

IDA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

February 2019

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2018 HIGHLIGHTS

2018 proved to be a very challenging year.

West Side Improvement Project. Starting with the presentation of the condition of our roads by WSN at the annual meeting in March of 2017. The board with the help of a number of residents started a five year plan for repair and improvement of the township roads. A preliminary plan was presented by members of the planning committee with input from Tim Schoonhoven, with WSN. It was recommended, to be proactive, we should make repairs sooner than later. This plan was presented in late December of 2017. The committee returned to the January meeting with a revised plan for progressing with needed maintenance, rebuilding and blacktopping. The proposal was presented with estimated construction costs. The cost included bonding \$2.5 million in 2018 to make repairs needed by the recommendation of the WSN comprehensive study. This also included the upgrade of some of the gravel roads to prepare for blacktopping. Also bonding in 2019 was discussed for more improvements on the west side of Lake Ida. At the February meeting, discussion listed different projects for the coming summer. 1. Repair current blacktop where needed. 2. Rebuild gravel roads where needed for blacktopping. 3. Blacktop Oak Ridge Lane, south end of Oak Ridge Road, Omaha Lane, and Little Ida Beach Road. The Annual Meeting brought about a lot of discussion about the proposed road projects and the money we need to borrow to complete the work. At the March meeting, the board was presented with better estimated costs of the West Side Improvement Project. Discussion was deferred to the April meeting when all the board would be present.

In April, a motion was made and passed to bond for \$2.3 million. The board then decided to let bids for the repair of 10.8 miles of road that were in dire need of repair. A decision was made to go with public bonding to save some money. At the May meeting, Resolution

18-06 ordering improvements and Resolution 18-07 approving advertising of bids for the West Side Improvements were passed. At the June meeting, bids were opened resulting in awarding Central Specialties the bid of \$1,140,136.50 for 10.8 miles of repair work. Clerk/Treasurer, Barb Kilgore reported that the total amount needed for Phase 1 including the change order for the extra blacktopping including engineering costs would need a bond for \$2,195,000. A June 26th preconstruction meeting got the project started. At the July meeting, the board was informed the bonding went so well we received a lower interest rate than anticipated. At the August meeting, WSN let us know there are some wetland issues that need to be addressed in Phase 2 of the project for 2019. This consists of 3.8 miles of road in the Water Lily Trail, Shady Haven, Circle drive and Memory Lane area. September brought Phase 1 closer to being complete. We also paid CSI the final payment except for the 5% retainage. WSN is working on construction easements for Phase 2. November marked CSI finishing the checklist for the completion of Phase 1. December, WSN got the bid numbers together for Phase 2 to be reviewed in January. Wetland information was proceeding with Jerry Haggemiller of Douglas County Soil & Water.

Other Road Highlights. Graveling, maintenance, (blading etc.) and lawn mowing bids were accepted in April. On May 14th, the board did their annual road review. In June, the board accepted bids for sealcoating Burkeys Lane, Maple Circle, and Sunset Strip north of 61. Barb has also been working on getting the turnarounds recorded with the County Recorder that were not done in the past.

I would like to thank everyone for their work and comments through the year. Your feedback and comments make my job easier. Thank you for allowing me to work for you!

Dan Diedrich

YOUR COMMENTS AND CONCERNS ARE IMPORTANT. YOU ARE THE TOWNSHIP.

ORGANICS RECYCLING

The Pope Douglas Organics drop off site on the Ida Town Hall property is ready to use. Please use compostable or paper bags. NO PLASTIC. Check the Alex Area Organics Recycling program on their website for instructions. Please contact them with any questions: 1-800-972-6318 320-763-9340 www.popedouglasrecycle.com.

IDA TOWNSHIP LEVY HISTORY

TAX LEVY HISTORY AND PROPOSED 2020 LEVY

	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Proposed 2020
General Revenue	\$69,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
Road & Bridge Fund	\$185,000	\$200,000	\$240,000	\$320,000	\$250,000
Fire Protection Fund	\$58,000	\$58,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$65,000
Blacktop Upgrade Fund	\$55,000	\$58,000	\$65,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
7T Debt Service Fund	\$52,016	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$52,000
Sunset Strip Paving Fund		\$70,000	0	0	0
2018A Bond Debt Service					\$140,000
ALASD*	\$99,960	\$104,021	\$98,294	\$100,967	\$100,000*
Total Levy	\$518,676	\$612,021	\$585,294	\$707,967	\$782,000

The 2020 levy will be proposed and voted on at the annual meeting and will be collected on taxes in the year 2020. 2019 tax collections are already set.

*The ALASD amount is estimated and is available after September 1st each year.

2018 EXPENDITURES

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE MAJOR EXPENDITURES IN 2018: WEST SIDE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COSTS NOT INCLUDED.

Road Maintenance	\$34,400	Town Board Wages	\$25,696
Ice & Snow Removal	\$22,741	Town Hall/Office Exp.	\$8,392
Gravel	\$41,806	Fire Protection	\$62,621
Chloride	\$19,723		

LAKE CHARLEY CEMETERY NEWS

CLEAN UP THANK YOU. A special thank you to Josh Olson who spent time clearing debris and branches at the cemetery this past fall.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact the township office. Duties are generally spring/summer/fall and related to burial and maintenance issues.

AVAILABLE PLOTS. We have 12 plots currently available to the public. If interested contact the township office for available locations. Pricing is as follows:

- Township residents – \$250.00 per lot
- Non-township residents – \$500.00 per lot

UNKNOWN BURIALS. Everybody has a story. Lake Charley Cemetery is home to at least 28 unknown interred. Please call the township office if you have any information that might help us determine their identities.

