

Brockway Township
43710 85th Ave N.
Rice MN 56367

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Brockway Township Board

The current Township Board:

Supervisors:	David Friedrich, Chairman	393-2841	
	Duane Douvier	290-4853	
	George Fiedler	333-2509	
Clerk:	Connie Pesta	333-3860	pestaconnie@gmail.net
Treasurer:	Shannon Schroeder	267-0526	

Brockway Township's Annual Meeting Agenda for Tuesday March 11, 2014 8:30

P.M. is as follows:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Meeting Agenda
- Election of a Moderator
- Minutes of last Annual Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Road Report
- Stormwater Prevention Program Report
- Mulberry Meadows Status Report
- Set Levies for 2015
- Set time and place of next Annual Meeting
- Discuss Possible Purchase of Snow Equipment
- Other Business
- Report Annual Election Results
- Move to Adjourn/Recess

2014 BROCKWAY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Township Election: Tuesday March 11, 2014; 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting: Tuesday March 11, 2014; 8:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter

ADDRESS OF TOWN HALL: 43710 85th Ave. N., Rice, MN 56367 320-393-3770

Regular monthly meetings of the town board are held at 7:30 p.m. on the <u>second</u> Tuesday of the month.	Planning Commission meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the <u>last</u> Tuesday of the month.
<u>The Town hall is available for rent.</u> Please contact the Township Clerk at 320-333-3860	<u>Construction Site Permits.</u> Construction Site Permits must be signed by Supervisor George Fiedler 320-333-2509
<u>Mailbox Receptacle.</u> Please note that only mail that has been sent through the US Postal Service may be placed in the Township's mailbox receptacle.	<u>Our Website/Community Calendar.</u> Check it out at: www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com Email: pestaconnie@gmail.com with questions.
<u>Road Right-of-Way:</u> The Township does not allow landscape rocks in the road right-of-way. This includes rocks in and around culverts. Please contact the Zoning Administrator for specifications. 911 Signs: It is the residents' responsibility to notify the township if their 911 sign has been damaged or stolen. The township will order and install the sign but the cost is borne by the landowner.	<u>Snow and Ice on Township Roads.</u> It is illegal to deposit snow or ice onto public road right-of-ways. To do so is a misdemeanor under Minnesota Statutes Section 160.2715. Under the same statute, it is also illegal to plow, till, plant or perform any other detrimental operation within the road right-of-way except in the preparation of the land for planting permanent vegetative cover.

Annual Township Election Tuesday March 11, 2014

Location: Brockway Town Hall 43710 85th Ave N., Rice MN 56367

Voting Hours: 3:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Open Positions: Supervisor 3 year Term Clerk 2 year Term

Candidates Running for Re-Election: Supervisor Duane Douvier Clerk Connie Pesta

Board of Canvass will directly follow the Annual Meeting

Proposed Budget for the 2015 Levy to be adopted by The Electors at the Annual Meeting March 11, 2014

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
General/Revenue Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00 (same)
Road & Bridge Fund	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00 (same)
Snow Removal Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 95,000.00 (increase \$30,000 from last yr.)
Fire Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00 (same)
Cemetery Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0- (same)

Brockway Township Budget, Receipts, Disbursements for 2013

FUND	2013 BUDGET	2013 RECEIPTS	2013 DISBURSEMENTS
General/Revenue Fund	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 81,493.99	\$ 65,039.40
Road & Bridge Fund	\$400,000.00	\$411,703.52	\$340,834.86
Snow Removal Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,222.63	\$101,423.75
Fire Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,371.12	\$ 76,304.16
Cemetery Fund	\$ -0-	\$ 2,464.25	\$ 374.89

Brockway Township Planning Commission Year End Report

Again, the Planning Commission has had a very quiet year and met only when needed to keep costs down. This year the Planning Commission retired Mr. Alan Jacobson for which we thank him for his time and service. His contribution helped move a lot of items towards completion and we thank him for his assistance. Mr. Dan Warzecha is now our newest Planning Commissioner who has generously volunteered his time. The full Planning Commission is as follows: Mr. Larry Christman, Chair, Mr. Marvin Skwira, Vice Chair, and Mr. Dan Warzecha, Commissioner, Ms. Connie Pesta, Clerk and Ms. Bridget Chard, Administrator.

