



Carlos Township Newsletter

Presidential National
Primary - ELECTION
DAY
Tuesday, March 3,
2020



March 2020

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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)



Presidential Primary Election

The State of Minnesota is no longer using the caucus system to vote for a presidential candidate.

If you choose to vote absentee, you may do so at the county auditor's office before Election Day. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Be sure to exercise your right to vote!

The polling place for residents of Carlos Township will be held at the Carlos Town Hall, which is located in the City of Carlos. The Town Hall is located directly across from the water tower at 210 Victoria Street.

For this special election only, you will be required to declare a political party. The parties to choose from are the Democratic Farm Labor, or Republican. You will then be presented with a ballot for that party.

If you choose not to declare a political party, you will not be able to cast a vote.

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.

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ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Continued)



Snow..... It will be here soon

R&R Ready Mix was awarded the Road Maintenance contract for August 2018- July 2020. 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.

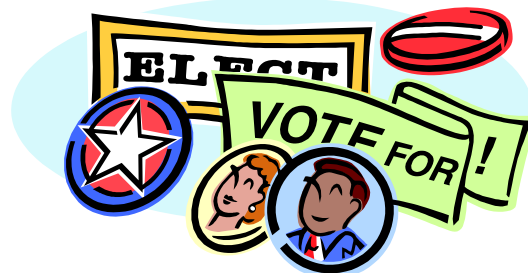
Photo ID's (may be expired)

- 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
 - Digital bills
- 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 Begins March 8, 2020

Remember to advance your clocks forward one hour before you head off to bed the evening of March 7th. This is also a reminder to all of us that it's time to check our smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Annual Road Tour

The town board will be conducting the annual road inspection tour in April or early May, depending on the weather.

Township Policies: With spring arriving, residents will begin to build new structures. Please check out the township's website at www.carlostownship.org to view the Township's policies before you start clearing or begin construction.

Driveways-Approaches & Culverts.

The board feels this is the one area in which residents do not contact the township before construction begins.

When adding a driveway or approach, property owners are required to contact the township for an initial viewing.

Property owners are responsible for constructing an approach/culvert to their property bordering a township road in which they are also responsible for the cost of materials and labor. Culvert must be made of steel with a minimum of 15 inches. All new culverts will have aprons at each end. Plastic culverts are not acceptable. Owners are not permitted to place any utility lines under or over township roads to their property unless the proper public utility company does the construction.

Any non-compliant driveway will be repaired by the property owner or repaired by the township, which would be charged/assessed to the owner.

Winter Driving

There is still plenty of winter left, so please use caution when driving on all roads. Take care to maintain your vehicles and have jumper cables/safety kits in your vehicles in the event you are stranded. A shovel, kitty litter, sand, water, trail mix and a properly charged cell phone will go a long way to making sure that if you do get stranded, you will be able to be located and won't suffer any injuries. Also make sure to have your gas tank full at all times before heading out into the winter weather. Drive safe and smart so we can all enjoy the season.

Annual Township Meeting

The Township will be holding the annual meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Carlos Town Hall. The residents will vote on setting the Levy for 2021. If you are interested on how your township tax dollars are spent, please attend this meeting.

Agenda

Carlos Township Annual Meeting March 10, 2020

Call or Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Select Moderator

Minutes: Approve Minutes of Last Year's Annual Meeting held March 12, 2019

Guest and Presentations: Presentations

- 1) Alexandria Fire Department
- 2) Carlos Fire Department
- 3) Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission
- 4) Lakes Area Recreation
- 5) Carlos First Responders
- 6) Alexandria Senior Center

Funding to be voted after hearing levy recommendations:

- 1) Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission
- 2) Lakes Area Recreation
- 3) Carlos First Responders
- 4) Alexandria Senior Center

Old Business

Treasurer's/Clerk's Financial Report for 2019

- 1) Comparison Spending Report for the last three (3) years

New Business: By Law, the following items must be discussed annually and established by motion from the floor:

- 1) Property Tax Levy for 2021
 - 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 (We currently use the Black Ridge Bank of Carlos)
- 3) Specify Location for Posting Notices (a minimum of three (3) locations are required. We currently use the Town Hall, Herby's and Gas Mart. We also have a website that notices are posted, which is www.carlostownship.org)
- 4) Specify Newspaper for Publication of Notices (We currently use the Echo/Press)
- 5) Date and time for next Annual Township Election - will be held November 3, 2020
- 6) Set time and place for next Annual Township Meeting – (Township day is March 9, 2021)
- 7) Discuss application of Calcium Chloride
- 8) Gopher Bounty
- 9) Other>>>

Other Business:

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

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