HONORING THOSE LAID TO REST IN 2018. We remember the families of and honor those interred at Lake Charley Cemetery in 2018: **Jerry Faber Richard Woida**



IDA TOWNSHIP HONORS VETERANS

In 2018, a local veteran came before the Town Board and made a presentation regarding the new Veterans Memorial Park (VMP) in Alexandria, MN and proposed that the 20+ "Vet names" on the Township website be engraved on granite tablets within the VMP.

In a show of support for township veterans who have served in the military, the Board unanimously approved a donation of \$2,000 to the VMP. The memorial dedication is scheduled for July 4, 2020.

The Township Clerk will have a limited supply of application forms on hand for those interested in honoring their own veteran on the VMP wall. It will be up to the person to submit the application, and proof of honorable service, to the address stated on the application.

The Ida Town Board continues to honor our Veterans with a dedicated page on our website. If you know of a member of the United States armed forces (living or deceased) and would like the name added to our listing, please contact the township office with the following: 1) Veteran's full name, branch of service and years served. 2) When a resident of Ida Township (lifelong resident or approximate years a resident). 3) Submitters name and phone number (so we may contact you with any questions).

VOTING INFORMATION

Polling Place: Ida Township Hall, 4700 County Road 6 NW, Garfield, MN

US Senate: Minnesota

Federal House of Representatives: District 7

State Senate: District 8

State House of Representatives: District 8b

County Commissioner: District 1

School Districts: Alexandria 206, Brandon-Evansville 2908

MARCH ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Township Election and Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. The polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the Annual Meeting beginning after the closing of the polls. There will be one office on the ballot:

Supervisor Seat C 3-year term

Candidate: Daniel Diedrich

The 2020 tax levy will be set and voted on at the Annual Meeting, as well as other pertinent items, so it is very important to attend! Both the election and annual meeting will be held at the Ida Township Hall, 4700 County Road 6 NW, Garfield, MN. In case of inclement weather the election and meeting will be held on March 19, 2019 at the same time.

ELECTION JUDGES SOUGHT

Election Judges needed especially during winter months. Ida Township is looking for a limited number of new election judges, especially during the winter election cycle (Annual March Township Election and new in 2020, the biannual February Precinct Caucus Election). Please contact the township office or stop by to fill out a form if you are interested. Training is required and will be provided.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Supervisor Seat C

Daniel Diedrich – Born in Leaf Valley Township, Douglas County. Attended country grade school three miles north of Leaf Valley. Graduated from Parkers Prairie High School and attended two years of college at Bemidji.

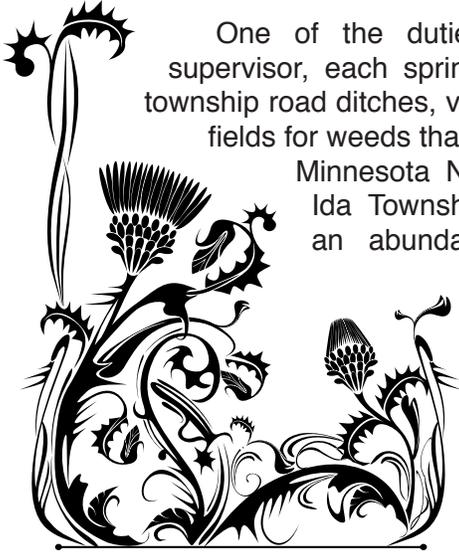
Wife: Rosemary, Four grown children, six grandchildren.

Worked road construction as a heavy equipment operator, truck driver, building engineer, production

supervisor, plant manager and project manager. Owner of a seed conditioning business for the past thirty years. I served three years on the Leaf Valley Fire Department and twenty-two years on the Garfield Fire Department, holding the position as Chief for fifteen years.

Has owned a twenty acre farm site north of Garfield for the past thirty years plus. Currently helping our oldest son with farming, also doing some custom harvesting.

NOXIOUS WEEDS



One of the duties of a township supervisor, each spring, is to patrol the township road ditches, vacant lots and farm fields for weeds that are on the state of Minnesota Noxious Weed List.

Ida Township seems to have an abundance of Canadian

Thistles. Wild Parsnip was also found in the township.

Pictures of the weeds can be found on the MN DNR website [http://www.dnr.](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/plants-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list)

state.mn.us/plants-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list. Once there you will see a box on the right side for the 2019 Noxious Weed List. If you click on that a list of all the weeds will pop up. If you click on one of the 42 plants on that list you will be able to see information about that weed and pictures to help you identify that weed.

Please take some time to look for these weeds and either spray or cut them. If you do this, we the board, will not have to send you a letter asking you to take this action. If issues are not addressed, after notification, the board will hire someone to get rid of the weeds and then bill you for the work. If we all work together on this issue, the noxious weeds will be taken care of and "OUR" township will benefit by this combined efforts. Thanks for your help!

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OFFICE & MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting Schedule: The Ida Town Board meets on the First and Third Mondays March through October at 7:30 p.m. at the Ida Township Hall. The Board only meets on the third Monday of the month November through February. If the Meeting date falls on a holiday or conflicts with an election, the meeting will be held the following day at the same time and place. If you wish to be put on the agenda, call or e-mail the township office by the Thursday before the next scheduled meeting.

Website: If you are interested in what is on the agenda for the next Town Board meeting or if you want to know what transpired at recent meetings you were unable to attend, check out the Township website at www.idatownship.com.

Office Hours: The Township Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until Noon, except for holidays. You can also call and set up an appointment.

Town Hall Rental: The Town Hall is available to rent for meetings and family gatherings.