



# NEWSLETTER

2022



## SNOW SEASON IS UPON US

### Some Reminders on Orrock Township's Snow Removal Policy

- Operations will normally begin when a total accumulation of two inches or more and snow has stopped falling. Under certain circumstances, the Town Road Authority may dispatch equipment when these criteria have not yet been met.
- Plows will not be sent out when the safety of equipment operators is endangered.
- The Township is not responsible for: snow thrown into driveways or for damage done by thrown snow or equipment to items in the road right-of-way, including mailboxes, landscaping, fences, or any other object in the right-of-way.
- Please make sure the right-of-way is clear of all objects and obstructions. This will help with the timeliness of plowing and the safety of drivers and trucks.
- Please remove parked vehicles from the roadways during a snow event.
- The Town is responsible for approximately forty-five (45) miles of roadways. Do NOT attempt to stop snowplows to discuss your concerns with the operator.
- Concerns about the way the road is being plowed, delivery of ice control products or other comments should be directed to the Town's Road Authority. The current road authority is listed on the Contacts page of our website.
- Orrock Township's Snow Policy in its entirety is on our website at [Orrocktownship.com](http://Orrocktownship.com), or at Town Hall.

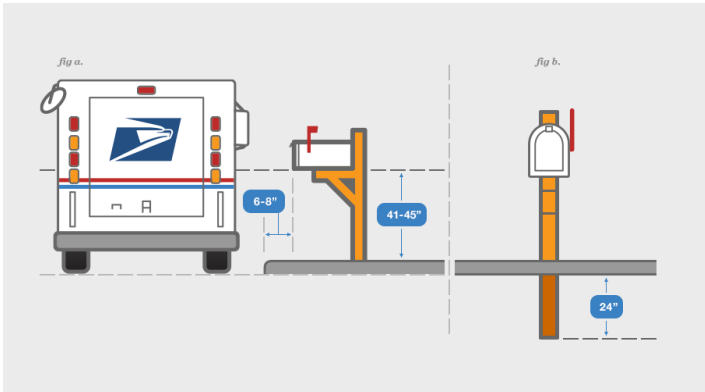
### 2022 ROAD PROJECTS

*Sections of roads in Pine Ridge Acres and Woodlands of Livonia 5<sup>th</sup> Addition (268<sup>th</sup> Ave, 147<sup>th</sup> St, 150<sup>th</sup> St and 271<sup>st</sup> Ave North of CR4 off CR1) and 262<sup>nd</sup> Ave (North of CR4) are planned to be overlaid.*

*Several roads are planned to be seal-coated.*

*Maps of the 2022 road projects are available at town hall and will be presented at the annual meeting.*





Mailboxes and support posts may be located within the Township right-of-way; however, the Township is not responsible for damage to mailboxes or posts during maintenance or snowplowing of the right-of-way. All mailbox supports must comply with Federal Highway Administration and Postal Service guidelines. Stone, masonry or other non-breakaway mailbox supports are not allowed within the Township right-of-way. Residents who live in cul-de-sacs your mailboxes need to be placed before or after the entrance of the cul-de-sac. (Town ordinances: 20121114-1, 2016224.2 and 20160831)

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## 2022 ORROCK TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Township Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Orrock Town Hall.**

The annual meeting on Township Day is what really sets townships apart from other forms of local government. At this meeting, residents have a direct voice in how the township will be run and will vote on a variety of matters, including the amount you will pay in taxes in 2023. The elected officers will present a proposed budget and levy. The voters will discuss, provide input and vote on the 2023 levy.

All residents are encouraged to attend. This is YOUR meeting.

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## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING

Orrock Township will be receiving approximately \$411,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding. One of the permitted uses of this funding provides for improvements to township facilities to create more space, thus limiting the spread of the pandemic.

Orrock Township is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest township in Sherburne County and has the smallest meeting/election area of the ten townships in the county.

The Orrock Township Board has determined that the expansion of the town hall and the meeting/election area would best serve the current and future needs of the township. The timeline of the project is not yet finalized. More information will be presented at the Township Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

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## ORROCK TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATIONS

The Town maintains a website to assist in the communication of Town business with its residents and utilizes email to communicate in a timely manner. It is the Board's desire to ensure information distributed through these channels are properly utilized, information presented on the website is accurate and authorized by the Town Board. The website is [OrrockTownship.com](http://OrrockTownship.com). A link to township contacts can be found on the Contacts page of the website.

*(Orrock Township Web and Content Policy – Adopted May 29, 2019)*

# IMPORTANT DATES

## UPCOMING MEETING DATES

February 23 @ 7PM  
March 8 @ 7PM Annual Meeting  
March 23 @ 7PM  
April 6 @ 4PM Local Board of Appeal  
and Equalization  
April 27 @ 7PM  
May 25 @ 7PM  
June 22 @ 7PM  
July 27 @ 7PM  
August 24 @ 7PM  
September 28 @ 7PM  
October 26 @ 7PM

## SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**  
**RECYCLE DAY**

**Tuesday, August 9, 2022**  
**PRIMARY ELECTIONS**  
**7:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022**  
**GENERAL ELECTIONS &**  
**TOWN BOARD ELECTIONS**  
**7:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

*NOTE - Should you wish to be placed on a future agenda, contact the Township Clerk no later than TEN (10) DAYS prior to the meeting, at which you wish to address the Township Board.*

## **Mid-Term Elections will be held this year with an Opportunity to Serve Your Community!**

Orrock Township residents will be electing Town Board members and the Town Treasurer on November 8, 2022. A total of five positions will be on the November ballot. Three Supervisor seats and the Treasurer position will be on the ballot for new four-year terms. One interim Supervisor position will also be on the ballot for a two-year term.

Town supervisors are charged with the duty to make decisions on behalf of the Township and have the responsibility to see the Town fulfill its duties to the State and to the Town residents. A Town treasurer is mostly responsible for properly handling and accounting for the town's funds. The treasurer keeps a register of all demands for payment made to the Town and of all checks the Town issues. The primary duties of the treasurer are listed in Minn. Stat. § 367.16

To be eligible to run for Town office you must be: An eligible voter, a filed candidate for only one position at the same election, at least 21 years of age at the time of assuming office and a resident of the Township for at least 30 days before the election. Board members should have sufficient time throughout the year to attend meetings, listen to concerned residents, serve on various committees, attend training sessions to learn and remain current on the duties of office. Treasurer candidates should have approximately 30 hours per month to fulfill the duties of the office.

For information on absentee ballot casting, voter registration and other election questions, visit the Minnesota State Auditor website: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>

***Residents interested in serving on the Orrock Board or being the treasurer should watch local papers and our website for filing information or contact the clerk's office.***



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**Recipient Name**

Street Address

City, ST ZIP Code