



Carlos Township Newsletter

ELECTION
DAY
November 8, 2016



Tuesday, November 8th
ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 2016

Board Members

Rodney Meyers, Chairman
320-491-5163

Bill Krivanek, Supervisor
320-846-0668

Dan Lehmkuhl, Supervisor
320-852-7481

Rebecca Anderson, Clerk
320-846-0373

Dean Yohnke, Treasurer
320-852-7702

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 7:00 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 Tribal ID card that contains your name, current address, 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. If you haven't registered yet, you can still register at the polls on Election Day.

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

Continued...

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Continued)



Snow..... It will be here soon

R&R Ready Mix was awarded the Road Maintenance contract for August 2016- July 2018. If you have any concerns with snow plowing, blading or mowing, please contact a board member and they will get the message to R&R.

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 photo ID plus a document with name and current address.

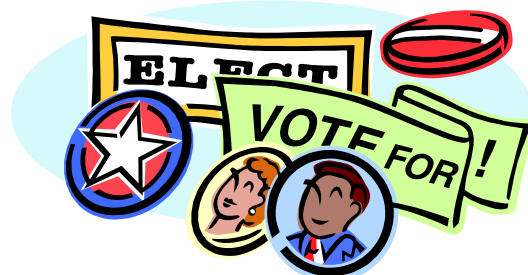
Photo ID's (may be expired)

- 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
- Minnesota High School ID Card
- Drivers License, state ID card or learners permit issued by another state

Bills (delivered electronically or by mail)

- Bill, account or start of service statement due or dated within 30 days of election for:
 - Telephone (landline, cell, VOIP etc)
 - TV (cable, satellite, etc.)
 - Internet services
 - Electric
 - Gas
 - Solid Waste, or Sewer Services
 - Water
 - Banking or Credit Card Statement
 - Rent or Mortgage payments
- Residential Lease or rental agreements must be valid through Election Day.
- Current student fee statement

Please check out the Secretary of State's 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 6, 2016

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you head off to bed the evening of November 5th. 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 14, 2017 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 3, 2017- January 17, 2017.** Filing closes at 5:00 PM on January 17th. 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, that surround mailboxes 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

Woodsmen Drive: This road was paved this year. Notices will be mailed to those residents when all bills are presented and the final amount is known. There will be an assessment hearing sometime in November which will indicate the amount each property owner on Woodsmen will pay.

Prairie Road and Carlos Timbers East: There were areas on each of these roads that received geotextile fabric to repair sections that needed repair.

South Park Drive: There were also areas on this road that needed major patching.

Seal Coated: Harmony Hills, Park Lane and Rue de Frenchman were seal coated this year. This process will keep asphalt roads from deteriorating:

Milona Carlos Road Bridge: The County has informed the board they have finished the design of the new bridge, however, are waiting for funding from the state legislature.

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

4-Wheeler Destruction on township roads and right of way: The township is noticing more and more 4 wheelers on township roads. The township has and will prosecute abusers who are found to dig up and destroy township road and right of way.

Emergency Defense Siren: The Township installed a Defense Emergency siren on County Road 11 across from Circle Drive.

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.

Alexandria Gun Club Location

The town board has been informed the Alexandria Gun club has found a new location for their shooting range and will be moving after their annual sight-in which is in mid to late October. They will be vacating the existing location by December.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

It has been a busy time, especially for our Land Resource Dept. – by May of this year there were as many permits and variances requested as all of last year. Lots of growth in the county, and folks making lots of upgrades. Contracts were renewed for assessing several Townships. Budgets for next year have been reviewed, department by department. The Board is hoping to keep the levy very low. Many donations have been received for Homeless, Honor Guard, Hospice and more.

An architectural firm was hired to do the planning for work at Runestone Park in which Legacy funds have been secured for this project. The Board has been investigating time clocks for the County and a Centralized Accounting office. Upgrades to the Tobacco Ordinance addressing in particular E Cigarettes were approved. Our county attorney addressed the Board with the problems throughout the state for Mental Health care.

This is my last report in the Carlos Township Newsletter. It has been my pleasure serving you in all ways – including writing this section for the Newsletter. I've always appreciated the input from you, and I thank you for your supporting my 16 years as County Commissioner. May you and your families have happy and healthy holidays!

Sincerely, Bev Bales, Douglas County Commissioner