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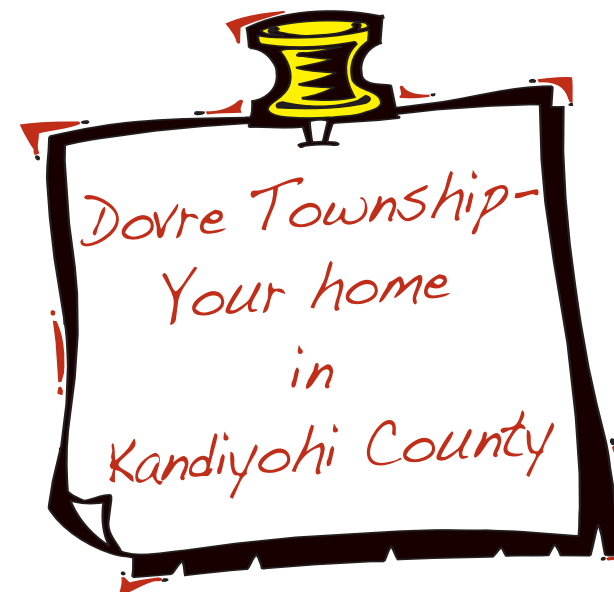
FEBRUARY 2015

Dovre Township Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 10th

Dovre Township will be holding its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm at the Dovre Town Hall.

The proposed Annual Meeting agenda is on the right.

Make plans to attend!



AGENDA FOR DOVRE ANNUAL MEETING

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Nomination and election of Moderator
- Reading of and approval of Minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Board of Audit Report

— Old Business

- Road Assessments

— New Business

- Road Report • Fire Report

— Other:

Proposed Budget for 2016 —

- Fire Protection • General Fund • Road & Bridge • LGA
- TOTAL**

Proposed Levy for 2016 —

- Amount to be levied for General Budget
 - Estimated Miscellaneous Income -
 - Town Road Account Funds -
- TOTAL**

- Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Gopher Bounty (Currently \$2.50/gopher)
- Bank Depository – Heritage Bank
- Town Hall Rental Fees (Currently \$25)
- Board Member Salaries and Mileage Reimbursement Rate
- Culverts/ Aprons (Current policy: Town ship pays half plus 10% handling fee)
- Solicitation Requests -
- Posting of Official Notices
- Regular Town Board Meeting Schedule
- Next Annual Meeting – March 8, 2016 7pm Dovre Town Hall
- Other new business

Dovre Township Submits Grant Proposal for a Backage Road

On January 2, 2015 Dovre Township submitted a grant application to MnDOT's Local Road Improvement Program for \$462,110 to help fund a backage road in the Sunray Square area. The improvements proposed should improve traffic flow problems, by directing commercial traffic out of the residential area. The upgrades are part of the MnDOT long term road plan for the area.

— Beth Johnston

Driveway Permits in Dovre Townshp

Permits can be obtained from Township officers and NO work shall be done on the road right-of-way until an entrance permit is approved. Culvert, if needed, can be picked up at County Highway Maintenance Department. A permit form signed by a township officer must be presented to obtain the culvert. The township will pay for half the cost of purchasing the culvert plus a 10% handling fee. No payment is made for installation.



Dovre Town Board:

- Mark Olson, Chair 320-231-1233
- Marie Ostby..... 320-235-2070
- Beth Johnston..... 320-231-1703
- Rob Orsten 320-894-5286
- Keith Quale..... 320-235-6236
- Jennifer Lownsbury, Treasurer 320-295-6369
- Pat Jacobs, Clerk 320-235-2015

Dovre supervisors pictured are (front - left to right): Beth Johnston, Mark Olson, Marie Ostby and (back - left to right): Robert Orsten and Keith Quale.

Town Hall Available

The Dovre Town Hall is available for rent. The rental charge is \$25 per use. Contact Pat Jacobs, Clerk at 320-235-2015 to reserve the hall.



Fire and Ambulance Service:

Dovre Township residents have fire protection from three fire departments: Willmar, Spicer, and Pennock. The township has ambulance service from two ambulance service providers: New London and Willmar. Calling 911 will automatically get the correct units to your residence.



