogan 24017 Essex Ave. Farmington

Contractor: Self

Menards pole sheds 60'X50' 16' sidewalls

Menards pole sheds 40'X60' 10' sidewalls

buildings attached cool storage, no shoreland

Calvin Pflaum to inspect stakes

Permit Fee

\$270.00

Other/subject: Has 10 acres does not need to see planning commission

**Board Action: Motion by Supervisor Don Pflaum,
seconded by Supervisor Clark Smith/ carried**

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3rd Request for a Building Permit

Michael and Nancy Norton 6130 W. 245th St. Farmington

Porch 13'x16' 3 season

basement 13'x16'

Other/subject: Has lot layout, Inspector Ron approved plans

Permit Fee

\$511.43

Board Action: Motion by Supervisor Connie Anderson,

seconded by Supervisor Kenny Miller/ carried

4th Request for a Building Permit

Mike and Gail Andreas 9203 W 250th St. LKVL

House addition 2 stories 16'x16'

Other/ subject: Building inspector approved plans, no shoreland

Permit Fee

\$590.45

Board Action: Motion by Supervisor Clark Smith,

seconded by Supervisor Kenny Miller/ carried

5th Request for a Building Permit

Andy Radford 24410 Iceland Path. LKVL

Porch 14'x13'6" all season

Other/ subject: Bldg. Code issues that Ron is working with. no shoreland

Permit Fee

\$667.00

Board Action: Motion by Supervisor Kenny Miller,

seconded by Supervisor Clark Smith/ carried

6th Request for a Building Permit

Steve and Sharon Barry 9020 W. 267th St., LKVL

40'x60' pole shed 12ft walls

Other/ subject: has lot layout no shoreland

Paul to inspect stakes

Permit Fee

\$57.00

Board Action: Motion by Supervisor Clark Smith,

seconded by Supervisor Connie Anderson/ carried

7th Request for a Building Permit

Geoffrey Williams 8805 W. 267th St., LKVL

40'x63' pole shed 12ft walls

2520 square feet 1/2 cold storage, 1/2 heated

Other/ subject: has lot layout

Paul to inspect stakes

Permit Fee

\$57.60

Board Action: Motion by Supervisor Clark Smith,

seconded by Supervisor Don Pflaum/ carried

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8th Request for a Building Permit

Carolyn House 8760 W. 235th St. LKVL

Gargage 12'x20' 10' walls not attached

shoreland but placed on existing slab

cold storage

Other/ subject: Has lot layout

**Permit
Fee**

\$116.22

**Board Action: Motion by Supervisor Clark Smith,
seconded by Supervisor Kenny Miller/ carried**

9th Request for a Building Permit

John Strunk 7985 W. 257th St. Farmington

Deck 18'x11.3' attached

Other/ subject: Ron recommends approval, contingent on Ron and John working out specs.

Permit Fee

\$89.95

**Board Action: Motion by Supervisor Clark Smith,
seconded by Supervisor Connie Anderson/ carried**

10th Request for a Building Permit

Grace Zellmer 24060 Holyoke Path LKVL

replacing existing deck 8'x12' to 10'x18'

Other/ subject: **Exception due to:** 1. wrong date of planning commission meeting
2. replacing existing deck 3. Ron was present

Permit Fee

\$120.00

**Board Action: Motion by Supervisor Don Pflaum,
seconded by Supervisor Clark Smith / carried**

The township building inspector, Ron Wasmund, presented the board with his spec requirements. He handed out a packet for consideration in handing out to residents. The board will review and approve in August. Ron received our copy and he will review with comments.

Road maintenance gravel bids for the west half of the township were opened at 8:38 PM. Received one bid from G & T Trucking. This bid had a note that the Class 5 gravel available in this area doesn't meet the requested spec. It only has 5% passing the #200 sieve. The material is from Barton's pit and actually varies between 5% and 7%. It also has to be specially requested or at least 1000 tons ordered.

The bid is:

Class 5 gravel with 5% passing \$6.95 / ton hauled to road.

Class 5 lime rock \$8.35 / ton hauled to road. (Kramer pit)

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A motion was made by Supervisor Clark Smith to accept G&T Trucking's bid for west half maintenance gravel and lime rock. Motion seconded by Supervisor Kenny Miller, carried.

Next the bids for the 3 road projects were opened. 2 bids were received with both meeting the bid bond requirements.

G&T Trucking

Project 1 - Highview Ave. (Lakeville border to 250th St. Class 5 Lime rock 9600 ton)
\$8.35/ton

Project 2 – 225th St. (Cedar Ave. to Essex Ave. Class 5 Lime rock xxxx ton) \$7.85/ton

Project 3 – 225th St. (Essex Ave to Denmark Ave. Class 5 gravel) \$6.85/ton can't meet spec, 5% passing. \$7.80/ton for Lime rock.

Lime rock is from Kramer pit.

Friedges Inc.

