

Ida Township Newsletter

February 2022

Town Board

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2021 Highlights

Another interesting year started with turning Pilgrim Point Road over to Douglas County for access to the Pilgrim Point Shores Development. Next we asked for quotes and did repairs on about 1,000 feet of soft areas on four different places. Sunset Strip south, corner of Blue Jay Way and Utopia Drive, another spot on Utopia Drive, and the longest area was on Pleasant Grove south of County Road 22. We also replaced a culvert there. We did tree trimming in a number of areas and will be doing more this year. Our biggest project this year was rebuilding 81st Avenue between County Road 6 and Pleasant Grove. Having to go through what is considered a wetland, we had to get a storm water survey done along with getting input from the Army Corp of Engineers and the Douglas County Soil and Water Conservation Department. We removed two feet of poor soil in the unstable areas of the road bed and placed a mat down covering it with three feet of good soil including six inches of class five gravel. We put six inches of gravel on the full length of the project.

A reminder of what can be allowed in the road right-of-way. Just your mail box and 911 sign. No rocks or retaining walls or any other structures. Also, during the winter, for snow removal, please place your garbage container in your clean driveway no further out than even with your mail box. Note. The township has spent about \$2,000 this past year picking up trash (couches, TV's, etc.) along our roads. Please take a note if you see anyone dumping trash along the roads.

Thanks again for the feedback you give the board; it helps us do our job better.

Dan Diedrich

Ida Township Levy History

Tax Levy History and Proposed 2023 Levy:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	Proposed 2023
General Revenue	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Road & Bridge Fund	320,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Fire Protection Fund	60,000	65,000	65,000	70,000	70,000
Blacktop Upgrade Fund	105,000	105,000	105,000	100,000	100,000
7T Debt Service Fund	52,000	52,000	-	-	-
2018A Bond Debt Service		140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000
2019A Bond Debt Service			52,000	52,000	52,000
ALASD	100,967	100,344	97,387	96,827	100,000 *
Total Levy	\$707,967	\$782,344	\$779,387	\$ 778,827	\$782,000

The 2023 levy will be proposed and voted on at the annual meeting and will be collected on taxes in the year 2023. 2022 tax collections are already set.

*The ALASD amount is estimated and is available in September each year.

Your comments and concerns are important. You are the Township!

March Election and Annual Meeting

The Township Election and Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. 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 2023 tax levy will be set and voted on at the Annual Meeting, as well as other pertinent items, so it is particularly 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 15, 2022 at the same time.

Candidate for Office

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. We are anxiously waiting for our Grandson Bailey to return from active duty in Afghanistan and Kuwait.

I have served as Township Supervisor since 2010.

I 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.

We have 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.

Lake Charley Cemetery

NOTES FROM LAKE CHARLEY CEMETERY OPERATIONS MANAGER

Greetings everyone! My name is Greg Cabana, manager of operations at Lake Charley Cemetery located on Sunset Strip in Ida Township. Over the summer months a project involving refurbishing the split rail fence along Sunset Strip was completed. Several decaying posts and rails were replaced, remaining fencing was power washed and one new 10 ft. section was added.

Another project that has been in the works for the past two years regards visible identification of unknown graves in the Cemetery. Previous volunteers worked diligently to identify unmarked/unidentified grave sites in primarily the older, pioneer section of the Cemetery. There were simple white wooden crosses placed on them at one time, but for the past several years, they were marked by a simple ground level metal tab. These have now been replaced by more permanent metal/powder-coated crosses. Materials and labor were provided by local businesses and installed by volunteers this fall.

A new project underway with completion targeted sometime in the next 18 months is a new section of the Cemetery designated specifically for Cremation interment. Final design and estimates are being completed. This will expand the potential plot availability for Lake Charley Cemetery which is currently limited. Hope to see you soon!

AVAILABLE PLOTS We have 7 plots currently available to the public. Contact the town hall for pricing and location if you are interested.

UNKNOWN BURIALS Everybody has a story. Lake Charley Cemetery is home to at least 28 unknown interred. Call the township office if you have any information that might help us determine who these people were.

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 was 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 ready to use. 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:

1-800-972-6318

320-763-9340

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Voting Information

The following is our current 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

NOTE. Ida Township is looking for a limited number of new election judges, especially during the winter election cycle. Please contact the township office and stop by to fill out a form or sign up at your precinct caucus. Training is required and will be provided. You will be compensated for your time.

Office & Meeting Schedule

Meeting Schedule: The Ida Town Board meets on the First and Third Mondays of the month 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 may also call and set up an appointment.

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