Activities this year included amendments to the P.C. Bylaws, and reviews of a shortened version of the Land Use Ordinance and a renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Stearns County. The Township held a Public Hearing on the Ordinance in December and changes are currently being made. A new MOU is in draft form and once the Ordinance is recorded, the final documents will go the County for approval by the Stearns County Board. The Township will continue to review land developments in the Township as well as land splits, certificates of surveys and issue certificates of conformity, sign off on construction site permits and feedlot permits and generally work with Stearns County on matters of interest to the Township.

The Planning Commission reviewed the following:

- ♦ Five (5) Preliminary and Final Plats and gave their recommendations to the Town Board who passed them along to Stearns County.
- ♦ In addition, they dealt with two (2) reclassification requests (which Stearns County did not approve),
- ♦ Two (2) one lot Plats and six (6) Administrative Lot Splits.

Finally, the total amount of permits issued by Stearns County, and the Certificates of Real Estate Value added to the Township are currently being tallied at this time and will be available at the Annual Meeting. The Township is growing steadily each year and yet, the character of the area remains rural, healthy and very pristine. The Township continues to be diligent in their efforts to provide the citizens the very best in services in the most cost efficient way. If you have any great ideas or ways to help your community, contact the Township and let the Supervisors know.

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The public is welcomed to attend all meetings.

Mailboxes need to be installed according to U.S. Postal Service Regulations or our snow plow operator is not responsible if it gets damaged. A link for the United States Postal Services Residential Mailbox Standards is: <http://www.usps.com/receive/mailboxstandards.htm>

MS4 Stormwater

Brockway Township has been a MS4 (Minnesota Separate Storm Sewer System) permittee since 2005. This means that the Township is required to implement and practice stormwater prevention practices to protect the Townships Rivers, wetlands and streams as well as any construction done on the land. Along with this, citizen education and outreach programs are used to inform and alert the township community about what they can do to protect their environment and make it healthier.

Last year, the Township announced in the March newsletter that that they were in the process of completing and implementing an Illicit Discharge Ordinance which is required under their permit. That Ordinance was finally approved in December of 2013 and will now be used for illegal discharges.

In addition, the Township is also moving forward with a stormwater page on the Township's website for the citizens of Brockway. It currently is being put together and should be completed sometime in the first part of April. This will have education, the annual MS4 audits, ordinances relevant to stormwater, a complaint section, phone numbers to reach and any workshops and opportunities to find grants and loans for repairs to your shoreline. The website address is www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com. You can click onto the stormwater link and find information there.

Finally, every five years, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), under the stormwater rules and regulations, requires MS4s to apply and update their Stormwater Pollution Prevention Programs (SWWPPP) for reauthorization under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination system (NPDES)/State Disposal System (SDS) for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit. The Township has completed an application and is awaiting the final stages to get a reissuance of their permit. There are a lot of areas of work that will need to be completed if this permit is granted. Ultimately, the work required will improve and achieve a more wholesome environment for the community to live and enjoy. Over the next year, check out the website and let the Township know if there are any further items that you may want to have added. The Township Board thanks you for your interest in this important project for our community.

Road & Bridge Road Projects, Repairs & Federal Sign Mandates

Again in 2013 the Brockway Town Boards main focus was the Township's Roads. Fourteen miles of crack filling was done in the spring of 2013. In August three miles of blacktop roads were milled up and new blacktop was put down on those roads. The road ditches were mowed along with two miles of brush and overhanging trees. A mainline culvert was replaced on 105th Ave N. Along with many roads having patchwork and repair work done. The Town Board continued the replacement of the required break-away stop sign posts and are approximately 75% completed.

Road work will continue to be an important focus for the Town Board. The board plans to overlay another 3-4 miles of roads this summer. The 2013 thru 2015 Road plan is located on the Township's Website @ www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com

On behalf of the Brockway Township Board of Supervisors we would like to thank all of the residents for attending this past year's meetings. The Board would also like to encourage residents to continue to contact them with any issues or concerns.