

Carlos Township Newsletter - March 2015

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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 the board meets only on the second Thursday of the month.



Township Roads

At this time the annual Township road inspection is scheduled to take place, Saturday, May 9th.

Johnson Road

The south end of Johnson Road was reconstructed last summer. This will eliminate the many problems on this road.

Seal Coating

The township seal coated the following roads last summer: Prairie, Sandhill Lane and Terrace, Carlos Bluffs and Mount Carmel. By adding this layer of protection, our roads will last much longer.

Upcoming Road Projects

The board will be exploring the rebuilding of Prairie Road from County Road 42 to East Lake Carlos Drive, along with a section of Pike Road.

Road Maintenance/Snow Removal Concerns from residents

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.

Spring Reminder!!!!

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

Pushing Snow across Township Roads

Winter is not over: 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.

Trash/Landscaping materials located in Township Right of Way:

It is mystifying why people feel they can dump their mattresses, old TV's, etc. in the township right of way. Please be respectful of our township and dispose of personal property properly. Landscaping rocks in the Right of Way, pose a dangerous obstacle for safety reasons. If you have any landscaping timber/rocks - they should not be in the Right of Way. Newly paved driveways that abut gravel township roads are being laid too far out onto the township road. We've had an issue where the blade has clipped the tar and broken up the driveway. When installing a tar driveway, have your contractor end the tar well back of the township road. Road Maintenance is a thankless and not an easy job. Please be considerate of the road maintainer so he can perform his job with safety in mind

Be Sure To Get Out and Vote

Tuesday, March 10th 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 10th 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. Bill Krivanek 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 2016.



Carlos Township Annual Meeting

AGENDA

March 10, 2015 - 8:00 PM

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Select Moderator

Minutes: Approve Minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting

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

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

Vote on Levy Recommendations

- 1) Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission
- 2) Lakes Area Recreation
- 3) Carlos First Responders

Old Business:

- 1) Treasurer's/Clerk's Financial Report for 2014
- 2) Comparison Spending Report

New Business:

- 1) Property Tax Levy for 2016
 - 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

Commissioner Comments:

The County board reorganized for 2015: Chairman is Charlie Meyer, Vice Chairman is Jim Stratton.

Committees were assigned and dates for regular board meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 9:00 AM, on the 2nd floor of the courthouse. Due to the remodeling of court rooms, the Board will meet at Alexandria City Hall until that is completed.

The board selected members for the Planning Commission along with selecting Shutter for Vehicle Repair and the Echo Press as the official newspaper.

The Board saved thousands of dollars by signing off on re-issuing bonds. Two new boilers will replace 1967 models in Service Center. Prime West gave the Board an update on their business. A letter of engagement was signed with Ehlers, as the County's bond representative.

Dr. Mark Spanbauer was re-appointed County Coroner until July, when he will retire. The Board accepted \$3594 in donations for Hospice.

Public Works Director, Dave Robley will send out thank you letters to all groups that clean 75% of our 550 County roads. The board signed the Resolution of Adopt-a-highway program.

The Board approved raising the fees for the Central Fueling Facility at Public Works.

Pope-Douglas Solid Waste facility reported that in 2014, 82.252 tons of waste was processed along with 135 semi-loads of recyclables.

The \$354,000 that was collected last year from the Wheelage tax, was used on County Rd 1. So far since October 1st, the county has received \$635,000 to upgrade more designated county roads.

The Land & Resource Department was approved to hire a Feedlot officer. This position has been vacant for several months. This office was also approved to hire an additional Land Use Technician.

West Central Communities Action group presented the board with their Annual Report.

Board approved payment to Rainbow Rider along with the purchase of rental vehicles for Public Works from Enterprise. Enterprise is the same company leasing vehicles to Social Services and Horizon Public Health. The board also approved the contract for Horizon

Department heads encouraged to attend the Annual Douglas County Township Meeting March 18.

Contact me with any concerns/suggestions/ideas you may have about County Government. I am here to serve you and I truly enjoy doing so.

Thank You

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See you at the Annual Carlos Township Meeting at the Carlos Town Hall on March 10th at 8:00 PM

Remember to vote: Polls are open from 4-8PM