

2014 Eureka Township Annual Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2014
Eureka Town Hall

Call to Order

Township Clerk Linda Wilson called the March 11, 2014, Eureka Township Annual Meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Moderator

The Clerk opened the floor for nominations for moderator. Jeff Otto and Cory Behrendt were nominated for moderator.

A motion by Butch Hansen: To close nominations. The motion was seconded by Carrie Jennings. Vote was taken on the motion. Jeff Otto was elected as moderator.

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes were available for public review. A motion was made by Carrie Jennings to waive the reading of last year's minutes. Motion seconded by Vince Mako. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Carrie Jennings to approve the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ken Olsted. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Time and Place for next year's Annual Meeting

A motion by Mark Ceminsky to set the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 8:15 pm, at the Eureka Town Hall. Motion seconded by Butch Hansen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Butch Hansen to waive the reading of all the checks written and received and to read just a synopsis. The motion was seconded by Mark Ceminsky. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Complete ledgers of Bills and Receipts were available for review.

Clerk Linda Wilson presented the Treasurer's Report.

Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2013	\$ 794.34
Savings Account Balance	\$440,866.19
CD Balances	<u>\$71,720.26</u>
Total Account Balances	\$513,380.79
Outstanding Checks	0
Ledger Balance	\$513,380.79

Total Disbursements for 2013 were \$733,706.00. Total Receipts were \$767,142.76, with balance of \$33,436.76.

A motion by Butch Hansen: To approve the Treasurer's Report as corrected. The motion was seconded Mark Ceminsky. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Business

General Overview

Chairman Pete Storlie introduced the Town Board members, Mark Ceminsky, Steve Madden, Kenny Miller and Brian Budenski and the Township lawyer Chad Lemmons. He also introduced the Planning Commission Chair Lu Barfknecht and Commissioners Butch Hansen, Carrie Jennings, Fritz Frana and Allen Novacek.

Planning Commission Report

Planning Commission Chair Lu Barfknecht summarized the Planning Commission role in Township Government and actions and tasks appointed by the Board in 2013.

Town Board Report

Chair Pete Storlie read off the names of the current members and the length of their term.

Roads

Town Board member Mark Ceminsky reported on roads. See attached reports on FEMA Funds received, 2012 Road Work carrying over into 2013, 2013 Road Work, 2013 Road Right-of-Way Permits and costs covered by CapX2020, 2014 Road Work and 2015 Road Work. He also summarized the Road Committee items they covered during the year at their meetings. The Road Committee is a volunteer committee and new members are always welcome. Resident Terri Petter stated her comments on a job well done to Mr. Ceminsky for all his efforts on the completion of the FEMA documents and getting the funds from them to help pay for the expenditures saving the residents a sizable expense.

Transfer of Building Rights

Jeff Otto, Task Force Chair acknowledged and extended his appreciation to the Transfer Task Force Committee members: Phil Cleminson, Butch Hansen, Al Novacek, Nancy Sauber and TKDA Planner Sherri Buss who met and completed the language for the new Ordinance providing protection and opportunity for the Township. The housing right transfer ordinance amendment was accepted by the Town Board and all agencies and adopted on September 1, 2013. Jeff Otto completed all of the necessary applications and referencing documents and they are now all finalized and available for the public.

Agriculture Tourism Task Force Update

Corey Behrendt presented an update on the Ari-Tourism Task Force members: Phil Cleminson, Atina Diffley, Fritz Frana, Butch Hansen and Mark Parranto. The members have been meeting weekly since October 2013 to review public information, and public comments and begin the process of drafting language for a new ordinance. They will continue to meet weekly to complete this process and deliver a draft ordinance for further consideration to the Town Board.

Old Town Hall Lot

The Old Town Hall lot has been listed for about a year with no offers. The Town Board discussed that there is now the possibility of selling the building right on the property and selling the lot separately.

