

EUREKA TOWNSHIP

DAKOTA COUNTY

STATE OF MINNESOTA

**Eureka Planning Commission Public Hearing of January 4, 2016:
Sump Pump Draft Ordinance**

Call to Order

Planning Commission Chair Sauber called the Public Hearing to order at 6:08 PM. Planning Commission members present: Chair Nancy Sauber, Vice Chair Lu Barfknecht, Commissioner Fritz Frana, Commissioner Donovan Palmquist and Commissioner Randy Wood. See attached sheet for additional persons in attendance. Deputy Clerk Cheryl Murphy recorded the minutes.

Chair Sauber stated the Public Hearing concerns the proposed Sump Pump draft language which was drawn up. The Planning Commission had a consultation with the Building Inspector and input from Ron Quanbeck of TKDA. The Commission ended up using Mr. Quanbeck's alternative language. The Planning Commission will take public testimony, discuss the draft ordinance, and make a recommendation to the Board.

Since there were no residents in attendance, the Commission heard no public testimony.

There was discussion among the Planning Commission members regarding having a sump pump in new construction, and that it should be handled as a plumbing permit, so that there are the appropriate inspections. Chair Sauber suggested that we include at the end of the Sump Pump Ordinance referencing Ordinance 4 (Public Safety), Chapter 2, Section 8, which reads as follows, "*No person may alter or change the depth or contour of any portion of any ditch or embankment in a right-of-way without written approval of the Town Board.*" The Board would also update the Fees Schedule in Ordinance 7 by receiving input from Darrell Gilmer of what would be the typical cost for a sump pump permit, which would include the inspection.

Vice Chair Lu Barfknecht made a motion to approve the Sump Pump Ordinance, adding the language of Ordinance 4, Chapter 2, Section 8 as it relates to depth or contour of any ditch or embankment, and also to update the permitting fees in Ordinance 7. Commissioner Palmquist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Chair Sauber moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Vice Chair Barfknecht seconded the motion. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Murphy
Deputy Clerk
Eureka Township

Planning Commission Public Hearing Meeting Minutes approved February 1, 2016.