



NEWSLETTER



2024

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, underground sprinkler systems or any other object in the right-of-way.
- Please make sure the right-of-way is clear of all objects and obstructions – including trash receptacles. 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-seven (47) 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 or the Township Clerk. 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, or at Town Hall.

Snow Plowing Across Roads

Do not deposit snow from your driveway and around your mailbox into the Township's road right-of-way. The removal of snow in this manner is a hazard for road travelers, snow removal contractors and is in violation MN Statute 160.2715a1. It is unlawful to push or plow snow into or across any public road. When clearing snow from your driveways, snow must be directed onto your own property.

Please clear 10' before your driveway – 10' off the road edge AND 10' after your driveway – 10' off the road edge.

2024 ROAD PROJECTS OVERLAY AND PAVING

*161st Street NW from cul-de-sac
to 255th Ave. NW*

*162nd Street NW from cul-de-sac
to 255th Ave. NW*

*255th Ave. NW from 164th Street
NW to cul-de-sac*

*180th Street NW from 263rd Ave.
NW to cul-de-sac*

*Maps of the 2024 road projects
are available at town hall, on our
website and will be presented at
the annual meeting.*



MAILBOX POLICY



It is the policy of Orrock Township that the standard construction for supporting mailboxes is to be the swing-away mailbox support. Due to difficulties with snow removal and right-of-way maintenance posed by mailboxes in cul-de-sacs, mailboxes should not be installed within the cul-de-sac, but should be placed in the main road before it enters the cul-de-sac. Neither Orrock Township nor its contractors, officers or agents are liable for damage to a mailbox not installed with a swing-away mailbox support meeting the requirements of the mailbox policy.

Swing-away mailbox supports are available for purchase by residents for use on town roads. Hardware cost from Orrock Township: \$102.00 (includes inground post, mailbox post, mailbox wood mount plate and necessary hardware). MAILBOX ITSELF IS NOT INCLUDED.

(Orrock Township Mailbox Policy: 20220502)

WINTER PARKING

Residents are reminded to remove parked vehicles from the roadways during the winter months. According to Orrock Township's Winter Parking Ordinance, it is unlawful to stop or park any commercial motor vehicle, other motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer or other object upon any portion of a town road right-of-way between November 1st and April 15th. Any vehicle or parts thereof left on any road, street, highway or thoroughfare in the Township in such a way as to impede the performance of any Town, City, County and/or State snowplow will be subject to the penalty provision of this Ordinance.

(Town ordinance: 20141219 - Winter Parking Ordinance)

E911/FIRE SIGNS

E911/Fire Signs assist your personnel/vehicles, in finding your at the entrance to your home, (3') but not more than eight feet the post needs to be between four signpost in a manner where the sign from either side of your driveway.



free of charge, posts and mounting hardware are also available for \$10. Replacement signs can be purchased for \$45, by contacting the Clerk. clerk@orrocktownship.com

visitors and emergency home. The signpost needs to be installed, business or building, at least three feet (8') from the road edge. The height of feet (4') and five feet (5'). Install the face can be seen by vehicles approaching The first sign is provided to our residents

LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization has been set for Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 at 4:00 pm at the Orrock Town Hall. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Contact Orrock Town Hall if you have any questions.

2024 ORROCK TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Township Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024 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 2025. The elected officers will present a proposed budget and levy. The voters will discuss, provide input and vote on the 2025 levy.

Why you should attend

Learn how the 2023 Levy was spent

Review a 2025 Levy

Electors approve the proposed 2025 levy

Levy is certified to Sherburne County by September 30th.

All residents are encouraged to attend.

This is **your** Annual Meeting, **your** opportunity to determine how **your** local tax dollars will be spent.

ORROCK TOWN HALL OPEN HOUSE TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 – 5PM-7PM

The Orrock Township Board of Supervisors invites you to join in celebrating the official opening of the new Town Hall.

At the 2023 Annual Town Meeting, the citizens voted to approve the building of a new town hall on the existing site at a maximum cost of \$823,000.00. The estimated final cost of the project is approximately \$760,000.00. The financing for the town hall project is from ARPA funds in the amount of \$411,229.06, existing Capital Funds in the amount of \$212,291.68 and a one-time 2024 levy shift from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Capital Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00. There are no tax increases due to the building project, as the electorate voted to shift, for one year, \$200,000.00 in levy funds from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Capital Fund, thereby not increasing the levy with respect to the town hall.

The beautiful, yet cost-effective building, will serve residents long into the future.

Come tour the town hall and join the celebration!



IMPORTANT DATES

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

January 24 @ 7PM
February 28 @ 7PM
March 12 @ 7PM Annual Meeting
March 27 @ 7PM
April 10 @ 4PM Local Board of Appeal and
Equalization
April 24 @ 7PM
May 22 @ 7PM
June 26 @ 7PM
July 24 @ 7PM
August 28 @ 7PM
September 25 @ 7PM
October 23 @ 7PM
November 20 @ 7PM
December 18 @ 7PM

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST

Saturday, May 18 – RECYCLE DAY
(Postcards will be mailed out)

Tuesday, March 5, 2024
PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY
7:00 AM-8:00 PM

Tuesday, August 13, 2024
PRIMARY ELECTIONS
7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, November 5, 2024
**GENERAL ELECTIONS &
TOWN BOARD ELECTIONS**
7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board is held at 7:00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month, EXCEPT for the November and December 2024 meetings, which will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month. All meeting dates are posted in the Town Hall outdoor posting board, inside the Town Hall and on our website.

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 be placed on the Township Board agenda.

ORROCK TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATIONS

The Board maintains a website to assist in communicating Town business to its residents. The board wants to ensure that residents have the information they want and that the information that is presented is correct and accurate. The Board's website is at www.orrocktownship.com. On the home page you will find contact links to township supervisors, town clerk and town treasurer and other important information. The Board welcomes your input on its communication efforts. Please let us know if there is additional information that you would like to have available or if you have suggestions for improving our communications outreach.

Orrock Township Needs You!

To Be an Election Judge

Rewarding Opportunity to Serve Your Community

- ✓ Earn Extra Income OR Volunteer Your Time
- ✓ Perform an Important Civic Function
- ✓ Play a Vital Role in Election History
- ✓ Meet Your Neighbors

If you are interested in serving as an election judge, visit our website www.orrocktownship.com for an application or contact:

Chris Weber - clerk@orrocktownship.com or call 763-263-6411

2024 Township Elections will be held this year with an Opportunity to Serve Your Community!

Orrock Township residents will be electing two Town Board members and a Town Clerk on November 5, 2024. A total of three positions will be on the November ballot for four-year terms.

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 clerk performs a variety of duties for the township, including: keeping meeting minutes; providing notice of meetings; filing and preserving the town's records; and serving as the chief election officer for the town. The primary duties of the clerk are listed in Minn. Stat. § 367.11, but there are many other references to clerk's duties spread throughout the statutes, and the clerk frequently performs other tasks needed for the town to function effectively and efficiently.

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. Clerk candidates should have approximately 15-20 hours per week 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 clerk should watch local papers and our website for filing information or contact the clerk's office.



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