

# IDA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

February 2025

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## **ROADS 2024**

The township had a busy year in 2024. Starting with the hearings for blacktopping Sahara Lane, Laguna Lane, and getting bids for the work. At our annual road review, it was decided to do extensive tree and brush trimming. Roads included Big Chip Trail, an area on Pleasant Grove, Bedman Drive between County Road 61 and Sahara Lane, and trimming on Highland Circle. We did not do road ditch spraying this year due to some concern from residents, we have a plan in place for 2025. Sahara Lane blacktopping was delayed considerably due to the rainy weather. Sahara Lane was the last road along Lake Ida that had not been blacktopped. Our last big project for 2024 was lining the 48 inch culvert that failed where ditch 23 crosses Ida Way. Our thanks to RBS for the job they do of maintaining the township roads.

Just a couple of reminders to be aware of when the snow flies. MN Statute 160.2715 prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow from parking lots, driveways onto public roadways, this includes ditches and roadsides. Also parking cars, trucks, fish houses campers, etc on road right of way. Also please do not put your garbage cans on the roadway. Put them on your driveway at least three feet back from the traffic lane.

The township board thanks you for your input in helping us with managing the township.

Chairman, Dan Diedrich

## **Ida Township Levy History**

### **\* 2026 Levy for Discussion Purposes Only**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
General Revenue	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$60,000
Road & Bridge	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 225,000	\$200,000
Fire Protection	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 85,000	\$85,000
Blacktop Upgrade	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 70,000	\$60,000
West Side Imp 2018A	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$140,000
West Side Imp 2019A	\$ 52,000	\$ 52,000	\$ 52,000	\$ 52,000	\$52,000
Sewer ALASD	\$ 96,827	\$ 102,089	\$ 110,204	\$ 118,731	TBD
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 778,827</b>	<b>\$ 784,089</b>	<b>\$ 792,204</b>	<b>\$ 760,731</b>	<b>\$ 597,000</b>

## **LAKE CHARLEY CEMETERY**

All is well at Beautiful Lake Charley Cemetery. Our new Lawn and Leaf maintenance crew did a wonderful job this year. We had some minor repairs to the split rail fence as well as several diseased trees removed. There were several new plot purchases over the past year leaving us with only 1 remaining. I have been advising the Township Board of several options available should they decide to expand the scope of the Cemetery. As for now, we will focus on necessary maintenance and upkeep in addition to annual interments. We are always open to comments and/or suggestions regarding the Cemetery. Please direct these to the Cemetery manager. Thanks for allowing me to serve. Greg Cabana, Lake Charley Cemetery Manager

## MARCH ELECTIONS

The Township Election and Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. 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 two offices on the ballot:

US Senate: Minnesota  
Federal House of Representatives: District 7  
State Senate: District 9 and 12  
State House of Representatives: District 9b and 12b  
County Commissioner: District 1  
School Districts:  
Alexandria 206, Brandon-Evansville 2908

**Town Supervisor Seat A – 3-Year Term –**  
Candidate Daniel Diedrich

**Special Election for Town Supervisor Seat B**  
**Term expiring March 9, 2027 -** Candidate: Adam Wussow

## “NEW”2025 MARCH ELECTION CANDIDATE ADAM WUSSOW:

Hi, I’m Adam Wussow. I grew up about 3 miles north of Garfield, MN. I graduated from AAHS in 2016 and went to NDSCS in Wahpeton, ND and received degrees in Architectural Drafting and Construction Management. I moved back home after college and am currently working for a local contractor doing new home construction and remodeling. Over the past few years, I have enjoyed getting involved in the township by attending meetings regularly. I am looking forward to working with the other town board members to keep Ida Township running smoothly and think it is important to get the younger generation involved in local government. I am looking forward to being your next Ida Township board member.

## VOTING INFORMATION

The following is our current voting information:

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

## TOWNSHIP ROAD RIGHT OF WAY

Ida Township asks you to help them prevent the misuse of the Township roads as a dumping ground. Specifically, the only things that can legally be put into the right-of-way are mailboxes, traffic signs and driveways. An owner can likely engage in activities that have minimal impact on the maintenance and safety of the right-of-way. For example, an owner likely can, within reason, plant and maintain grass and flowers, in the town right-of-way. But likely not place fences, landscaping boulders and crops, particularly corn. Everything else is prohibited by law, including the placement in the right-of-way of:

\*\*Leaves

\*\*Yard debris

\*\*Trees (any size)

\*\*Structures, (stone, wood, concrete or other)

\*\*Yard clippings

\*\*Garbage and waste

\*\*Bushes and hedges

\*\*Terraces and flower beds

\*\*Branches and brush

\*\*Construction debris

\*\*Shrubbery

\*\*Lawn-watering systems

\*\*Lake weeds

\*\*Oil and petroleum

\*\*Fences or walls

\*\*Plantings

\*\* Miscellaneous debris or ANYTHING ELSE

## **BURNING ANYTHING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IS ALSO PROHIBITED.**

Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.42 (traffic regulations) and, also, Minnesota Statutes, Section 609.68 (criminal offences) both make the above practices a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$700 or imprisonment for up to 90 days for each offense.

The Township has a good road system, and it takes taxpayer funds to clean up after violators. The Township could be held liable for damage claims from road users if it knowingly permits these illegal acts. Landowners can also be held liable.

For the good of the Township and your neighborhood, please obey these laws. If you observe any violations by others, please report them to your Township Supervisors.

### **OFFICE & MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Meeting Schedule:** The Ida Town Board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30p.m. at the Ida Township Hall. 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 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](http://www.idatownship.com)

**Email:** Please note that the Ida Township email has been updated. The old email will remain in operation through the summer of 2025. [idatownshipmn@gmail.com](mailto:idatownshipmn@gmail.com)

**Office Hours:** The Township Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until Noon and Friday 10 a.m. until noon. Except for holidays. You may also call and set up an appointment.

**Town Hall Rental:** The Town Hall is available to rent.

### **Ida Township Honors Veterans**

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).

### **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 Thistle. Wild Parsnip has been found in the south Lake Ida area. Information about the weeds can be found on the MN DNR website.

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, we can do our part to help control noxious weeds and "OUR" township will benefit by this combined effort. Thanks for your help!

### **Organics Recycling**

The Pope Douglas Organics drop off site on the Ida Town Hall property is a great asset. An additional site has been added at the Habitat for Humanity Restore Building located at 1211 N. Nokomis. 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:



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