

Brockway Township  
43710 85<sup>th</sup> 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	GeoFiedler@aol.com
Clerk:	Connie Pesta	333-3860	pestaconnie@gmail.net
Treasurer:	Becky McGowan	224-9155	

**Brockway Township's Annual Meeting Agenda for Tuesday March 10, 2015 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
- Stormwater Prevention Program Report
- Mulberry Meadows Status Report
- Set Levies for 2015
- Set time and place of next Annual Meeting
- Other Business
- Report Annual Election Results
- Move to Adjourn/Recess

# 2015 BROCKWAY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

**Township Election: Tuesday March 10, 2015; 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Annual Meeting: Tuesday March 10, 2015; 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>second</u> Tuesday of the month.</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Commission meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the <u>last</u> Tuesday 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 only 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 install the 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, 2015

**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

**Candidates Running for Re-Election:** Supervisor George Fiedler

**Board of Canvass will directly follow the Annual Meeting**

### Proposed Budget for the 2016 Levy to be adopted by The Electors at the Annual Meeting March 10, 2015

	<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	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00 (same)
Fire Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00 (same)
Cemetery Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0- (same)

## **Brockway Township Budget, Receipts, Disbursements for 2014**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>2014 BUDGET</b>	<b>2014 RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2014 DISBURSEMENTS</b>
General/Revenue Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 88,607.98	\$ 76,150.31
Road & Bridge Fund	\$400,000.00	\$394,611.21	\$360,631.63
Snow Removal Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 64,192.82	\$ 99,510.12
Fire Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 79,047.85	\$ 77,035.69
Cemetery Fund	\$ -0-	\$ 1,607.83	\$ 360.00

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

The Brockway Planning Commission consists of three landowners in the Township. For the year 2015, they are Mr. Larry Christman, Mr. Marvin Skwira and Mr. Dan Warzecha.

These Commissioners serve to review developments in the Township when they come in and to review Ordinances and to make recommendations to the Town Board with regards to those developments, any fees, and other possible regulatory mechanisms.

This year the Planning Commission reviewed one Reclassification, three Preliminary Plats and Final Plats, and six Administrative Subdivision Land Splits for various reasons. Reviews were done with some clarifications and cleanup work which helped the Applicants to move more quickly through the County process.

The Planning Commission chose to only have work meeting when there was work to be done and therefore, they kept the costs down this year from twelve meetings to five meetings.

The Township Land Use Ordinance No, 3 has now been approved and is in the process of recording, and the Memorandum of Understanding has been completed. When the Ordinance is in place, the next step to complete the work with Stearns County is to submit the documents for final signatures. It is anticipated that this work will be done by the end of March. In addition, the Road and Access Ordinance and application are on the website, as is the Stormwater page. Go to [www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com](http://www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com)

For Row Ordinance and Development Applications contact Zoning Administrator Bridget Chard at 218-839-4576 or email [bchard@brainerd.net](mailto:bchard@brainerd.net).

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.

To the Planning Commissioners, thank you for your service!

### **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)

## **Mulberry Meadows Update**

In Mid-2014, the Brockway Town Board of Supervisors was notified that they were dismissed from the lawsuit at Mulberry Meadows.

The issue is being resolved by the creation of a new Homeowner's Association to manage the system. There were a number of landowners placed on individual wastewater treatment systems so that the older system can be repaired and managed under a Stearns County Permit.

At this time, Stearns County is taking the lead in completing the necessary steps to help the landowners regain a whole and environmentally friendly system.

Brockway Township is no longer involved but has asked that the County keep them informed with the status of the present system.

## **2014 Road Report**

The Brockway Town Boards main focus again this past year was the Township's Roads. In 2014 the Brockway Town Board had the road ditches cut, along with some of the smaller brush in different areas of the township where it was restricting vision along roads and intersections. There were also larger trees trimmed back from the road right-of-ways along 3 miles of road. In 2014 approximately 14 miles of crack filling was also done.

For several years the roads in Brockway Township had been neglected and were in very poor shape. The last 4 years the Town Board has worked to get a handle on this issue and to get the roads back to being safe to travel on. In 2014, 3 miles of roads were reclaimed and new blacktop put down. After researching different options it was more cost effective to reclaim roads verses overlaying them. This seems to make a better road and travel surface.

Road work will continue to be an important focus of the Town Board in 2015. The 2013 thru 2015 Road plan is located on the Township's Website @ [www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com](http://www.brockwaytownship.govoffice.com)

### **Special Note:**

**The Brockway Township Board would like to thank Pat Smoley for his years of service as Road Boss for the Township. We wish him well in his retirement.**

**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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