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Office Hours

Monday & Thursday 8:00 am to 12:00
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2020 Summer Newsletter

Dates to Remember

September 12th, 2020

Rescheduled Clean-up Day

The Annual Spring Clean-up was canceled because of COVID-19.

It has been rescheduled for September 12th from 7:00am to Noon. Please check our website for details.

Primary Election August 11th, 7am to 8pm.
General Election November 3rd, 7am to 8pm

Annual Meeting 2020

The meeting was attended by 48 people. Reports were given from CentraCare Monticello and the Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership. Road projects planned for the summer were discussed.

The Supervisor Board proposed a levy of \$900,000 for 2021. A motion from the audience was made to set the levy at \$1,000,000. The motion carried 29 yes 13 no.

Thank you for the continued support.

Congratulations to All

Graduating Seniors in Silver Creek

The board would like to congratulate all those graduating from high school or other secondary education. There are 3 different public school districts that have graduated seniors - as well as private school graduates. Congratulations for completing your education in these trying times. A very challenging year and you succeeded!



2020 Elections

Primary August 11th General Election November 3rd

Due to COVID-19, The MN Secretary of State and Wright County would like to encourage individuals to absentee vote for the Primary and/or General elections. The process starts with the voter completing an absentee ballot application. Wright County's paper application can be found on the Wright County or the Silver Creek Township website. The completed application can be returned via mail, email, fax or in-person to the Wright County Government Center. The online application is found at www.mnvotes.org and goes through the Statewide Voter Registration System and is queued to Wright County for processing.

Absentee voting can be done via the mail or in-person. The preferred method this year due to COVID-19 is via mail.

Wright County handles absentee voting for all cities and townships.

You may still vote in person at the Township Hall on Election Day, because of COVID-19 you may encounter longer wait times because of social distancing. If it is still needed at election time we will also have reduced capacity in the hall so the lines to vote at times will extent outside. Please be prepared if there is inclement weather.

Supervisors:

Dan Ness, Chairman 320-260-1624
Barry Heikkinen, Vice Chair 612-282-0094
Sandy Forsman 763-878-2307
Mike Ludenia 320-963-5724
Chris Klein 763-607-3422

Town Hall Rental

Looking for a place to have a family gathering or to hold a meeting? Reservations are available for the rental of the Town Hall meeting room and kitchen. Rental fees are \$100 for township residents, \$150 for non-residents. There is also a \$500 damage deposit required (which will be returned if the hall is cleaned and there are no damages). The building is an alcohol and smoke-free facility. To rent the Town Hall, contact the Clerk's Office at 763-878-0141

Notice – Trash and Recycling Container Safety

There are public safety concerns when trash and recycling containers are placed on the driving surface of the road. Please do not place cans on the driving surface. The proper placement would be in your driveway, away from your mailbox, but not any further forward than your mailbox. There should be no cans placed across from your driveway on the road surface. In those cases, place the containers on the shoulder or if there isn't a defined shoulder, use the ditch if it is level enough. Collection trucks have a mechanical arm that can reach 6-8 feet from the edge of the truck to reach the container. Any containers on the road surface, if found to be a safety issue, may be collected by maintenance personnel and brought to the town hall.

CMRP

The Central Mississippi Regional Planning Partnership has continued to meet remotely since March 2020 due to Covid-19.

The focus of the meetings has primarily been on gathering information for the planners at PlanningNext (the project planners hired by CMRP) to compile data such as housing, employment and miles traveled for employment. This is just a very small list of the data that PlanningNext has collected. To read more detailed information, the minutes of the CMRP meetings are available online at <https://regionalplanningpartnership.org/about-the-partnership/agendas-and-notes/>.

We invite you to share your input through a brief survey. This can be done online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FW2030-R1-Community>

If you have any questions or comments concerning Silver Creek Township as it relates to CMRP, please email the township or contact Supervisor Barry Heikkinen, CMRP Executive Committee Secretary.

P&Z Meetings

First Tuesday of the Month 7:00pm

Supervisor Meetings

First Tuesday of the Month following the P & Z Meeting.

Third Tuesday of the Month 7:00pm

We will be social distancing at all in-person meetings and encourage people to wear masks. We will also be reducing the capacity size of the hall.

Recycling in the Township



At the annual meeting the topic of recycling costs were discussed. The discussion centered on cost associated with the program and if the materials were actually being recycled. After discussing the program with West Central Sanitation, and putting the Town in contact with the company they use to sort the recycling (Dem-Con), it appears the materials that can be sorted and recycled are indeed recycled and used by industry's here in Minnesota. There are products in the recycling that are either contaminated or not useable as recycling and then have to be disposed of in landfills – but the vast majority of the recycling picked up in the Town is reused.

Dem-Con is the sorting company that the majority of the recycling goes to. Here is information relating to Dem-Con and how sorting of recycling happens.

<http://dcmrf.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgp6aJPAsFwNgJz15LX70Xg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEqEdydZQKI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cn9uDgzzbXU&t=12s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdqrdFSmzTo&t=9s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vq0kGyCVAY8&t=7s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHprEakTi5c>

Public Works

Public works will be working on asphalt overlay on part of 143rd St. Chipseal will be completed on 140th St. west and Franklin Ave. Shouldering of asphalt roads will be completed by fall. Graveling and tree/brush removal on 123rd St are completed. Gravel hauling will be completed mainly to those gravel roads north of 1-94/CR 75. It is scheduled to place approximately 8,000 yards of gravel. Chloride for stabilization and dust will be applied as soon as the contractor can get here (on his schedule). There are apron approach improvements off of CR 8, involving Ferman Ave, 134th, 140th and 90th St/Co Rd 106. The apron/approach onto the County road will be raised to allow a more flat approach to the county road – no more dips onto or off of the county road. This is being completed in conjunction with Wright Co Highway Department's resurfacing of CR 8 and 106. There are a number of dead end roads that public works will be graveling, also asphalt patching and other road repairs needed around the town. Gravel crushing will occur in late summer for use in 2021.

If you have questions or concerns – please contact any of the board members.

Notice – The use of Shipping Containers and Semi-Trailers for Storage

There seems to be more shipping containers and trailers used for storage around the Town. While containers can be used as temporary storage (short term, while building for example), they are not allowed under the County's land use or zoning ordinances.