

Carlos Township Newsletter

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November 6, 2012



Tuesday, November 6th
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NOVEMBER 2012

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 they meet 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 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.

Township Website:

[www:carlostownship.org](http://www.carlostownship.org)



Am I eligible to vote?

You may register and vote in Minnesota on Election Day if you:

- Will be at least 18-years old on Election Day
- Are a citizen of the United States
- Will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding Election Day
- Have any felony conviction record discharged, expired, or completed
- Are not under court-ordered guardianship where a court has revoked your voting rights
- Have not been ruled legally incompetent by a court of law

Registering on Election Day

If you are not registered to vote or need to update your registration information, you may do so at your local polling location on Election Day. However, you are required to provide proof of residence when registering on Election Day.

To register at your polling place on Election Day, you must have one of the following with your current name and address in the precinct to verify your residence:

- A valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, Minnesota ID card, or receipt for any of these
- A valid student ID card including your photo, if your college has provided a student housing list to election officials
- A Tribal ID card that contains your picture and signature

Be sure to exercise your right to vote!

The polling place for Carlos Township residents continues to be the Carlos Town Hall, which is located in the City of Carlos. The Town Hall is located directly across from the water tower.

Carlos Township and the City of Carlos will be using the same polling place, so be sure to get into the correct line to sign the roster and vote.

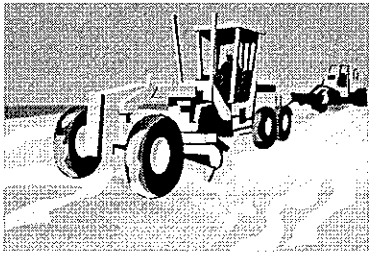
The polls will open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM. Voting lines tend to be very long in the evening from 5-8PM. In order to avoid these long lines, please contact your employer and exercise your right to vote during the day when voting is generally lighter.

Before you can vote, you must register. In Minnesota, you may register 20 days before Election Day for your name to appear on the polling place roster, or on Election Day at your polling place.

Your registration remains current Until you move, change your name, or do not vote for four consecutive years.

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ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Continued)



Snow.... It'll Be Here Soon

Alden Just Road Maintenance was awarded the contract for 2012-2013. If you have any concerns with snow plowing, blading or mowing, please contact a board member and they will get the message to Mr. Just.

It's that time of the year again that we need to remind everyone that it is unlawful to dump, plow or push snow from private driveways onto a public road. 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 neighbors and motorists, not to add to the hazards of winter driving.

*Your Cooperation Will Be
Appreciated*

- A valid registration in the same precinct under a different name or address
- A notice of late registration sent to you by your county auditor or city clerk
- A voter registered in the same precinct as you who can confirm your address with a signed oath
- An employee of the residential facility where you live who can confirm your address with a signed oath

Alternatively, you may provide both 1) a photo ID from the list below, and 2) a current bill with your current name and address in the precinct.

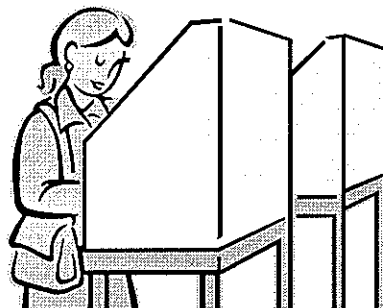
Photo ID's (may be expired)

- Minnesota Driver's License
- Minnesota ID Card
- United States Passport
- United States Military ID Card
- Tribal ID Card
- Minnesota University, College, or Technical College ID Card

Bills (delivered electronically or by mail)

- Utility bill due within 30 days of election day:
 - Telephone (landline, cell, etc)
 - TV (cable, satellite, etc.)
 - Internet services
 - Electric
 - Gas
 - Solid Waste
 - Sewer services
 - Water
- Rent statement dated within 30 days of Election Day that itemizes utilities
- Current student fee statement

Please check out the Secretary of States website at www.sos.state.mn.us for information regarding all information for this year's election. Click on the Elections & Voting Tab and you will receive instructions on how to check to verify if you are registered and where your polling place is located. This tab will also give you information on how to vote absentee along with constitutional amendments on the ballot.



Daylight Savings Time Ends November 4, 2012

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you head off to bed the evening of November 3rd. This is also a reminder to all of us that it's time to check our smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Every winter we hear news of where a family member(s) have suffered injuries or a fatality due to faulty detectors. Please don't be that statistic.

Township Annual Election and Meeting

These events will take place on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 with the polls open from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM. 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 1st – 5:00 PM January 15th. The positions up for election this year are Supervisor - 3 year term; and Treasurer - 2 year term.

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

Road Progress Reports

Pike Road: The road leading to the landfill was repaired as a section of this road never recovered from frost boils from last spring.

East Lake Carlos Drive, Prairie Road and Carlos Bluffs: These asphalt roads were crack filled this fall.

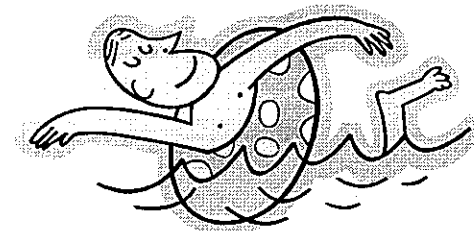
Chloride: Township roads were treated with calcium chloride over the summer.



REMINDER: It is not acceptable to dump your leaves and clippings across the road in the Right of Way or upon a private driveway.

Thank You: The board would also like to thank all residents who take it upon themselves to remove brush or down trees from the township ROW. It is sincerely appreciated and saves the township money.

Milona Carlos Road River Access: The board would also like to thank all of those who pitch in to keep the river access by Milona Carlos Road clean and free of garbage for those who enjoy using the Long Prairie River.



COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Bev Bales, Douglas County Commissioner

The Douglas County Public Works Department is busy trying to wrap up the planned road work before the change of seasons. County Road 20 improvements are a definite plus, as the hill was cut down, low spots filled in and one driveway was eliminated to make for a much safer road.

The Land & Resource Department brought forward the state's recommended rules for checking septic systems. The department will be working on these updates.

The county received bids for the Curt Felt and Kensington Runestone Park Legacy Grant Improvements.

The board approved the Resolution: "Taking Steps Against Domestic Violence".

The Board approved an agreement with the Juvenile Center in Moorhead.

A resolution passed to change the speed limit on County RD 13 entering the City of Osakis from a 40 mile per hour speed limit to 30 miles per hour.

Interviews are underway for hiring an Information Technology Department Head.

The preliminary budget has been set for 2013, which is just over 2.0%. It is the Board's hope to be able to cut more before the final deadline. The new 800 megahertz dispatch system has contributed a great deal to the increase.

Remodeling/improvements are being finalized at the Services Center Building for several offices. The changes will save a great deal on utilities and definitely be a marked improvement for efficiency and fortunately keeping these offices just across the street from the Courthouse.

Do remember to vote on Tuesday, November 6th.

Contact me anytime at bevb@embarqmail.com or facebook.com; by phone at 320-852-7335; or by mail at 8170 E. Lake Carlos Drive, Carlos MN 56319.