

Carlos Township Newsletter - November 2011

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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.

Road Progress

Sandhill Lane: The paving project is completed and there will be a final assessment hearing held on November 17th at 7PM at the Carlos Elementary School. All residents who will be charged for an assessment will be notified by mail.

Buckskin Road West: As of preparing this newsletter, Central Specialties will be starting this project soon as we would like to see the water levels recede a little more.

East Lake Carlos Lane: The Township added a tar overlay this year.



Dogs on the Prowl...

The Board has been made aware of some 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, chasing deer, killing chickens/ducks or otherwise being a neighborhood nuisance, please take immediate action to control your dog.

Be a Good Neighbor; Be a Responsible Pet Owner



REMINDER: IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO DUMP YOUR LEAVES AND CLIPPINGS ACROSS THE ROAD IN THE RIGHT OF WAY, OR UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Township Annual Election and Meeting-2012

These events will take place on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 with the polls open from 4:00PM-8:00PM. The annual meeting will take place directly after the polls close. If anyone is interested in filing for a position on the board, please contact the clerk at 320 846 0373 for an application. The filing period is January 3rd through January 17th 2012 at 5:00 PM. The positions up for election this year are a Supervisor - 3 year term; and Clerk - 2 year term.

November 6, 2011:: Remember to turn back your clocks and check your smoke detectors.

Snow... it will be here soon. It's that time of the year again what we need to remind everyone that it is unlawful to dump, plow or push snow from private driveways onto a public road, i.e. township, county or state. Under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 160.2715 violation of this statute is a misdemeanor. Be sure to let those whom you hire to push snow know about this law, as well as the consequences for violation. Snow dumped on public roads or the right of way can create a hazard, not only for motorists, but also snowplows. Even heavy snowplows have been damaged when hitting compacted and frozen snow. Snow pushed onto a public road may cause snowdrifts, ridges and ice chunks which are hazardous to motorists. We urge you, as good neighbor and motorists not to add to the hazards of winter driving.

The township adopted a Snow Removal policy this past year, please check out the township' website under Policies and Resolutions – Resolution 2011-5.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: You are invited to talk county issues with Commissioner Bales at 6:30 PM November 15th at the Carlos Town Hall. Everyone is welcome and bring a neighbor.

It is great news that the intersection of County 11 & 34 was completed early. It's a big improvement for visibility & thus safety. Thanks for your patience when you had to use the counties designated detours. The long overdue removal of the swimming pool at the Services Center Bldg. will allow more office space for Social Services & Public Health, in addition to a lot more parking spaces, which are needed. The Law Enforcement Center at the north end of that building is being done now, new windows & tuck pointing. The new 800 Meghtz Dispatch system (costing \$3.2 million) needs more space than the Dispatch System we have. If Law Enforcement didn't use that space, remodeling & upgrading would have to be done for whoever used that space. Structural engineers told us this is a sound structure & definitely worth keeping. Building new at another location would cost about \$3 million dollars more. Additionally, Law Enforcement will have 10,000 more square feet, plus garages they didn't have before. If that section would have been torn down, new outside walls would have to be put on, and footings for the next section of the building. Many more dollars are saved by keeping Law Enforcement where they are – close connection to Social Services, Public Health, the Courts, the County Attorney, plus other County offices, saving travel and time expenses. Those dollar savings cannot be measured.

The County Hospital is in discussion with the Alexandria Clinic as a possible merger. These plans are in the works when at the same time Broadway Clinic is planning a merger with the South Dakota Company, Sanford. The Hospital board is working hard to keep service local & to retain the wonderful health services Douglas County Residents are accustomed to.

TAX BILL – The Tax Bill passed by the Legislature, authored by Republican Linda Runbeck will be a true devastation to the rural area – especially lower valued homes & small business in our small towns. It is a blow that gave Counties no warning, put forward to help the state balance their budget. Many Legislators admit they didn't know the devastating implication of what the Bill would do. Had the State did these cuts to Counties & Cities over time, it could be more easily absorbed. It is immediate. The State "passed the buck", but Counties & Cities cannot pass it on, so to make up the difference, increased Property Taxes, regrettably.

There will be a test done by the DNR this fall on zebra mussels in Lake Carlos. They are placing a "cage" in Lake Carlos near the Park, taking it out in the spring, isolating the cage in a trailer & treating it with the product Zequanox to see its effectiveness. We do hope this will be a solution to controlling these pesky invaders.

This past summer was an unbelievable trial to all with the high water levels – the tremendous rainfalls in such short periods of time, causing flooding, land lost to erosion, etc. in addition to mold issues in thousands of homes & businesses. It created tasks that many of us have never experienced before. Let's hope the future will not challenge us in such loss of lakeshore, dollars, time & more in 2012 as it did this year. Do contact me with your concerns. I work for you. Bev Bales your County Commissioner

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