

Brockway Township  
43710 85<sup>th</sup> Ave  
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	duanedouvier@gmail.com
	Terry Pogatchnik	293-2018	terrypbrinc@gmail.com
Clerk:	Connie Pesta	333-3860	pestaconnie@gmail.com
Treasurer:	Susie Goodew		

**Brockway Township's Annual Meeting Agenda for Tuesday March 10, 2020 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 2021  
Set time and place of next Annual Meeting  
Motion to destroy ballots prior to 2018  
Report Annual Election Results  
Other Business  
Move to Adjourn/Recess

# 2020 BROCKWAY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

**Township Election: Tuesday March 10, 2020; 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Annual Meeting: Tuesday March 10, 2020; 8:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter**

**ADDRESS OF TOWN HALL: 43710 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Rice, MN 56367 320-393-3770**

<p><b>Regular monthly meetings of the town board are held at 7:30 p.m. on the <u>third</u> Monday of the month.</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Commission meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the <u>third</u> Monday of the month.</b></p>
<p><b><u>The Town Hall is available for rent.</u></b> Please contact the Township Clerk at 320-333-3860</p>	<p><b><u>Construction Site Permits.</u></b> Construction Site Permits must be signed by Supervisor George Fiedler 320-333-2509</p>
<p><b><u>Mailbox Receptacle.</u></b> Please note that <b>only</b> mail that has been sent through the US Postal Service may be placed in the Township's mailbox receptacle.</p>	<p><b><u>Our Website/Community Calendar.</u></b> Check it out at: <a href="http://www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com">www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:pestaconnie@gmail.com">pestaconnie@gmail.com</a> with questions.</p>
<p><b><u>Road Right-of-Way:</u></b> 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. <b><u>911 Signs:</u></b> It is the residents' responsibility to notify the township if their 911 sign has been damaged or stolen. The township will order and can install the 911 sign but the cost is borne by the landowner.</p>	<p><b><u>Snow and Ice on Township Roads.</u></b> 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.</p>

## Annual Township Election Tuesday March 10, 2020

**Location: Brockway Town Hall 43710 85<sup>th</sup> 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 2021 Levy to be adopted by The Electors at the Annual Meeting March 10, 2020

	<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
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	\$ 85,000.00 (\$5,000 increase)
Cemetery Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0- (same)

# Brockway Township Budget, Receipts, Disbursements for 2019

<u>FUND</u>	<u>2019 BUDGET</u>	<u>2019 RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2019 DISBURSEMENTS</u>
General/Revenue Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 91,309.34	\$ 75,239.40
Road & Bridge Fund	\$400,000.00	\$428,669.46	\$556,390.04
Snow Removal Fund	\$100,000.00	\$100,603.68	\$ 74,265.91
Fire Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,201.71	\$ 79,881.98
Cemetery Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 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](http://www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com)

## **2019 Brockway Township Planning Commission Year End Report**

Brockway Township continues to contract with Hometown Planning for zoning administration services. However, the new point of contact is Ben Oleson. For inquiries regarding development applications, right-of-way permits, or any land use requests, please contact Mr. Oleson at 320-759-1560 or email: [oleson@hometownplanning.com](mailto:oleson@hometownplanning.com).

In 2109, the Brockway Township Board of Supervisors amended the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance to clarify that construction site permits are valid for one year after construction has begun and that stormwater management/MS4 permits are applicable to development or redevelopment of one acre or more according to the requirements of Brockway Township Ordinance #12. Brockway Township also adopted a Snowplowing and Sanding Policy. Township ordinances are available for viewing on the Township website: <https://brockwaytownship.govoffice.com/>

The Township Planning Commission and Town Board reviewed and provided recommendations to Stearns County on permitting for two preliminary plats, one final plat, and five administrative subdivisions.

Regular Planning Commission meeting dates have been changed starting in April 2020 to be held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm followed by Town Board meetings at 7:30 pm. All meetings are open to the public.

### **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.

### **2019 Road Report**

Milling and repaving were completed on the following roads in 2019, 95th Ave south of CR 17, 421st Street east to CR 2, 110th Ave, Wildlife Ct, Beehive Ct and 300 feet of 115th Ave north of CR 17. Ditch cleaning and culverts were replaced on 115th Ave 125th. Approximately 30 miles of road road-right of way were sprayed for noxious weeds and brush. Repairs were started on the township boat landing and will be completed with a new concrete pad and final grading in 2020.

Road striping will be completed on previously paved roads and roads paved in 2020. As always, thank you for your patience during these projects.

**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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