

Carlos Township Newsletter



Township Annual Meeting & Election March 9, 2010

What are some common actions taken at an Annual Township Meeting?

Get ready to participate.....

Tuesday, March 9th is the Annual 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, one 1-year supervisor term and a 2-year clerk term. Incumbent, Dwayne Waldorf has filed for the 3-year supervisor term. Due to Lynn Timm's resignation, Rodney Meyers was appointed to fill her position for 2009. Per MN Statute, the remaining one (1) year on the term needs to be filled by an election. Therefore, Rodney Meyers and Bill Krivanek have filed for the remaining 1-year for that supervisory term. Rebecca Anderson has re-filed for the 2-year clerk position. The polls will be open from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Annual Meeting begins promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Township government plays an integral role in maintaining our quality of life. If you are unfamiliar what your Township does for you, we urge you to take part in the Annual Meeting and see grass roots government in action. Remember to VOTE on March 9, 2010. Your vote does make a difference.

- Setting the annual levy.
- Making contributions to non-profit organizations to provide health, social or recreational services.
- Road actions - providing the process to open, vacate or alter a township road can begin at an annual meeting.
- Building Construction - any expenditure for the purchase/construction of a town hall, community center, or other building for public use must be approved at an Annual Meeting by majority vote.
- Authorize a Board to adopt ordinances for the good order of the town.
- Authorize a vote on moving Township elections to November.
- Set location for next Annual Meeting.

While the above are the most common types of actions that need to be considered at an annual meeting, they are not the only actions.



MARCH 2010

Board Members

Dwayne Waldorf, Chairman
852-7827

Ted Steidl Supervisor
852-7714

Rodney Meyers, Supervisor
852-7563

Rebecca Anderson, Clerk
846-0373

Dean Yohnke, Treasurer
852-7702

Meeting Dates

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

The meetings are held at the Carlos Elementary School and begin at 7:30 pm.

The public is always welcome to attend.

If you have an item you would like placed on the Agenda, please contact Rebecca Anderson at least one week prior to the meeting.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER
COMMENTS
Bev Bales**

The Task Force for our Comprehensive Plan revision has been meeting monthly & have been reviewing Transportation Issues, Land Use Issues, & more. There will be more Public Meetings for anyone interested to attend. Speak up now if you want, as this is the time to do so - not after the

Revisions have been put in place. If you have comments/suggestions regarding our Comp Plan, don't hesitate to contact our Land & Resource Dept. 320-762-3863, or attend the meetings. All comments are welcome.

With the Legislature facing such huge deficits, & as they struggle to balance the budget, it is very uncertain just how much Counties will be hurt again in Local Government Aid cuts. It is very difficult for Counties to place more taxes on folks because there is not enough money to cover what the Legislature & the Governor cut to Counties.

Our Public Health Dept. has been working extremely hard in giving the H1N1 flu shots. This is a trying year for them, & we're still bracing for a third wave of influenza. Hope it isn't too bad.

The Transportation Bill being considered now has excluded numerous dollars for RURAL Roads & Bridges. We have to contact our Legislators to "remember outstate." Do hope the revisions to those Bills will be more satisfactory to rural counties.

Contact me with any of your concerns - bevb@embarqmail.com, 320-852-7335, or write 8170 E, Lake Carlos Dr. Carlos, MN 56319

See you at the Annual Meeting.
Bev Bales, Douglas County
Commissioner

**AGENDA
Carlos Township Annual Meeting
March 9, 2010**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Select Moderator

Minutes: Approve Minutes of Last Years 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

Old Business:

- 1) Treasurer's/Clerk's Financial Report for 2009
- 2) Comparison Spending Report

New Business:

- 1) Property Tax Levy for 2011
 - 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) Sanitary Sewer Projects
- 5) From the Floor
- 6) Comment Box

Adjourn

Board of Canvass to Meet and Declare Official Election Results

Fishing Opener Facts



According to the MN DNR..

2.1 million people fish in Minnesota each year.

1.4 million fishing licenses are sold.

25 percent of fishermen target walleye when they fish.

88 fishing licenses are sold per minute during peak of sales 24 hours before the fishing opener.

It is estimated that there are 16 million harvestable walleyes statewide.

