

EUREKA TOWNSHIP
Dakota County, State of Minnesota

TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The Eureka Township Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Barfknecht and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Supervisors Present: Lu Barfknecht, Nancy Sauber, Allen Novacek, Tim Pope, and Randy Wood.

Others Present: Liz Atwater, Brian Ahern, Bill Clancy, Deanna Alevizos, John Olson, John Storlie, Adam Jakes, Phil Flores.

Zoom Attendance: Carol Cooper, Deb Burkhardt, Ralph Fredlund, Beth Eilers, Julie Larson, Lynne Olson.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Chair Barfknecht moved to approve the agenda. Supervisor Pope seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Public Comment

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Chair Barfknecht opened the floor for public comment and reminded that if anyone has comment regarding any agenda items, now is your time to speak.

23449 Dodd Blvd- John Storlie

Mr. Storlie discussed the closed road at 245th. He suggested using Class V instead of lime rock to help with the cost and put 5-ton road restrictions on the road. Mr. Storlie requested that the Board reopen the road.

Chair Barfknecht explained that opening the road would create additional traffic from the industrial park in Scott County, which would cost the Township additional funds to maintain that road to sufficient standards. The Board has also discussed and continues to discuss opening the road as a Minimum Maintenance Road. However, there are regulations and state statutes that Township must follow.

Dakota County Commissioner- Mike Slavik

Commissioner Slavik provided a few updates:

- A lot of road construction in the south part of the county this summer.
- 43 car accidents in the rural part of the county this year so far.
- Detours are increasing traffic on county and rural roads.
- Effective October 1st- 7 county metro area is going to see a 1% sales tax increase.

Commissioner Slavik will be at the next board meeting to give a presentation and to discuss the proposal for improving Sheriff's patrol services in Eureka and across the County.

Chair Barfknecht asked three times if there were any attendees who would like to make a comment. Hearing no additional, the floor was closed.

Complaints -

2023-04 and 2023-05 - 24465 Highview Ave

Supervisor Novacek reported that he had a phone conversation with the residents the complaint was filed against. The residents stated would not let the Town Board on the property to inspect and investigate. Supervisors Novacek called the Sheriff's office to get a copy of the report, and the Sheriff could not find the report and was going to call him back. Supervisor Novacek did ask the resident if the Sheriff came out their property and they stated 'No'.

Supervisor Novacek will follow up with the one complainant and the Sheriff's department about the reports. He will follow up at the next meeting.

Planning Commission Update

Planning Commissioner Storlie shared items that were discussed at the July Planning Commission meeting. A full summary is provided in the meeting minutes and is available for viewing at the Town Hall and on the website.

Permits

Deanna Alevizos, 6383 245th Street W, 13-01400-30-010 - EXEMPT AG- Shed

Vice Chair Sauber requested the minutes reflect the applicants have been informed they can not use the Ag building for personal storage, only for Ag use.

Motion: Supervisor Novacek moved that we accept the agriculture permit. Chair Barfknecht seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to approve not accept. Supervisor Novacek accepted the friendly amendment and added the PID number 13-01400-30-010 for Deanna Alevizos for storage shed by 100 feet by 40 feet. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Elizabeth Eilers, 10185 250th Street W, 13-01800-54-010 - Decks

Motion: Supervisor Pope moved to approve the application for PID 13-01800-54-10 at 10185 250th Street W for her decks. Vice Chair Sauber seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

John Olson, 24405 Iceland Path, 13-24660-09-020 - Shed

Vice Chair Sauber requested the minutes reflect this is for personal use.

Motion: Supervisor Novacek moved to approve the building permit for John Olson at 24405 Iceland Path, PID 13-24660-09-020. The dimensions of the shed are 21 feet by 11 feet. Supervisor Pope seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Adam Jakes, 25681 Ipava Ave, 13-01900-78-012 - Deck

Motion: Supervisor Pope moved to approve for the deck at 25681 Ipava Ave, PID 13-01900-78-012. Vice Chair Sauber seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Treasurer's Report

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater read the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2023: Total of all accounts is \$934,860.83; Total assets: \$959,960.83.

Motion: Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Chair Novacek seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lu Barfknecht – Aye; Nancy Sauber – Aye; Allen Novacek – Aye; Tim Pope – Aye; Randy Wood - Aye. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Net Pay and claims

The Clerk presented payroll in the amount of \$8,464.31 for payment.

