

EUREKA ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, April 21, 2015
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Chairman Krull requested the people stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Eureka was called to order by Chairman Krull at 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2015, at the Town Hall.

Proper notice was given as the agenda was posted in the four designated locations of the Town Hall, Town Garage/Clerk's Office, EdgeTown Tavern, and River Roads Wolf Creek Bar on April 9, 2014

Nineteen electors, including Town officers, were present at the time the meeting was called to order along with Town Clerk Deb Dibble.

Chairman Krull inquired if there were any additions to the agenda.

Paul Schneider/Steve Tonnar **moved** that the last and next road condition reports be made public so we can see how the condition of the town roads have changed during that period; **motion carried.**

Paul Schneider/Steve Jensen **moved** to review the 8 action plans, individually, from our Comprehensive Plan over the next 12 months; **motion carried.**

Patti Lehman/John Olson **moved** to discuss raising the Gopher Bounty back to \$3.00; **motion carried.**

Paul Schneider/Merlin Jensen **moved** to discuss the town's equipment list to make sure it is appropriate for the town's tasks; **motion carried.**

Steve Jacobs/Mary Leonard **moved** to discuss the town's merit based pay raise system and how it relates to the highway crew's recent 10% raise; **motion carried.**

A citizen asked when the hall parking lot will be repaved. Chairman Krull discussed the four estimates he has received to have the blacktop work done.

Carleen Matosky/Steve Jacobs **moved** that every road be plowed one pass before any road is plowed a second pass; **motion carried.**

Melody Jacobs/Paul Schneider, **moved** to discuss how the town decides which ditches to mow each year and whether the town has a planned ditch mowing route; **motion carried.**

Steve Jensen/Dave Anderson **moved** to approve the agenda; **motion carried.**

Paul Schneider/Steve Tonnar **moved** to approve the minutes for 2014 Annual Town Meeting (April 15, 2014), Special Town Meeting (July 15, 2014), amended minutes for Special Town Meeting (July 22, 2014), 2014 Special Town Meeting (November 13, 2014), and 2015 Budget Hearing (November 13, 2014); **motion carried.**

Presentation of the 2014 Financial Report was made by Chairman Krull.

Paul Schneider/Steve Tonnar **moved** to defer the 2015 Tax Levy (raise monies for local tax purposes), (collectible in 2016) the 2016 Town Highway Budget to the November 2015 Special Meeting and setting Board and Officer salaries for terms beginning in 2017 to the November 2016 Special Town Meeting; **motion carried.**

Steve Jensen/Paul Schneider **moved** to set the 2016 Annual Town Meeting date for the third Tuesday in April (Tuesday, April 19, 2016); **motion carried.**

Chairman Krull stated that action on the items that have been added to the agenda and passed by the town in an annual town meeting is considered to be advisory votes and the final vote comes at the discretion and decision of the town board during board meetings.

Discussion was had to publish the last and upcoming PASER reports, describing the condition of the town roads, on our website and as a document; **motion carried.**

Discussion was had about reviewing the Comprehensive Plan action items. Each member of the Planning Commission is given a \$25 meeting stipend, which will need to be worked into the budget. Paul Schneider/Steve Jensen amended their motion to review the Comprehensive Plan and identify the action plans which need to be acted on immediately; **motion carried.**

Patti Lehman/John Olson **moved** to raise the Gopher Bounty to \$3.00, **16 Yeas, 2 Nays and 1 Abstention.** The Gopher Bounty is important because of the damage gophers do to the roads and hay fields. Our current annual budget is \$750.00.

Discussion was had about the town's road equipment and the potential benefit of wing plows; **motion carried.** The highway department is assembling a list of roads that need to be repaired. This list will be reviewed at a special meeting.

Discussion was had about the current highway crew's wage increase. Steve Jacobs/Mary Leonard **moved to amend the motion** to review the merit based pay raise system to be in place before the annual budget is done, making it effective with the start of the new budget; **17 Yeas, 1 Nay, and 1 Abstention.** Discussion continued.

Discussion was had about snow plowing the town roads. Carleen Matosky/Steve Jacobs **moved** that every road be plowed one pass before any road is plowed a second pass; **motion carried.**

Discussion was had about clearing/mowing the town road right-of-ways. Melody Jacobs/Paul Schneider, **moved** to discuss how the town decides which ditches to mow each year and whether the town has a planned ditch mowing route; **motion carried.**

Discussion was had regarding the garbage along the River Road and how to deter the possible causes.

Comments from the Town Chairman: The new town hall will have three exit panic door latches installed next week. The vault walls are strong enough to be a storm shelter. The sound system will be completed within one week. The front of the building will have stonework. The asphalt in front of the building had to be removed to allow water to drain away from the hall. The asphalt will be replaced when the contractor is chosen and according to their schedule. The air conditioning will be installed after the final inspection. The old town hall closing is set for May 15, 2015 or as soon as we have everything removed from it and take final possession of the new hall.

There was discussion about the installation of the community bulletin board. The town has a terrible beaver infestation this year causing flooding. Mr. Krull has contacted a trapper. However, the town needs to obtain permission from all of the landowners who are connected to the affected watershed. Some landowners will not give their permission. He would like to have an Open House in May, date to be set at the May meeting.

There being no further business Steve Jensen/Steve Tonnar **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.