

# Carlos Township Newsletter - March 2019

## **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 the board meets only on the second Thursday of the month. The Board meets at the Carlos Elementary School.



**Township Policies:** The town board approved policies that include roads, animals, mailboxes, etc. Those policies can be viewed on the township's website.

## **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. The township continues to apply chloride to gravel roads which is customarily applied in May-June.

## **Road Projects completed in 2018**

**Ida Pines and Carlos Timbers East** were upgraded and paved.

**Miltona Carlos Bridge:** The culvert was replaced in 2017 and then asphalt was laid down from the bridge to County Road 13 in 2018.

**Sealcoating:** Hidden Oaks, Terrace, Woodsmen, Ida Pines and a section of Prairie Road were seal coated in 2018. Carlos Timbers East will be seal coated in 2019.

## **Upcoming Road Projects**

The board is looking to do ditch work on Johnson Road this year. If residents are interested in having their road paved, contact a town board member to explore the process.

### **New Supervisor:**

Supervisor Dan Lehmkuhl resigned from the township board on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The board appointed Mark Hintermeyer to serve out the remaining time of Mr. Lehmkuhl's term, which will end December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. A big thank you to Dan Lehmkuhl as he did a great job as a supervisor in taking ownership of many township issues. Thank You Dan for your service to the township.

Mark Hintermeyer was the township's representative to the AAEDC. Since he is now a township official, they AAEDC by-laws prohibit him from both positions. The township will be looking for someone to represent the township.

### **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. It can be difficult to remove snow when residents plant trees or install fences close to the edge of the right of way. This area is designated for snow removal not private plantings, etc.

### **Pushing Snow across Township Roads**

There has been a lot of snow this winter and 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**

Spring will be here soon, although I bet not soon enough for most of us. With that comes the discovery of what has been dumped in the township ditches over the winter. It is mystifying why people feel they can dump their mattresses, old TV's, etc. in the township right of way. Contact Pope County Recycling Center at 320 763-9340 to check on what can be dropped off. The costs are minimal so 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. All new road projects include the costs of swing away mailbox post. 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 gravel 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.

## **Carlos State Park**

Carlos Township has this wonderful resource in our own back yard. Please take the opportunity to visit the park, either to camp, hike or simply have a picnic. The park is located on CR 38, located off Hwy 29 approximately 2 miles north of Carlos Corners.

## **Annual Meeting**

### **Get ready to participate**

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Carlos Town Hall. The Town Hall is located directly behind Herby's.

## **Comments from District 3 County Commissioner:**

Hello Carlos Township

A quick update for township residents:

I have received positive feedback on Rainbow Rider. I hope this is the case with all those that use this service.

Douglas County has a new Senior Coordinator. Joyce McIntosh who moved here from the Twin Cities has 25 years of experience working with seniors.

We are experiencing an old fashioned winter, with lots of snow. I have received a few phone calls in regard to Township and County road issues.

Just before freeze up, Pike Road, the road that leads to the landfill was built up to better handle the traffic which was a much needed project. The township approached the county to assist with the maintenance of this road, as it is used by all residents of the county, not just township residents. The County agreed and the two governments units entered into a partnership where the county paid for 75% of the costs.

A note of interest is that 3021 veterans live in Douglas County as of last count. Our new Veterans Park is scheduled to begin construction this spring. I can't think of a better way to honor our veterans. Be sure to attend the Carlos Annual Meeting. This will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM at the Carlos Town Hall on Victoria Street (behind Herby's – across from the park). I plan on seeing you there.

Jerry Rapp

**Carlos Township Annual Meeting**  
**AGENDA**  
**March 12, 2019 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

**Select Moderator**

**Minutes:** Approve Minutes of 2018 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 2018
- 2) Comparison Spending Report

**New Business:**

- 1) Property Tax Levy for 2020
  - 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 Annual Township Meeting
- 6) Discuss application of calcium chloride
- 7) Set Gopher Bounty

**Other Business:**

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

**Adjourn**