

**2015 EUREKA TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2016**

**DAKOTA COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**Call to Order**

Eureka Township Clerk, Mira Broyles called the March 8, 2016 Eureka Township Annual Meeting to order at 8:20 PM.

**Election of Moderator**

The Clerk opened the floor for nominations for moderator.

Butch Hansen made a motion to nominate Gary Smith for moderator. Mark Ceminsky seconded the motion.

Gloria Belzer made a motion to nominate Jeff Otto for moderator. Ralph Fredlund seconded the motion.

Gary Smith declined the nomination.

Voice vote was taken for Jeff Otto as moderator. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Copies of the 2015 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 was seconded by Butch Hansen. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Butch Hansen Hanson to approve the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes as presented. Brian Budenski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Set Date and Place for 2016 Annual Meeting**

A motion was made by Butch Hansen to set the 2017 meeting for March 14, 2017 at 8:15 PM. Earl Schindlecker seconded the motion.

**Treasurer Report**

A motion was made by Carrie Jennings to waive the reading of all checks written and received and to have the Treasurer give a synopsis. The motion was seconded by Nancy Sauber. Motion carried.

Treasurer Marcia Wilson made a presentation consisting of the following:

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014	BALANCE
<b>Savings Accounts</b>	\$476,271.79
<b>CD Balances</b>	\$ 75,316.31
<b>Total Investments</b>	\$551,588.10
<b>Checking Account</b>	\$ 303.50
<b>Outstanding Checks</b>	\$ (310.41)
<b>Petty Cash Box</b>	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	<b>\$551,681.19</b>

<i>Total Disbursements for 2014</i>	\$578,422
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>\$556,998</u>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ (21,424)</b>

*(A complete copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached.)*

Motion was made by Butch Hansen to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mark Ceminsky. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **Planning Commission Report.**

Planning Commission Chair Sauber provided a summary of the regular business of the Planning Commission, special meetings, public hearings, and upcoming projects including the update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion was held regarding the notification process for conditional use permit and interim use permit applications. Questions were raised regarding the timeframe for the recodification of ordinances. It was noted that a public hearing was held on January 27, 2016 and work on the recodification continues. Discussion was also held regarding notification of landowners regarding potential text amendments.

Motion was made by Butch Hansen, seconded by Mark Ceminsky, to require landowner notification when text amendments are under consideration, with a budget adjustment of \$3,000. Motion carried.

*(A complete version of Chair Sauber's report is attached.)*

### **Town Board Report**

Town Board Chair Brian Budenski presented a recap of items from 2015, which included:

- Settlement agreement with Great River Energy for road damages in the amount of \$23,159.20
- Renewal of contract with Building Inspector Darrel Gilmer

- Records retention storage area in storage building
- Purchase of new voting equipment in conjunction with Dakota County
- Upgrade of the Township website

Supervisor Carrie Jennings discussed the Vermillion River and North Cannon watershed permitting process.

### **Roads Report**

Chair Budenski discussed the road work completed in 2015 and the 2016 Road Work Plan.

### **Warning Sirens for Township**

Supervisor Rogers discussed the possibility of having warning sirens installed within the Township. He noted that the cost of one low density siren would cost approximately \$3,860 and the recommended number of sirens is five for the entire Township.

Motion was made Lee Slavicek, seconded by Butch Hansen to direct the Board of Supervisors to pursue further information and costs for warning sirens. Motion carried.

*(A complete version of the Town Board's report is attached.)*

### **Proposed Lakeville Annexation of Airlake Airport Property**

Township Attorney Lemmons explained the two types of annexation allowed in the State of Minnesota.

Brian Budenski noted the Town Board liaison for the Airlake Airport is Supervisor Dan Rogers. He stated that he and Supervisor Rogers had met with Gary Schmidt, Director of Reliever Airports for the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) regarding requests by Airlake Airport hangar owners for sewer and water to be made available through the City of Lakeville. He further stated that a letter from Gary Schmidt had been submitted to the City of Lakeville requesting friendly annexation of the airport property. Chair Budenski also noted that he and Supervisor Rogers had meet with the Lakeville City Council at a work session. He went on to discuss the tax benefit that Eureka Township receives from the 452 acres proposed to be annexed which is approximately \$15,000. He stated that due to the timing of the discussions, it was decided to bring the issue to the attention of Eureka citizens at this annual meeting. The possibility of a joint powers agreement with Lakeville for the maintenance of two miles of gravel roads and future upgrades were discussed.

Supervisor Cory Behrendt clarified that no official proposal is currently before the Township Board. He noted that discussion had been held with MAC by two Board members but not the Board as a whole.

Gary Schmidt, MAC, stated that the sole purpose of annexation would be for sewer and water service. He clarified there is no formal proposal at this time and MAC is only requesting the Township engage in discussions.

Neil Ralston, MAC, discussed the long term update of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan (2035) for Airlake Airport which is currently under way. He noted that Eureka residents will have opportunities to have input into MAC Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion was held between MAC representatives, Town Board members, and citizens in regard to the timing of the meetings held with Lakeville. It was noted there had been no official negotiations and Lakeville had only been asked to allow staff to enter into discussions with MAC and Eureka Township. Mr. Schmidt noted that MAC is only asking Eureka for discussions to be held at this time.

Butch Hansen discussed the Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA) line and the solicitation of the Metropolitan Council to allow the airport to connect to water at an existing connection. He emphasized that Eureka does not need to lose the airport property to Lakeville. Mr. Schmidt stated the only goal of MAC is to have the airport property connected to sewer and water. Mr. Hansen stated that Eureka needs to manage its own growth and provide alternatives on the northern corridor of the Township, otherwise properties will annex into Lakeville.

Motion was made by Butch Hansen to direct the Township Board to negotiate with the Metropolitan Airports Commission to provide sewer and water to the Airlake Airport property and to contact the Metropolitan Council in regard to an amendment to the MUSA line. Motion was seconded by Mark Ceminsky.

Supervisor Carrie Jennings noted that connection of sewer and water would improve water quality in that area.

Mark Parranto stated that it would be easier for Lakeville to annex the property than Eureka to provide sewer and water. He stated that Eureka does not need to be in the sewer and water business. His suggestion was to direct the Board to negotiate the best deal possible with Lakeville.

Sharon Buckley discussed the possibility of a joint powers agreement, utilizing an existing water line. Mr. Schmidt noted that the airport would not be allowed to use the existing line.

Supervisor Kenny Miller noted that a motion was on the floor and encouraged that the vote to be taken.

Motion was called. A hand count was held. Motion carried 34-4.

The details of the previous annexation of the Hat Trick property into Lakeville was discussed.

### **Set Levy for 2017**

It was noted that the total Levy proposed for 2017 is \$457,450.00.

Mark Ceminsky noted the overage on the road budget and a brief discussion was held.

Supervisor Carrie Jennings asked if a motion should be made to add \$3,000 under communications for mailed notices. Supervisor Cory Behrendt stated the extra funds for mailed notifications would be absorbed within the budget.

Motion was made by Mark Parranto, seconded by Lee Slavicek to adopt the 2017 Levy as presented. Motion carried by the majority.

### **Report of Annual Election**

Township Clerk Mira Broyles read the results of the 2016 Annual Election:

**Total number of voters: 271**  
**Write in Vote 2**

#### ***Supervisor Position Number 5***

- Lu Barfknecht 146 Votes
- Allen Novacek 123 Votes

It was noted that the results are unofficial until confirmed by the Board of Canvass, which is scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Eureka Town Hall.

### **Call for Motion to Adjourn**

Mark Ceminsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Butch Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Mira Broyles, Clerk  
Eureka Township