



Carlos Township Newsletter

February 2024

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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.

Meeting are held at the Carlos Town Hall, which start 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)

Road Issues

Interlachen Drive/Shady Lane along with a section on Miltona Carlos Road from the Long Prairie River through the intersection of North Riverview were paved this year.

North Judicial Ditch road was reconstructed as a house is going to be built on that stretch of road.

Buckskin Park Court is a new development in the township. It is located on the North and East side of West Buckskin Road.

North Riverview

The board has received a petition to pave North Riverview. The board will be conducting a feasibility study and then contact affected residents as to when an informational hearing will be held.

Pike Road

The township is working with the county in receiving a grant to rebuild the south end of Pike Road. Tim Erickson, Douglas County Engineer has submitted a grant application for this project and the township hear back early this spring if funding is available.

Annual Road Tour

The board of supervisors will be conducting this road inspection this spring – usually in April.

Upcoming Elections for 2024

Carlos Township will be holding three elections this year. All elections will take place at the Carlos Town Hall located at 210 Victoria Street in Carlos. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM-8:00 PM for all elections. The first election will be the Presidential Primary to be held on March 5th. When voting, the voter will have to decide which of three parties they want to vote. Those parties are the Republican, Democrat or Legalize Marijuana. If you choose not to vote for either of these candidates in these three parties, you will not be allowed to vote.

The second will be the Primary Election to be held on August 13th.

The General Election will be held on November 5th. Officers for the township election will also be on this ballot. All of the offices will be 4 year terms. Two offices are for supervisors, the third is for treasurer. To file for these offices contact the clerk between July 30th and ending at 5:00 PM on August 13th.

Annual Township Meeting

This meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 PM at the Carlos Town Hall. The agenda for that meeting is posted elsewhere in this newsletter. The financial statement and levy for 2025 will be voted on by the residents along with discussing other issues important to the property owners of Carlos Township.

Chloride Application

The town board will be looking to have Calcium Chloride applied to township gravel roads in late spring or early summer.

Dog and Cat Issues

Just a friendly reminder to keep your dogs on leash or control them by voice command. Cats are also a problem as they roam at night and leave their business in flower beds and sandboxes. The township has an Animal Ordinance. You can locate this on the website and click on Policies and Resolutions.

Township Policies

With summer ahead, 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.

Carlos Township Annual Meeting AGENDA

March 12, 2024 7:00 PM - Carlos Town Hall

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Select Moderator

Minutes: Approve Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting

Guests and Presentations: (Funding to be voted as presented on or after hearing levy recommendation).

- 1) Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission
- 2) School District 206 - Community Education
- 3) Historical Society
- 4) Senior Center

Vote on Levy Recommendations

- 1) Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission
- 2) Alexandria School Community Recreation
- 3) Historical Society
- 4) Senior Center

Old Business:

- 1) Treasurer's/Clerk's Financial Report for 2023
- 2) Comparison Spending Report for past 3 years

New Business:

- 1) Alexandria Fire Report
- 2) Carlos Fire/First Responders Report
- 3) Authorization for Fire Hall Spending
- 4) Property Tax Levy for 2025
 - a. Set Amount for the General Fund
 - b. Set Amount for the Road and Bridge Fund
 - c. Other Services and Funding as Desired
- 5) Specify depository for Township funds
- 6) Specify locations for posting notices
- 7) Specify newspaper for publication of notices
- 8) The next township election will be November 5, 2024
- 9) The next Annual Township Meeting will be March 11, 2025. The residents shall set the time.
- 10) Discuss application of calcium chloride
- 11) Set Gopher Bounty

Other Business:

- 1) Road Maintenance Comments
- 2) Dog Problems
- 3) Spraying for Weeds
- 4) Comments from the floor

Adjourn

Distribution of the Newsletter.

In the past, distribution of the newsletter has been through delivery of the Lakeland Shopper. Since last year, that delivery system is no longer available. Therefore, the township is using bulk mail with addresses received from the county via their information system. All efforts have been made to eliminate property owners from receiving more than one newsletter, however, if you happen to receive more than one, please contact the clerk so she may remove these duplicates. When calling, have your parcel numbers available.

Alexandria Lakes Area Service Region

The board has been working with the sewer region on expanding the district to include sections of the township.

After a lengthy feasibility review, ALASR has looked to expand the district to include Ida Pines North and Sandhill Lane/Terrace. There are areas in other townships that are also included in this expansion.

ALASR has submitted documents to obtain financing/bonding for this project and will most likely hear back on whether this is approved sometime this spring.

Spring Clean Up

We can all agree this has been an unusual winter. With that said, it's time to clean up our yards and remove any debris. It is also illegal to burn leaves on the roadway, or remove Class V from the township roads. Keep in mind that your neighbors have to look at your property and if it is unsightly with extra vehicles, tires, mattresses, etc. this could have a negative effect on your neighborhood.

Mailbox Posts

The township received monies from the American Rescue Plan. These funds were used for road projects along with swing-away mailbox posts. Residents receiving these new posts are personally responsible for removing the old posts from the right of way as these are their personal property. There are a few areas that did not receive the posts this fall, but that will happen in the spring. The Lakeland Shopper green mailboxes can be removed as they are no longer being used.

Severe Weather

The Defense Siren is located by CR 11 and Circle Drive. Be alert and take precautions. With the storms of a two years ago, Mother Nature has a way of surprising us.

Fire Hall

Carlos Township is in discussion with the City of Carlos and Belle River Township on the building of a Fire Hall in the City of Carlos. This topic will be covered at the annual meeting (see agenda). In order for the township to move forward costs have to be authorized by the property owners that attend the annual meeting. Therefore, please attend this meeting as authorization is required on major expenditures.

Comments from Douglas County Commissioner – Jerry Rapp District 3 Commissioner

Greeting Carlos Township residents,

It has not been a winter for snowmobiling and ice fishing. It did get off to a slow start and driving vehicles on the ice is limited. Fishing results in general has been good.

The county completed 900 hours of watercraft inspections at three (3) public accesses in Carlos Township. Of those hours, 185 were conducted at the Carlos West Access and 530 hours were clocked at Kruegers Creek and 185 hours at the Rotary Beach access on Lake Le Homme Dieu. Over 50% of boats inspected were fishing boats followed by pontoons at 18% of total boats inspected.

This AIS Program also provided grant funds to Lakes Carlos and Le Homme Dieu for Invasive Plant Management activities. Lake Carlos received \$1,000 and Le Homme Dieu received \$2,500 for management of Eurasian Watermilfoil. Just remember it is up to all of us to practice removing all weeds when using our public accesses, as well as boat lifts and docks that get transferred from one lake to another.

Ice Fishermen please be responsible about removing all waste/garbage when leaving the lake.

Be safe - Thank you,

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