Project 1 - Highview Ave. (Lakeville border to 250th St. Class 5 Lime rock 9600 ton)
\$9.40/ton

Project 2 – 225th St. (Cedar Ave. to Essex Ave. Class 5 Lime rock xxxx ton) \$8.95/ton

Project 3 – 225th St. (Essex Ave to Denmark Ave. Class 5 gravel) \$8.00/ton can't meet spec locally.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kenny Miller to accept G&T Trucking's price per ton on Project 1. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clark Smith, carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kenny Miller to accept G&T Trucking's price per ton on Project 2. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clark Smith, carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clark Smith to accept G&T Trucking's price per ton on Project 3 with the understanding that the project may not move forward. Motion seconded by Supervisor Don Pflaum, carried.

During the discussion on project 3 Supervisor Don Pflaum questioned the alignment of a portion of 225th Street.

Tom Zwiers from G&T was asked if the township could change the timing on some of the projects and still use the bids. He stated that the prices included in the bids were for the 2001 construction season. He would allow the township to extend the completion dates that were set in the bid specs.

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Bev reported on the formation of the Envisioning Committee. She said that she had received letters from a few applicants and had talked with others. So far she has the following citizens expressing interest:

Ray Kaufenberg

Mike Greco

Randy Wood

Bob Papke

Patricia Steege

Also Bev and Kenny would be included.

Bev asked if the board felt this was enough varied representation and if they thought she should wait until she had found more people. It was decided to go ahead with these people.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clark Smith to set a launch/organizational meeting with the tentative members of the Envisioning Committee and the town board. Members should bring ideas, questions and goals. Motion seconded by Supervisor Connie Anderson. Tentative date: July, 25th at 7 PM.

The motion was amended by Supervisor Clark Smith to accept the present applicants and allow additional members before the organizational meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Connie Anderson and both the amendment and original motion carried. It was noted that 1000 Friend of Minnesota representatives would not be at this meeting but may request to be at future meetings.

Clerk Oliver Leine presented the following bills totaling \$100,437.78 to the board for approval.

Bills for June 2001

Dakota Electric	Town Hall	\$	8.59
Cannon Valley Coop	LP Tank lease	\$	1.00
ECM Publishers			
Petter/Ratzlaff	This Week Legal Ads	\$	163.42
Farmington Independent			
Petter/Ratzlaff	Legal Ad	\$	13.05
LeVander, Gillen & Miller, P. A.	Legal Work	\$	346.50
Minnesota Assoc. of Townships	Training Short Courses	\$	70.00
		\$	35.00
Lakeville Printing	newsletter	\$	85.20
Dakota County			
Frontier Communications	Township phone system	\$	152.29
		\$	118.97
Contech Construction Products	Culverts Highview Ave	\$	3,692.42
Henry's Excavating	Grading and Misc.	\$	10,647.25
Rud Construction	Grading and Misc.	\$	13,931.25
		\$	6,405.75
	Ripping Highview		

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Eureka Sand & Gravel	Highview Ave	\$	7,226.90
G&T Trucking	6/01/01 Hauling + material	\$	2,576.81
	6/04/01 Hauling + material	\$	6,499.81
	6/05/01 Hauling + material	\$	5,451.81
	6/07/01 Hauling + material	\$	7,205.30
	6/08/01 Hauling + material	\$	6,334.98
	6/12/01 Hauling + material	\$	3,188.63
	6/28/01 Hauling Tires to Dump	\$	100.00
Dustcoating Inc.	Chloride applied to roads 33,126 gals @.56	\$	18,550.56
Kindseth Brothers Tree Service	Clean up Brush & trees 245&Dodd, 235&Highview	\$	625.00
	Remove Tree 245th & Dodd	\$	175.00
Dale Kuchinka	Ditch Mowing 38 miles @\$23	\$	874.00
Gary Smith			
Hours 68.25 @15.00		\$	1,023.75
Mileage 297 @\$.345		\$	96.53
Expenses		\$	29.79
Lawrence Miller	Hours 19@\$15 (Directing dust control)	\$	285.00
Nanett Leine (Salary/ 40 Hrs)		\$	200.00
Additional Hrs.		\$	100.00
Mileage @\$.345		\$	15.87
Expenses		\$	31.36
Oliver Leine	Office Supplies	\$	34.01
Larson Accounting & Tax		\$	75.00
US Department of the Treasury	Late Fee	\$	10.35
IRS	2nd Qtr 941	\$	897.63
MN Dept of Rev	2nd Qtr taxes	\$	169.00
ALF Ambulance		\$	2,990.00
Total Bills Presented		\$	100,437.78

The ALF ambulance bill was presented late because it had gone to Cheryl Schindeldecker. Supervisor Clark Smith made a motion to include the ALF bill in the July bills, seconded by Supervisor Kenny Miller and carried.

Connie had questions for Gary Smith on his mileage accounting. Especially the 40 miles in one day that only had spot graveling of 225th St listed for the activity. Gary explained that he keeps a log and records the mileage when he leaves home and then when he returns. He was asked to make more detailed notes.

Kenny questioned the cost of the dust control this year as compared to previous years. Gary stated that this year there were many more double passes to get full width coverage. He also questioned the amounts used on Highview and 225th St due to the mass graveling projects scheduled for these roads. The dust control will then need to be re-applied.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clark Smith to pay the bills totaling \$100,437.78 seconded by Supervisor Kenny Miller and carried.

