

Brockway Township
43710 85th Ave N.
Rice MN 56367

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Brockway Township Board

The current Township Board:

Supervisors:	George Fiedler, Chairman	333-2509	GeoFiedler@aol.com
	Duane Douvier	290-4853	
	Dan Warzecha	266-0129	
Clerk:	Connie Pesta	333-3860	pestaconnie@gmail.com
Treasurer:	Susie Goodew		

Brockway Township's Annual Meeting Agenda for Tuesday March 13, 2018 8:30

P.M. is as follows:

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Meeting Agenda
Election of a Moderator
Minutes from last Annual Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Road Report
MS4
Weed Control
Set Levies for 2019
Set time and place of next Annual Meeting
Motion to destroy ballots prior to 2016
Other Business
Report Annual Election Results
Move to Adjourn/Recess

2018 BROCKWAY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Township Election: Tuesday March 13, 2018; 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting: Tuesday March 13, 2018; 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 6:30 p.m. on the <u>second</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. <u>911 Signs:</u> 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 13, 2018

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- George Fiedler Clerk- Connie Pesta

Board of Canvass will directly follow the Annual Meeting

Proposed Budget for the 2019 Levy to be adopted by The Electors at the Annual Meeting March 13, 2018

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
General/Revenue Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00 (same)
Road & Bridge Fund	\$425,000.00	\$425,000.00 (same)
Snow Removal Fund	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00 (same)
Fire Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00 (same)
Cemetery Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0- (same)

Brockway Township Budget, Receipts, Disbursements for 2017

<u>FUND</u>	<u>2017 BUDGET</u>	<u>2017 RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2017 DISBURSEMENTS</u>
General/Revenue Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 92,776.09	\$ 68,548.55
Road & Bridge Fund	\$400,000.00	\$404,673.63	\$296,984.28
Snow Removal Fund	\$100,000.00	\$100,165.90	\$ 21,791.00
Fire Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,316.28	\$ 76,158.29
Cemetery Fund	\$ -0-	\$ 801.82	\$ 360.00

Right-Of-Way Use

One of the most important and common drainage structures needed for road maintenance is the roadside ditch. This practice of tilling and planting a crop in the road right-of-way causes erosion, blocks culverts, alters the flow of water, causes standing water, causes water to back up onto neighbor's property, and could cause water to run over the road. Costly repairs are then needed to fix the damage done by farming the road right-of-ways. The average cost to repair and restore township right-of-ways vary from \$11,000 to \$14,000 per ditch mile, per side of road, depending on the number of centerline culverts and the degree of ditch grade.

Minnesota law prohibits unauthorized use within a road right-of-way, and any person convicted of such violation could be guilty of a misdemeanor. Minn. Stat. § 160.2715 (a) (2) and (7) state in pertinent part as follows:

160.2715 RIGHT-OF-WAY USE; MISDEMEANORS.

(a) Except for the actions of the road authorities, their agents, employees, contractors, and utilities in carrying out their duties imposed by law or contract, and except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to:

(2) Plow or perform any other detrimental operation within the road right-of-way except in the preparation of the land for planting permanent vegetative cover or as authorized under section 160.232;

(7) obstruct any ditch draining any highway or drain any noisome materials into any ditch;

(b) Any violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

Please do not plant crops in the Township road ditches. To determine where the Right of way starts and stops, measure 33 feet on each side of the centerline and that's where the road right of way ends. Any landowner in violation will be notified by letter, if there is no action taken to correct the issue, the township board will hire a contractor to perform the work. The landowner will be invoiced and/or taxes may be assessed for the cost to put the road right-of-way back into working order pursuant to Town Ordinance and State law.

Please contact a Township Board Supervisor if you have any questions.

What Is an MS4

A Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is a conveyance or system of conveyances (roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, storm drains) that is designed or used for collection or conveying stormwater. **For Brockway Township this means; our ditches, culverts, stormwater ponds we manage, and new construction development.** For more details go to our website at www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com

Brockway Township Planning Commission Year End Report

The Brockway Town Board, in January of 2017 became the Town's Planning Commission through an Ordinance that was published in December 2016. There were five meetings held this past year and they were done on the same night as the Town Board meeting. This process facilitated the Applicants requests by being done on the same night and saved some costs. In addition, the Town Board Chair signed off a numerous construction site permits including many new homes as well as changes in feedlot permits.

The Brockway Town Board handled nine different projects from Boundary Line Adjustments, Preliminary and Final Plats and Reclassifications. In addition, they reviewed and revised some of their Ordinances and continue to do this on an ongoing basis. Towards the end of the year, they held a public hearing on the revisions to the Fee Schedule which began in January 2018. The activity has begun to pick up due to the more positive economic picture nationwide and expects the 2018 construction season to be very busy.

Planning Commission Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The public is welcomed to attend all meetings.

Stearns County and Brockway Ordinances

Did you know there is a Stearns County ordinance (#392) and a Brockway Township Ordinance (#2007, 05-22-07) that covers accumulations of garbage, used machinery, new and used building materials, old tires, and old cars/trucks, and miscellaneous junk on Brockway Township resident's property. These ordinances exist to keep our county and township looking good and to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the residents. These ordinances apply to all areas of Brockway Township. There are also corresponding Minnesota Statutes that give the County and Township the authority to enforce standards. The two applicable ordinances can be found on the Brockway Township and Stearns County websites.

2017 Road Report

2017 was a busy year with the road work completed on 115th Ave from County Road 131 South to St. Wendel Township. The Township was able to do brush and tree removal in several areas throughout the Township to keep the road right-of-ways clear and safe. Road Striping was completed on previously paved roads with the exception of 115th Ave. We would like to thank the residents for their patience and cooperation while these projects were going on. As always the Town Board appreciates the input from you, our residents, so please notify us of any problem areas that you are aware of.

Road work will continue to be an important focus of the Town Board in 2018. The Town Board is planning to do road work on 95th Ave South, Tallow Road and possibly 125th Ave. The Township will also focus on brush cutting, brush spraying, weed control and removing topsoil sediment from culverts and road ditches.

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.

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