The following claims in the amount of \$97,989.15 were presented for payment:

Genisys Credit Union	CD Purchase	\$25,000.00
PERA	June Payroll	\$1,085.37
IRS	Taxes June Payroll	\$1,738.36
MN Dept of Revenue	2 nd Quarter State Taxes	\$713.68
Couri & Ruppe	Legal Services May 2023	\$256.25
Dakota Electric	Electric	\$17.62
Dakota Electric	Electric	\$204.72
Elizabeth Eilers	Mileage Reimbursement	\$42.56
General Code	Updating Code	\$2,069.00
Kennedy & Graven	Legal Services May	\$6,204.75
Elizabeth Atwater	Office Supplies	\$181.36
Milestone Materials	Road Materials	\$59,980.67
Point North	IT Services	\$363.00
TOPS, Inc	May Copies	\$99.97
Visa	Office Supplies	\$31.84

Motion: Chair Barfknecht moved to approve the net pay and claims as presented. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Nancy Sauber – Aye; Allen Novacek – Aye; Tim Pope – Aye; Randy Wood - Aye. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Receipts and Disbursements

The Clerk/Treasurer presented June receipts in the amount of \$34,336.28 and June disbursements in the amount of \$186,409.67.

ICS Accounts

Clerk/Treasurer Atwater is reformatting the spreadsheet for next reporting cycle. The first half of property taxes have been deposited and some of those funds will be transferred into the ICS saving accounts, until needed. She is also working on making recommendations for the Board for the next meeting on investment CDs.

Unfinished Business

Inspectron Contract and Fee Schedule

Clerk Atwater reported the contract has been signed by Chair Barfknecht and forwarded to Inspectron.

Ordinance Permit Pricing vs Referring to a Fee Schedule

The Clerks will be reviewing the ordinance and will make recommendations to the Board.

Township Road Speed Project/Laws on Putting up Speed Limit Signs

Commissioners Burkhart and Eilers will present to the Board at the August 8, 2023, meeting.

Night to Unite

Commissioner Eilers was not available for the meeting. Clerk Atwater gave an update that sign-up sheets are posted. If the Board or Commissioners have anything to drop off, they can put the items in the Town Hall or garage. An updated flyer will be posted and sent out to residents.

ARPA Funds

JTN getting the Township quotes for additional future expansions of broadband.

MPM/Chard Mining

Nothing to update.

MPCA

A letter was sent to the resident on 6.21.2023 with a 30-day notice to comply. Vice Chair Sauber added that she understood there was a negotiation between the landowner and the MPCA in January. The date they came to an agreement on was August 1, 2023.

Closed Road -245th between Dodd and County Line

Supervisor Novacek stated he conducted research, and his findings are it would be cheaper to open the road than to keep it closed. Chair Barfknecht will pull the invoices and provide the accounting of what the cost was to maintain the road. The Board can also visit with Commissioner Slavik and the Department of Transportation about taking over the road and connecting the road with Scott County.

Volunteer Agreement

Motion: Chair Barfknecht moved to adopt the Volunteer Agreement as suggested and provided by MAT. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. Nancy Sauber – Aye; Allen Novacek – Nay; Tim Pope – Aye; Randy Wood - Aye. *Motion carried 4-1.*

Public Hearing- Cannabis Moratorium

Notice was in the Newspaper as of July 7th. The Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on July 24th at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

Point North/IT Services

Clerk Atwater and Deputy Clerk Liberty met with Point North and pricing is going up. Clerk Atwater is scheduling meetings with two other IT companies to get comparison quotes.

Insurance Claim/Roof

Clerk Atwater reported the new roof has been installed and is waiting for final payment from insurance.

New Business

Hamburg and Fairview conversion to lime rock

Supervisor Wood reported that he drove with Road Superintendent Henry to review the roads. The roads are not in bad shape, but there are the two roads that have not been converted over to lime rock. Supervisor Sauber suggested planning on discussing this further and putting this into the 2025 budget. Supervisor Wood suggested a road study should be done.

Planning Commission Application Recommendations

The Board made recommendations to the form and the Planning Commission will review at their next meeting.

Minutes for Approval

Vice Chair Sauber made the following corrections on page 6, New Business.

- "I would like to make the point, that no supervisor up here should tell another supervisor 'to go home and say it to yourself a thousand times, ~~Please~~. PLEASE!' That is highly disrespectful."

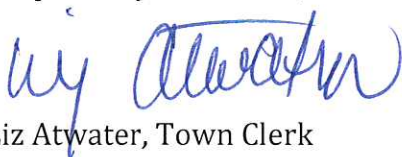
Motion: Vice Chair Sauber moved to approve the minutes from May 23, 2023, as amended. Supervisor Wood seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Adjournment

Motion: Chair Barfknecht moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Sauber Pope seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Atwater, Town Clerk

Minutes Officially Approved By:


Town Chair

on: 8/8/2023
Date