

Carlos Township Newsletter - March 2018

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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 2017

Buckskin Road East was reconstructed and culverts were placed to aid in drainage. This road had been in poor shape for years, so with this fix, residents should see a great improvement.

Carlos Timbers West had right of way/ditch work completed. This was also done to aid in drainage to keep the road bed dry during the spring season.

Hidden Oaks Drive was paved and the township partnered with the City of Alexandria to resurface **Tolena Road**.

Miltona Carlos Bridge was replaced. Asphalt will be laid down from the bridge to County Road 13 this year.

Park Lane and a section of **East Lake Carlos Drive** received sealcoating.

Upcoming Road Projects

The board will be explore paving Ida Pines for 2018, along with extending paving from the Miltona Carlos Bridge north to North Riverview.

East Lake Carlos Drive

The board will be looking at costs for rebuilding a section of East Lake Carlos Drive from 8260 to the river. This will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Spring Reminder!!!!

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

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

This continues to be a problem with township residents: 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. The township noticed an uptick in debris being left in road ditches. 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 difficult job. Please be considerate of the road maintainer so he can perform his job with safety in mind.

Township Election and Annual Meeting

Get ready to participate

Both will be held at the Carlos Town Hall, located in the City of Carlos. The Town Hall is located directly behind Herby's.

Be Sure To Get Out and Vote

Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Polls will be open from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM. The Annual Meeting will follow the election promptly at 8:00 PM.

Up for election this year is one, 3-year supervisor term, and a 2-year clerk term. Bill Krivanek has filed for re-election for the 3-year supervisor position and Rebecca Anderson has filed for re-election for the 2-year clerk position.

Question on the Ballot

Also on the ballot this year is a question to move the township election from every year in March to November of even years to coincide with general elections. By moving this election, it would change the term for supervisors from 3 to 6 years and the clerk and treasurer's term from 2 to 4 years. By placing these offices on the general election ballot, more residents would have the opportunity to vote for their township officers. By approving this measure, there is a process involved in extending officer's terms to coincide with the even year elections.

Township government plays a primary role in maintaining our quality of life. If you are unfamiliar with 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 2019.

*******Annual Carlos Lions Pancake Breakfast*******

Will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 9 AM-1PM

Adults \$8.00, Children \$5.00, Kids under 5 are free

Pancakes, Sausage and Hashbrowns

Free Vision Screening for all who attend

Commissioner comments from District 3 Commissioner Jerry L. Rapp

What's Been Happening?

Great News: Douglas County Hospital received a Five Star rating. This is a very distinguished award and we can be very proud of that.

Loop holes in our buffer strip laws need to be checked. Our County Ditch policy was designed in the early 1900's. I will explain at the March 13th annual meeting.

The County has been going through a change in the way travel for veterans was handled in the past. We will do what it takes to make a reliable process for our veterans to make V.A. appointments.

As of 1-31-2018, winter has been kind to our roads in Douglas County. Snow plowing maintenance has been at a minimum.

Continuing the use of salt for our roads to be safe in winter conditions, continues to raise salt levels in our beautiful lakes, water softener salt is included in this problem. **This is a big concern!**

I will continue to keep you posted.

Carlos Township Annual Meeting
AGENDA
March 13, 2018 - 8:00 PM

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Select Moderator

Minutes: Approve Minutes of 2017 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
- 6) Douglas County Historical Society

Vote on Levy Recommendations

- 1) Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission
- 2) Lakes Area Recreation
- 3) Carlos First Responders
- 4) Douglas County Historical Society

Old Business:

- 1) Treasurer's/Clerk's Financial Report for 2017
- 2) Comparison Spending Report

New Business:

- 1) Property Tax Levy for 2019
 - 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 the next Township election - Table until ballot vote is declared
- 6) Set time and place for the next annual Township Meeting - Table until ballot vote is declared
- 7) Discuss reconstruction of East Lake Carlos Drive from 8280 to the river
- 8) The City of Carlos has approached the township regarding Annexation
- 9) Discuss application of calcium chloride
- 10) Look at the possibility of a Waste Management levy:
- 11) Set Gopher Bounty

Un-Official Election Results Declared

Other Business:

- 1) Road Maintenance Comments
- 2) Dog Problems
- 3) Spraying for Weeds
- 4) From the Floor
- 5) Comment Box

Adjourn

Board of Canvass to Meet and Declare Official Election Results