

# Carlos Township Newsletter - March 2017

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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. The Board meets at the Carlos Elementary School.



## **Township Roads**

At this time the annual township road inspection has not been scheduled. The tour is usually held at the end of April or beginning of May.

## **Road Projects completed in 2016**

Carlos Timbers East and Prairie Road East of State Hwy 29 received geo-textile fabric to eliminate frost boils in these two areas.

Woodsmen Drive/Court was paved late last year.

South Park Drive received repair work

## **Seal Coating**

The township seal coated Harmony Hills and Rue de Frenchman.

Asphalt Crack fill was completed on several roads, including Rue de Frenchman and South Park.

## **Upcoming Road Projects**

The board will be exploring paving residential township roads due to the lower cost of oil.

## **AAEDC representative needed Miltona Carlos Bridge**

The township is working with Douglas County to have this bridge replaced. As of this time there isn't a time table set, as the project is waiting on money from the legislature.

## **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.

## **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 are abutting 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

## **Spring Reminder!!!!**

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

## **Be Sure To Get Out and Vote**

Tuesday, March 14th 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 14th 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. Rod Meyers 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 2018.



## Carlos Township Annual Meeting

### AGENDA

March 14, 2017 - 8:00 PM

#### Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

#### Select Moderator

Minutes: Approve Minutes of 2016 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

#### 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 2016
- 2) Comparison Spending Report

#### New Business:

- 1) Property Tax Levy for 2018
  - a. Set Amount for the General Fund
  - b. Set Amount for the Road and Bridge Fund
  - c. Other Services and Funding as Desired
- 2) Authorizing the Town board to regulate the placement of manure lines in the Right of Way
- 3) Specify Depository for Township Funds
- 4) Specify Locations for Posting Notices
- 5) Specify Newspaper for Publication of Notices
- 6) The Town board would like to discuss moving the township elections to November.
- 7) Set Time and Place for Next Annual Township Election
- 8) Set Time and Place for Next Annual Township Meeting
- 9) Discuss the paving of township roads in the township
- 10) Discuss Application of calcium chloride
- 11) Set Gopher Bounty

#### Un-Official Election Results Declared

#### Other Business:

- 1) Road Maintenance
- 2) Dog Problems
- 3) Spraying for Weeds
- 4) Placing township roads on a schedule for asphalt
- 5) From the Floor
- 6) Comment Box

#### Adjourn

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

## **Moving the Township Election from March to November**

The township board is looking for input on moving the annual township election from March to even year November elections. The township has this on the agenda for the meeting to be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Paving Township Roads**

The township board is looking to discuss a schedule on upgrading township gravel roads to asphalt on a regular basis.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Hello to the residents of Carlos Township.

I first would like to say thank you for your support in this past election. I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve you as your District 3 County Commissioner.

I have been involved with many meetings, both locally and in Minneapolis/St Paul. I was able to meet many commissioners from all over the state of Minnesota at the Association of Minnesota Counties in early January.

The Runestone Park building was up for bids on February 8<sup>th</sup>. That will enable the park to be a year round facility when completed.

I have attended the Sauk River Watershed meeting in Sauk Centre. That focus on clean water and county ditch runoff is a huge Topic.

Sincerely

Jerry Rapp

District 3 County Commissioner