

# Carlos Township Newsletter - March 2021

## **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 Town Hall.



**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting will be held on March 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Carlos Town Hall. The board will update residents on financial data from 2020 and set the levy for 2022. All residents are encouraged to attend.

## **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.

**East Lake Carlos Drive:** the culvert was replaced at the channel on the north end of ELCD.

## **Upcoming Road Projects**

The board is looking to reconstruct East Lake Carlos Drive from the channel to the dam. An informational hearing has been set for March 4, 2021 at the 7:00 PM at the Carlos Town Hall. Residents who will be impacted have been notified.

## **New Board Members**

Dwayne Waldorf was elected as supervisor for a 4 year term. Tammy Schwegel was appointed to fill the treasurer's vacancy. She will be up for re-election in 2022.

### **Township Policies:**

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

### **AAEDC**

Todd Powers was re-appointed to be the township's representative to the AAEDC.

### **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**

As of this writing, there has been little snow this winter, however, the town board has notified residents who are in violation of pushing snow across public 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.

### **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 or concrete driveway, have your contractor end the product well back of the gravel township road. Road Maintenance is a difficult job, therefore, 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.

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

Hello Carlos Township

A quick update for township residents:

Just a note on COVID 19.

Currently anyone 65 and over is eligible as are school staff and child care workers to receive the vaccine. Horizon Public Health Department is following guidance and vaccinating school staff and childcare workers.

On the brighter side, our COVID case numbers continue to stay low, and has allowed the library to return to its pre COVID hours.

The License Bureau wants to remind everyone the COVID 19 related waiver on renewing non-commercial driver's license ends March 31<sup>st</sup>. Commercial licenses must renew by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

County Roads #11 and #62 will be under construction this summer. CR#62 will be renumbered to CR#38. This will allow #38 to be funded as a County State Aid Highway.

For those of us that didn't head south for the winter, we have experienced a fairly easy winter up till now. The county plow trucks have not had to work as usual. No complaints, despite the lack of significant snow. Our parks are open for winter activity.

Every Friday we put out a trail report on Douglas County Parks Facebook Page. It shares the conditions of cross-country trails, walking trails and sledding hills.

Remember the Douglas County Board meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. You can read about what has occurred at these meetings, under Latest News at [www.co.douglas.mn.us](http://www.co.douglas.mn.us).

County Board Chair,

Jerry Rapp

**Carlos Township Annual Meeting**  
**AGENDA**  
**March 9, 2021 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

**Select Moderator**

**Minutes:** Approve Minutes of 2020 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) Alexandria School Community Recreation
- 3) Carlos First Responders

**Old Business:**

- 1) Treasurer's/Clerk's Financial Report for 2020
- 2) Comparison Spending Report

**New Business:**

- 1) Property Tax Levy for 2022
  - 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) The next township election will be November 8, 2022
- 6) Set time and place for the next Annual Township Meeting (Township day is March 8, 2022)
- 7) Discuss application of calcium chloride
- 8) Set Gopher Bounty

**Other Business:**

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

**Adjourn**