

## ***Town Hall Rental***

Looking for a place to have a family reunion, graduation, small wedding, or just a get together?

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

## **Gravel Road Maintenance – Shoulder Disking & Grading**

Gravel road maintenance has started. In the early spring shoulder disking is required to throw into the roads center the gravel fines and rocks that migrate toward the shoulders from traffic and snow plowing. This practice saves gravel and the fines help hold the rock in the gravel mix. This practice also gets the grass and weeds that grow on the shoulder and moves them to the center of the road, which creates positive drainage off to the shoulder. Now those lumps of grass/weeds and gravel fines make for a rougher road surface. The grader then comes by and mixes them all together and lays the mix out as smooth as possible (still lumpy). The traffic then beats the material up (grass/weeds) disintegrating it and each time the road is graded after that, it gets smoother. This practice saves on gravel usage. Currently gravel roads require approximately 1,000 yards of gravel per mile (road width plays into that amount). The cost per mile for gravel and trucking is \$6,860. Adding chloride to the road for gravel stabilization adds an additional \$2,850 per mile (some roads get spot chloride treatments and some receive no chloride). Gravel hauling will start sometime in May, after road restrictions are off. Generally, 7,000 – 10,000 yards of gravel are hauled per season.

## **150<sup>th</sup> St West – Truck Stop Road**

The rebuilding of 150<sup>th</sup> St west to Grover Ave is progressing. The project plans were finalized and accepted by the State.

The bids were let out and will be accepted April 19<sup>th</sup>. After review and tabulations, a contractor will be selected. It's up to the contractor for a start date, as long as they meet the completion date in October.

This rebuild will bring it up to 10 ton standards as an asphalt road. Hopefully the weather cooperates and it'll be a quick process, with minimal inconveniences.

The road will be closed to all traffic, except to those who live on it.

## **March Township Annual Meeting**

The township annual meeting was attended by 46 residents. Thanks to those that attended. Those in attendance reviewed the financials presented and approved the levy at the same rate as previous years (\$790,000). Of that amount, \$645,000 is dedicated to the Road and Bridge account. The \$145,000 remainder goes to the General Fund. The board continues to receive requests for more road rebuilding/upgrading. Road maintenance expenses are increasing every year and the board continues to make decisions within the confines of the budget. A renewed focus will be on asphalt/hard surface maintenance, plans will be devised over the summer.