

# Carlos Township Newsletter - March 2013

## Board Members

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## Meeting Dates

The Carlos Town Board meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month, except for November and December, when it meets only on the second Thursday of the month.

The meetings are held at the Carlos Elementary School and begin at 7:00 pm. The public is encouraged to attend.

### Carlos Lions

**Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**

**March 3, 2013**

**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Carlos Town Hall**

**Adults - \$7.00**

**Ages 6-12 - \$4.00**

**5 & under Free**

**\*Free Diabetes Screening\***

## Road Signs

You may have noticed quite a few of the township road signs have disappeared and you've been scratching your head asking "why". A federal study was conducted and it was deemed that many road signs were unnecessary and even a hazard. The study concluded that uncontrolled intersections were safer than those that had a stop or yield sign. Watch for children and deer crossing signs were also removed as drivers have a tendency to not notice them after a while. The town board removed signs under the guidance of our township engineer, who made recommendations to the board.

## Road Projects

### Pike Road:

The road leading to the landfill had sustained damage from last spring. A section of the road was repaired with geotextile and the grade was raised.

### East Lake Carlos Drive and Carlos Bluffs:

Both roads received asphalt crackfill. ELCD was filled from CR 42 to Prairie Road.

### Road Maintenance/Snow Removal:

All work orders need to be directed from the board. If any resident has a concern or question regarding road maintenance, please contact a board member and they will then contact the road maintainer.

## Township Roads

Per Minnesota Statute Chapter 160.2715 it is unlawful to dump, plow, or push snow from a private driveway onto or across a public road, i.e. township, county or state. This issue has been addressed in numerous township newsletters and in the Echo Press.

This practice is in violation of this statute and can be prosecuted for a misdemeanor and can result in a fine of up to \$500.00. The Douglas County Sheriff's department will be the enforcer of this statute. All costs to re-blade the road will be incurred to the offending property owner.

It is also illegal to burn leaves on the roadway, or remove Class V from the township road.

### Upcoming Road Projects for 2013

The board is looking to address road repairs on Buckskin East, Johnson Road, Three Havens, South Lake Milona, Adventure Lane and any other repairs deemed necessary. All roads will be inspected during the annual road tour held in late April or May



## Be Sure To Get Out and Vote

*Tuesday, March 12th Polls Open from  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM*

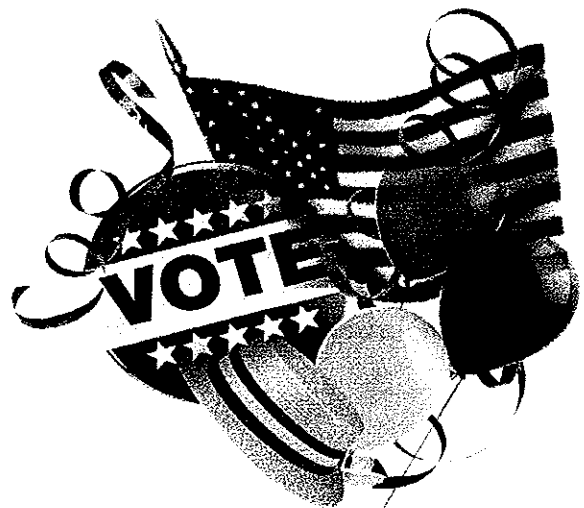
*Annual Meeting to Follow at 8:00PM*

### **Township Election and Annual Meeting**

**Get ready to participate.** Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> is the Township Election and Annual Meeting for Carlos Township. Both will be held at the Carlos Town Hall, located in the City of Carlos. The Town Hall is located directly behind Herby's.

Up for election this year is one 3-year supervisor term, and a 2-year treasurer term. Dwayne Waldorf has filed for re-election for the 3-year supervisor position and Dean Yohnke has filed for re-election for the 2-year treasurer position.

Township government plays a primary role in maintaining our quality of life. If you are unfamiliar on what your Township does for you, we urge you to take part in the Annual Meeting and see grass roots government in action. Your presence does make a difference as residents attending the Annual meeting vote on the budget for the year 2014.



# Carlos Township Annual Meeting

## AGENDA

March 12, 2013 - 8:00 PM

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

**Select Moderator**

**Minutes:** Approve Minutes of 2012 Annual Meeting

**Guests and Presentations:** (Funding to be voted as presented on or after hearing levy recommendation).

- 1) Alexandria Fire Department
- 2) Carlos Fire Department
- 3) Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission
- 4) Lakes Area Recreation
- 5) Carlos First Responders

**Old Business:**

- 1) Treasurer's/Clerk's Financial Report for 2012
- 2) Comparison Spending Report

**New Business:**

- 1) Property Tax Levy for 2014
  - a. Set Amount for the General Fund
  - b. Set Amount for the Road and Bridge Fund
  - c. Other Services and Funding as Desired
- 2) Specify Depository for Township Funds
- 3) Specify Locations for Posting Notices
- 4) Specify Newspaper for Publication of Notices
- 5) Set Time and Place for Next Annual Township Election
- 6) Set Time and Place for Next Annual Township Meeting
- 7) Discuss Application of Calcium Chloride
- 8) Set Gopher Bounty

**Un-Official Election Results Declared**

**Other Business:**

- 1) Road Maintenance
- 2) Dog Problems
- 3) Spraying for Weeds
- 4) From the Floor
- 5) Comment Box

**Adjourn**

**Board of Canvass to Meet and Declare Official Election Results**

## Great News to Finish 2012

With excellent cooperation from department heads, the county board was able to LOWER the levy for 2013. We were able to lower it by 0.31%, keeping the services folks want, plus the mandates the county receives. It was a concerted effort on everyone's part.

The Services Center remodeling is being finalized. The Law Enforcement Center on the north end of the building held and open house. This section houses the new multimillion dollar Dispatch Equipment mandated by the State. Also, Public Health, Social Services & other departments will now have enough- much needed room for long into the future.

Brett Bergland was named Director of Information Technology.

By refinancing bonds in November, it saved taxpayers \$779,297.14. The Annual Report was given by Pete Olmscheid, Director of Pope Douglas Solid Waste Plant.

The Board voted to keep the Hospice Program under the county's control.

Raises were given to elected department heads, i.e. Attorney, Recorder, Auditor/Treasurer and Sheriff. The County Board took no increase, as we haven't for the past nine years.

Approval was given to repair several county ditches, along with approving Latham Landscape Architects to study our Park & Trail System.

The non-partisan "League of Women Voters" informed the board they would be starting a chapter in this area again.

The Robert Wood Foundation is presenting the county with a grant for the Hospice Program for 2 years in the amount of \$125,000 for each year.

The Board presented five main issues to the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus they want presented to the Legislature.

The board recognized Commissioners Paul Anderson and Norm Salto for their years of service to the board.

### **Bev Bales, Commissioner**

Please contact me with any of your concerns at [bevb@embarqmail.com](mailto:bevb@embarqmail.com) or 320- 852-7335.



### **Animal Ordinance 2011-1A**

The Board has been made aware of roaming dogs in the Township. It is **legal** for your animal to be destroyed if he is caught chasing deer. If your dog is barking, running at large, destroying property, killing chickens/ducks or otherwise being a public nuisance, please take immediate action to control your dog. Be a Good Neighbor and Responsible Pet Owner.

The Board has adopted an Animal Ordinance. Please check out the Ordinance on the township's website under the Policy/Resolutions tab. [www.carlostownship.org](http://www.carlostownship.org)