

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	393-4991	
	George Fiedler	333-2509	
Clerk:	Connie Pesta	333-3860	pestaconnie@gmail.net
Treasurer:	Mary Wallenstein	253-9634	

Brockway Township's Annual Meeting Agenda for March 12, 2013 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
Website Update
Mulberry Meadows Status Report
Set Levies for 2014
Set time and place of next Annual Meeting
Other Business
Report Annual Election Results
Move to Adjourn/Recess

Annual Township Election March 12, 2013

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

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

Board of Canvass will directly follow the Annual Meeting

2013 BROCKWAY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Township Election: Tuesday March 12, 2013; 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting: Tues March 12, 2013; 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.
The Town hall is available for rent. Please contact the Township Clerk at 320-333-3860	Construction Site Permits must be signed by Supervisor George Fiedler 320-333-2509
Mailbox Receptacle. Please note that only mail that has been sent through the US Postal Service may be placed in the Township's mailbox receptacle.	Our Website has been updated. Including a Community Calendar. Check it out at: www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com Email: pestaconnie@gmail.com
Road Right-of-Way: 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.	Snow and Ice on Township Roads. 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.

Treasurer's Retirement

After more than twenty years of service to Brockway Township, Ms. Mary Wallenstein, your Township Treasurer has decided that she will be retiring in March after the annual election. Mary has been the Treasurer for a number of years, she has given willingly of her time to help in many ventures including Recycle Day, the Mississippi River Renaissance Project, working on the Opole Subordinate Service District, and the housekeeping and cleaning of the Town Hall. The Brockway Township Board of Supervisors and the residents of Brockway Township will miss her smile and gentle laugh. We wish her well in her retirement and thank her for her many years of service to this community.

Mulberry Meadows Status

During this past year, there has been much discussion regarding the status of the Mulberry Meadows centralized wastewater treatment system owned by the Developer. Currently the system is not compliant with it's MPCA permit. The County has brought suit against the MPCA, the Developer, the Township and the Mulberry Meadows Residents in the hope of using the legal system to find a resolution of the outstanding issues. The Township is being represented by an attorney appointed by and paid for by their insurance carrier and the residents have retained an attorney to represent their interests.

There has been some movement towards resolving the issues relating to the sewer system. The County, in consultation with the Developer and the Township, has retained experts to advise the parties on the current status of the system and what may need to be modified to meet MPCA compliance goals. The engineer's report is expected in May. It is anticipated that the parties will use the report's findings to find a resolution of the outstanding issues relating to this sewer system. The Township sincerely hopes that 2013 may give some final answers to this situation.

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>

Stormwater

As you know, Brockway Township has been an MS4 (Minnesota Stormwater) permittee for a number of years. We came under the MPCA (MN Pollution Control Agency) jurisdiction a number of years ago as a small municipality for stormwater due to the proximity of Sartell and their stormwater influence. Therefore, Brockway Township is required to submit an annual report on our stormwater activities annually. To date, the Township has compiled a map of stormwater devices and detention ponds in the township that is our responsibility and we also work closely with Stearns County when there is a multiple-lot Plat in our jurisdiction. Annually, we have brochures available at monthly meetings for rain barrels, the Mississippi River Renaissance Project activities and other practices that you can do to keep the waters of the Township clean and free from hazardous substances. We have had three Recycle Days in the past four years and will ask the residents if there is interest this year. Numerous brochures will be available at the Annual Meeting to take and use.

