## Eureka Township

## Dakota County State of Minnesota

Special Town Board Meeting August 9, 2007

Town board members present were Dan Rogers, Jeff Otto, Gloria Belzer and Cory Behrendt. Also present Clerk/ Treasurer Nanett Champlain to record minutes.

Agenda: Interview possible law firms/ attorneys for Eureka Township.

Chair Dan Rogers called the Special Meeting of the Eureka Town Board to order at 7:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Town Board interviewed the attorney candidates in the following order:

- 1. Mitchell W. Converse from Jensen, Bell, Converse & Erickson, P.A.
- 2. Patrick Kelly and Trevor Oliver from Kelly & Fawcett, PA
- 3. Corrine Thomson & Sarah Sonsalla from Kennedy & Graven, Chartered

Each law firm was allotted approximately 45 minutes.

Once the interview process was complete the Town Board briefly discussed the three law firms.

Items considered included:

- Jensen, Bell, Converse & Erickson- the hourly fee much higher than the other two law firms.
- Kelly & Fawcett has a \$250 flat rate for Board and Planning Commission Meeting attendance.
- Kelly & Fawcett does not charge mileage for Town Board or Planning Commission Meetings.
- Jensen, Bell, Converse & Erickson- best for prosecution but high cost for general work.
- Kelly & Fawcett and Kennedy & Graven are both sensitive to township needs and money constraints.

Supervisor Jeff Otto will find the cost of a retainer fee- range or threshold and if Kennedy & Graven is willing to flat fee Town Board Meeting attendance.

The Town Board will consider the appointment of a new township attorney at the August 13, 2007 Town Board Meeting.

A motion by Supervisor Cory Behrendt: to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jeff

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.