

Carlos Township Newsletter - March 2014

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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 it meets 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 encouraged to attend.



Township Roads

As you can see by the list of road information, township roads are the number one priority in township business.

Miltona Carlos Bridge

Dave Robley, Douglas County engineer, has indicated this bridge is the next one to be replaced in the county. As of this printing, the replacement of the bridge has not been scheduled for this year and has not been identified as to when construction will begin, as there is no funding available. He will coordinate with the township once funding looks promising.

Road Projects

Buckskin West: A portion of this road was reconstructed this year.

South Miltona Drive/Adventure Lane: The townships of Carlos and Miltona shared costs on a tar overlay.

Circle Drive, Three Havens and Stardust Lane: received a tar overlay this year.

Johnson Road: A section of Johnson Road will be repaired this spring. Construction was delayed from last fall as the work could not be finished before cold weather arrived.

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

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

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.

Upcoming Road Projects for 2014

The board is looking to address road repairs on Buckskin East, Johnson Road, and any other roads deemed necessary. There is a petition to pave Hidden Oaks Dr. The board will be obtaining bids on this project in the spring and a special meeting will be held to determine if the project will move forward.

All roads will be inspected during the annual road tour held in late April or early May.

Be Sure To Get Out and Vote

***Tuesday, March 11th Polls Open from
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Annual Meeting to Follow at 8:00PM***

Township Election and Annual Meeting

Get ready to participate. Tuesday, March 11th is the Township Election and Annual Meeting for Carlos Township. Both will be held at the Carlos Town Hall, located in the City of Carlos. The Town Hall is located directly behind Herby's.

Up for election this year is one, 3-year supervisor term, and a 2-year clerk term. Rod Meyers 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.

Township government plays a primary role in maintaining our quality of life. If you are unfamiliar on 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 the year 2015.



**Carlos Township Annual Meeting
AGENDA
March 11, 2014 - 8:00 PM**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
Select Moderator**

Minutes: Approve Minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting

Guests 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

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 2013
- 2) Comparison Spending Report

New Business:

- 1) Property Tax Levy for 2015
 - 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 Next Annual Township Election
- 6) Set Time and Place for Next Annual Township Meeting
- 7) Discuss Application of Calcium Chloride
- 8) Set Gopher Bounty

Un-Official Election Results Declared

Other Business:

- 1) Road Maintenance
- 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

News from Commissioner Bev Bales

The Douglas County Board met January 7, 2014 for the Reorganization for the year. Bev Bales was elected Chairwoman; Charlie Meyer, Vice Chairman. The only newspaper that meets the County's requirements is the Echo Press, which was named to publish all the necessary county notices. The Echo Press costs went up 2% for 2014.

On January 14, the Board approved for Commissioner Jerry Johnson to serve on the Douglas County Fair Board (the Ag Association) per their request. The Board accepted donations to the Hospice program of \$6,101.00 and \$500 to the Senior Companion Program. The Board approved Charitable Gambling for the United Way at Arrowwood Resort along with approving the hiring of Mary Jo O'Brien to head the multi-program, "The Nurse Family Partnership."

Public Works Director asked the Board to send thank you letters to the 146 groups who cleaned the county ditches through the "Adopt a Highway" program. In 2013 over 1,500 bags of garbage were picked up. Shutter's was confirmed for the vehicle maintenance contract for the year. Several licenses, excavator, disposal, etc. were approved. Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus Committee is asking for input as to what priorities they have for the Board to work on for this year's Legislative session.

A credit card fee of 2.5% was approved to charge those using credit cards for county business. This is the same amount charged by several other counties. The Board approved the cleaning of County Ditch 22. An Invasive Species Grant will be applied for again, even though stopping the zebra mussels is no doubt a losing cause, slowing the spread of them is important, Last year over 1,800 watercraft were inspected. Less than 50 were found to have mussels & plant matter, therefore the inspections do assist in the spreading of the invasive specie. Parks & Trails are in charge of where the county can set up inspections.

An update was given on the Capital Improvement Plan - what needs to replaced and when. Upgrades with heating/air conditioning, etc. are expected to cost about \$201,000 for 2014. The Board approved filling the housekeeper and custodian/groundskeeper vacancies.

Please contact me with any concerns/ suggestions you may have. Commissioner Bev Bales
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Animal Ordinance 2011-1A

The Board has been made aware of roaming dogs in the Township. It is **legal** for your animal to be destroyed if he is caught chasing deer. If your dog is barking, running at large, destroying property, killing chickens/ducks or otherwise being a public nuisance, please take immediate action to control your dog. Be a Good Neighbor and Responsible Pet Owner.

The Board has adopted an Animal Ordinance. Please check out the Ordinance on the township's website under the Policy/Resolutions tab. www.carlostownship.org