This past fall, the MPCA has requested that all MS4 permittees must have an Illicit Discharge Ordinance for each political subdivision. Stearns County has a draft Ordinance and while we thought that we would be covered under their Ordinance, the Township must now have their own. Therefore, in the next few months an Ordinance will be drafted and there will be a Public Hearing on the Ordinance. The notice will be published once legally, posted on the Town Board and posted on the website at www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com. A Public Hearing will be held to take comment on the proposed Ordinance and to solicit input for any changes that the community might have. So look for this in the spring of this year and please try to attend. Public input is important to keep the community informed and to help people understand what is needed to keep your township safe and a great place to live

Brockway Township Planning Commission Year End Report

This was a fairly quiet year for the Planning Commission. The Commission is only a three member Board consisting of Mr. Larry Christman, Chair, Mr. Allan Jacobson, Vice Chair and Mr. Marvin Skwira, Commissioner. Ms. Connie Pesta is the Commission Secretary and Ms. Bridget Chard is the Zoning Administrator working with the Commission. This year the Planning Commission worked only when they needed trying to keep the budget costs down. A breakdown of the activities in the Township are listed below.

There were 38 mixed use permits issued in 2012. The breakout is:

- 10 Dwellings with and without garages
- 11 Pole sheds and/or additions
- 8 Decks and additions
- 3 additions to homes / sheds
- 2 large accessory structures

The total amount for the cost of identified permits was \$6,600.00 and these permits are issued by Stearns County. Certificates of Real Estate Value in the Township, meaning sales and purchases of property, added up to a value in the Township of some \$7,675,162.00. There were four Construction Short Form Permits issued for Agricultural work and two variances were permitted in the Shoreland zone by the County. In addition, the Planning Commission reviewed and made recommendations for the following:

- Eight Land Splits with Certificates of Conformity
- Four Preliminary and Final Plats consisting of one-four lots each
- One Re-plat for four lots

Finally, the Planning Commission and Town Board have been working on the update to the Memorandum of Understanding and Land Use Ordinance. This will take precedent in 2013 and it is hoped that it will be completed by spring construction.

If you have a question or need to understand planning and zoning, feel free to attend the Planning Commission meetings held on the last Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The public is invited to attend the Planning Commission meetings.

Brockway Township Budget, Receipts, Disbursement for 2012

FUND	2012 BUDGET	2012 RECEIPTS	2012 DISBURSEMENTS
General/Revenue Fund	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 93,803.99	\$ 79,949.90
Road & Bridge Fund	\$325,000.00	\$358,202.48	\$442,411.84
Snow Removal Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 63,641.42	\$ 34,420.00
Fire Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 78,630.61	\$ 78,193.37
Cemetery Fund	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,214.31	\$ 438.75

Proposed Budget for the 2014 Levy to be adopted by The Electors at the Annual Meeting March 12, 2013

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
General/Revenue Fund	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Road & Bridge Fund	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00 (same)
Snow Removal Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00 (same)
Fire Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00 (same)
Cemetery Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0- (same)

Road & Bridge – Road Projects, Repairs and the New Federal Sign Mandates

The Brockway Town Boards main focus in 2012 was the Township's Roads. This busy work started in the spring of 2012 with approximately 14 ½ miles of crack filling that was done. Some of the maintenance work done over the summer included: repair work to 125th Ave (N) of Opole, 95th Ave and Xenia Rd. Patchwork on 115th Ave, 85th Ave, 411th St, 105th Ave, 440th, 56th St and Tallow Road. Culvert work and blacktop on 105th Ave. Shoulder and approach work on 125th Ave & River St. The sinkhole on River St was repaired as was the rise in the blacktop on 380th. Shoulder work was done on 411th St, 95th Ave, 100th Ave, 56th St, and 65th St. Shouldering was also done in Zwacks Addition and Rockline Addition. Also a number of approaches were repaired.

The overlay work that was done over the summer was completed by Knife River. Three and a half miles of overlay was done on the following roads; 390th Street, 55th Ave, 115th Ave and 125th Ave.

The Town Board started the replacement of the required break-away stop sign posts. In 2012, 188 of 256 sign posts were replaced. The remaining 68 posts will be replaced this spring and summer.

Road work will continue to be an important focus for the Town Board. The board plans to overlay another 3-5 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 and the Board would like to encourage you to continue to contact the Board with any issues or concerns that you have.