A motion was made by Butch Hansen to separate the building right from the lot and sell the building right separate from the lot and then sell the land to the adjacent land owners if they are interested. Motion seconded by Phil Cleminson. Pete Storlie requested an amendment to the motion to talk to the owners on each side of the lot to see if they have any interest in the property before the separation of the building right from the lot. Butch Hansen clarified with Jeff Otto that (the housing right would have to be sold first and then the land separately). Butch Hansen accepted the amendment to his motion. The motion was seconded by Phil Cleminson. The amendment passed with a unanimous vote. The main motion by Butch Hansen was to sell the building right separate from the property and offering the property to the adjacent land owners. The amendment offers the building right separate from the property to the adjacent land owners if they are interested in the property then at that time the two could be separated. The motion was voted on and passed by a unanimous vote. This motion recommends to the Town Board for action.

Pay off Town Hall Loan

The Town Hall balance was paid off on April 9, 2013, \$74,015.93.

IT Update

Pete Storlie reviewed what is being done to update our files, computers and web site and security with the Township computer systems.

Other Business

Question to the attorney – Does a public Hearing have to be held to change ordinances?

Mr. Lemons addressed the audience that any ordinance changes need to be directed to the Town Board and notice published before the meeting in the change of the ordinance and a public hearing must be held. Jeff Otto clarified that if the Township is making a zoning type ordinance change and it affects land use it must be reviewed and approved by the MET Council, like the transfer of building rights or the agri-tourism ordinance changes.

Question to the Chairman – Do we have a pass code to the records room or security scan?

Currently the records room is only a keyed entry. The Board has been addressing a better way of records log on files and Data Practices. Item to be added to the April Town Board Agenda.

Comment that when the Township had the recent snow storm Mark Ceminsky surpassed his job of keeping everyone organized in the snow removal on the roads. He thanked him for the outstanding work.

New Business

Steve Madden asked a question of Mr. Lemmons on potential litigation and should it be addressed at a closed meeting, his response was yes.

Set Levy for 2015

The proposed Levy was presented to the citizens.

A motion was made by Andre Stuvnal to expand the detail on the preliminary and actual budget and also make it available on the website when it is determined. Motion seconded by Jeanne Fredlund. Andre Stuvnal withdrew his motion.

Jeanne Fredlund made a motion to ask the board to provide to expand the detail on the preliminary and actual budget and also make it available on the website. Motion seconded by Ken Olstad. Butch Hansen called the question. Jeff Otto asked with the consent of the Board Permission to skip the vote on the call for the question. Jeff Otto asked those in favor of the motion to ask the Board to provide additional line item

detail particularly for next year's annual meeting please votes by saying aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote

Motion made by Butch Hansen to accept the 2015 Annual Levy for \$457,350.00. Motion seconded by Andre Stuenkel. Motion to set the 2015 Annual Levy at \$457,350.00 was defeated.

A motion was made by Mark Malecha to set the 2015 Annual Levy at \$435,000.00. Motion was seconded by Ken Olsted. Motion for setting the Annual Levy for \$435,000 was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Andre Stuenkel to amend the main motion to replace the amount of \$435,000.00 with \$400,000. Motion seconded by Phil Cleminson. After discussion the amendment and main motion were withdrawn.

A motion was made by Butch Hansen to set the 2015 Annual Levy at \$400,000. Motion was seconded by Andre Stuenkel. Motion was defeated.

A motion was made by Vince Mako to set the 2015 Annual Levy at \$435,000. Motion seconded by Ken Olsted. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Vince Mako to ask the Town Board to determine the amount of cash reserves the Township is required to meet our obligations and state requirements, to be addressed at the next annual meeting. Motion was seconded by Nancy Sauber. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Report of Annual Election

There were a total of 399 voters in the Annual Election. Supervisor Position #1- Brian Budenski received 249 votes, Butch Hansen 149 votes. There was one write-in vote. Supervisor Position #2 Corey Behrendt received 238 votes, Pete Storlie received 161 votes. Brian Budenski was reelected as Supervisor #1 and Corey Behrendt was elected as Supervisor #2. The Town Question to separate the Clerk/Treasurer position was 245 yes votes and 132 no votes. These are unofficial results until confirmed by the Board of Canvass, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 7:00 pm at the Eureka Town Hall.

Call for Motion to Adjourn

A motion by Butch Hansen and seconded by an audience member: To adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.