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Citizens present questioned the townships request to have Dakota County turn back Essex Ave. without their input. Some had heard that it was at the townships request and not the county that this road be turned back. Bev discussed the reasons and how this had come about. She stated that it is a County program and request and that the township would prefer to have no roads turned back. Originally the County request was to turn back Highview and 267th St. Because both of these are highly traveled roads and Essex has a much lower use count the township would prefer to take Essex. Its' maintenance needs more closely match what the township can handle. She also stated that there would be a County public hearing before any turn back would be initiated. It was also noted that the County would maintain the road for a period of time after the turn back and bring it up to the townships specs before we would accept it.

Supervisor Clark Smith made a motion to purchase an annual subscription to Quicken Small Business at \$89. Supervisor Kenny Miller seconded, carried.

Supervisor Don Pflaum made a motion to have Nanett attend the Planning Committee meetings for six months at a \$30 per meeting reimbursement. Supervisor Clark Smith seconded, carried.

It was noted the board is not receiving treasurer reports and budget reports. Bev will inform Nanett that these are part of the monthly reports.

Next item was a discussion on the possible replacement of the town hall and the committee that was authorized at last years annual meeting. So far John Strunk is the only person that has agreed to be a member. It was decide to let John try to get more members with help from the board. If enough are identified the committee may be approve at the August town board meeting.

Bev stated that because of the change in the office of Treasurer the books need to be audited by a CPA. Kenny and Bev will check on hiring an auditor
Supervisor Clark Smith made a motion to authorize Bev and Kenny to contract with a CPA for the township audit. Supervisor Don Pflaum seconded and it carried.

Connie is to research cost and logistics of the County RASP house number signage program. Most townships participate in this program and a few residents have expressed concern about emergency services quickly locating their addresses.

Bev handed out the draft mining ordinance that was received back from the township lawyer. The meeting to review this will be July 16th at 7 PM. It was re-affirmed that these draft copies are not available for public review.

Supervisor Kenny Miller made a motion to use the tape recordings for assisting in writing the official minutes of our meeting only. The tapes would then be reused to record future meetings. Supervisor Clark Smith seconded motion carried with Supervisor Don Pflaum opposed.

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Don asked to have research done on taping public hearings and the annual meetings. Connie offered to research and bring information to next meeting.

The board requested Ollie to check with the Dakota County Environmental Health Department on the keeping of septic inspection records.

Gary Smith's road supervisor job review was the next item. Clark handed out a questionnaire form to be given contractors that Gary had dealt with asking them for their experience in working with him. Much discussion followed as to whether it would be useful information and if the forms would be returned. Bev recommended that the board have a pre-review meeting to get a board evaluation process for all employees set up.

Supervisor Connie Anderson made a motion to send an anonymous questionnaire form to the contractors that Gary Smith worked with. Seconded by Supervisor Don Pflaum, carried.

The job/performance review meeting time for Gary Smith will be set at the August town board meeting.

Kenny reported that he had talked to someone from Friedges about their drive way on Highview Ave. He stated that it was to be fixed and that he would contact them again to get a more specific time. A discussion of other problem driveways ensued. The board requested that Gary provide them with a list of other problem drive ways. The board will then decide how to deal with them.

Gary gave out a list with possible road projects for reviewing by the town board.

Kenny discussed the possibility of the township acquiring the State gravel property on 235th St. next to Barton's. Kenny will report to the August meeting on uses and procedures for acquisition.

Kenny and Gary then discussed the Contech culvert. It was finally delivered but is the wrong size. Kenny stated that this was a custom made culvert and that Contech has a no return policy. He negotiated a restocking fee of \$577 (25%) but felt that was the best we could get. It was decided that Clark would contact Contech to see if he could get their policy changed. Kenny questioned the use of the smaller culvert with a helper culvert

Supervisor Don Pflaum made motion to hold the Contech check until Clark could discuss with them the township position on the restocking fee. Supervisor Clark Smith seconded and motion carried.

It was then decided to go ahead with the discussion on the 3 road projects instead of postponing it to a later meeting. It was noted that these were very good bids and at a reasonable cost. The length of the project 1 was discussed. The minutes from May were

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consulted but some felt that the project was supposed to go from the Lakeville line to 250th St. and the minutes say 235th St. It was decided to go with the bid which was to 250th St. A consensus was reached on putting Project 3 on indefinite hold until the budget and other issues with this road can be resolved. It was also noted that much work remains on the culvert and ditch rebuild on Highview north of 225th St. Gary is to try and expedite this and the culvert work will depend on the Contech solution.

Supervisor Don Pflaum moved to proceed with Projects 1 and 2 with a hold on Highview north of 225th St until driveway and culverts fixed. This will be at an approximate cost of \$119,410. Supervisor Clark Smith seconded and it carried.

Gary is requested to pull tickets and take samples during the mass gravel projects but his staking of the roads is not required.

Supervisor Don Pflaum made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Clark Smith seconded, carried. Meeting ended at 12:15 AM.