The average annual statewide walleye harvest is 3-4 million.

85% of walleye harvest is naturally produced fish.

There are 1,200 lakes in Minnesota with fishable walleye populations.

78 lakes provide nearly half the state's walleye harvest.

The year 1890 was the first year walleye were stocked in Minnesota.

Sample Ballot Township Election

Carlos Township Election
March 9, 2010

1-Year Supervisor Term:

- Rodney Meyers
- Bill Krivanek
- Write -in

3-Year Supervisor Term:

- Dwayne Waldorf
- Write-in

Clerk:

- Rebecca Anderson
- Write-in



Spring Cleanup

We all love Spring, but often times as the snow melts, it uncovers debris and other forgotten items lying about our property. A little bit of cleanup effort goes a long way in maintaining the appearance of our property and helps to keep Carlos Township Looking good.

Your efforts in keeping your property tidy will be appreciated by all.

Slippery Roads

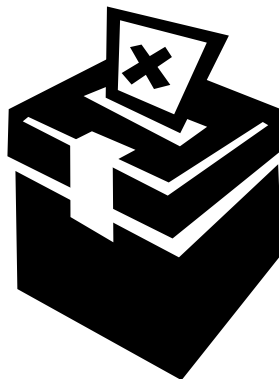
This year has been a challenge for our road maintainer due to the rain mixed with snow, along with the cold temperatures. The ice and cold temperatures pose double trouble as the application of sand and salt don't have much effect. The sand is mixed with the salt to keep the sand from clumping. When the sand is applied to slick roads and it too cold, the gravel will just blow away. Please use caution when driving on slippery roads.

Be Sure To Get Out and Vote

Tuesday, March 9th

Polls Open From 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Annual Meeting to Follow at 8:00



Progress Reports

Carlos Bluffs Road: The Township has finished the first phase of this paving project with reconstructing the road. The board will let bids next spring for the final phase of paving.

Sandhill Lane: The Town Board is continuing to work on a resolution with property owners on obtaining temporary easement for the reconstruction of Sandhill Lane. In early February, the town board held a public hearing mapping the 66 feet of Right of Way for the full length of the road from East Lake Carlos Drive to South Park Drive. If the board is able to obtain temporary easement releases before summer, it is possible the road could be reconstructed this year.

Election Judge Training for 2010-2012

Every two years, election judges have to attend training for the upcoming primaries and general elections. With the Primary Election expected to be moved to August 10, 2010, (one month earlier than past years) the county auditor will be offering election judge training the end of June or early July. Therefore, all those interested in serving as an election judge, please contact Rebecca Anderson at 320 846 0373 ASAP so your name can be added to the list. Those on that list will be sent more information regarding training as it becomes available.

Road Maintenance Issues

From the rain/ice to blizzards and back to back snowfalls, it can be agreed this has been anything from normal for snow removal this year. The township has had complaints of mailboxes being knocked over by snow and the snow plow pushing snow into driveways. It goes without saying that when plowing snow, snow will get pushed up next to mailboxes. If the mailbox is not properly installed it will get pushed over and plowing snow will leave a drift in your driveway.

Complaints go both ways as our township road maintainer has expressed frustration in trying to remove snow when there are garbage cans sitting in the roadway along with parked cars on township roads. It is impossible and expensive for the township to have him go back and clean up a road where he has had to bypass obstacles. Those having cars parked in cul de sacs or turnarounds - this is not your personal driveway. The township is not interested in having cars towed, so please do not park on the road. It is illegal whether you personally or you're hiring someone to remove snow - to move snow across a public road - whether it's a township, county or state roadway. Under Minnesota Statute Chapter 160.2715, violation of this statute is a misdemeanor.

Landscaping rocks in the Right of Way, pose a dangerous obstacle for snow removal. If you have any landscaping timber/rocks - they should not be in the Right of Way. Please place them well back from the edge of the road so the blade doesn't hit them. Also, 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.

Chloride Application

The application of Chloride will be discussed at the upcoming Annual meeting on March 9th. It has been brought to the board's attention that some residents do not want chloride applied to the road in front of their property. Due to the ever increasing cost of chloride, the township is more than happy to comply with this request. Please contact the clerk at 320 846 0373 before June 1, 2010 to make this request.