Newsletter

If you, or someone you know, has a story to share or photos of a place or event in Dovre Township, feel free to submit it for the next "Dovre Newsletter" publication. Contact:

Pat Jacobs, Clerk
2196 66th Ave. NE
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320-235-2015



Town Board Opening

Positions currently held by Mark Olson and Keith Quale will be up for re-election to a six year term in November 2016.

The filing period will be posted and advertised in the Summer of 2016.



Reminder:

It is unlawful to store an unlicensed motor vehicle outside of an enclosed building.



Shooting Stars 4-H Club, left to right: Carol Radtke, Key Leader; Madison Radtke, President; Austin Bengston, Treasurer; Hattie Herem, Historian; Jaden Swanson, Officer at Large; Alex Suchy, Historian; Alex Sand, Reporter; Luke Ruter, Officer at Large and Belle Sand, Vice President. Not pictured Mackenzie Moist, Secretary.

Join 4-H: Something for Everyone!

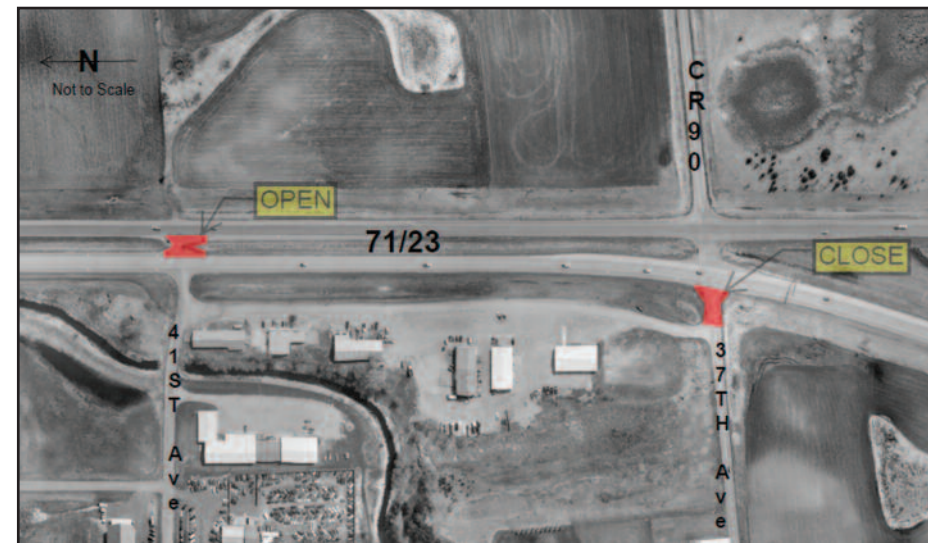
The Shooting Stars 4-H Club meets at the Dovre Town Hall the 4th Sunday of the month at 6pm. 4-H prepares youth to learn and lead in their school, college, communities and careers. Families are encouraged to participate together. 4-H is youth directed and adult supported.

For more information contact leader Carol Radtke at 320-599-4142 or Krista Lautenschlager, 4-H Program Coordinator at 320-231-7890



Dovre Town Board Meetings

The Dovre Town Board meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The town board does not meet in December. All meetings are at the Dovre Town Hall located at the intersection of Hwy 5 and County Road 27 north of Willmar (3077 Cty Road 27).



Roads! Roads! Roads!

On December 10, 2014 Dovre Township heard requests from several business owners to re-open the median at 41st Avenue NE along Highway 71. Direct access to these businesses is presently limited to southbound traffic only. North and south access to businesses from Highway 71 would benefit the businesses in that area and it would arguably improve traffic flow and safety as well. Discussion included the sentiment that traffic safety would be improved if the west leg of 37th Avenue was closed to all traffic: north, south and crossover traffic. After the meeting, township officials met with representatives from MnDOT to explore these options. Before pursuing any further action, the Town Board needs to determine whether there is public support for taking these steps.

The re-opening of 41st Avenue and the closing of 37th Avenue will be discussed at the Annual Meeting March 10 at 7:00 pm. All persons interested are welcome to attend. Comments may be made directly to supervisors or in writing as well.

In Memory of Richard Swenson

Dovre Town Supervisor, Richard Swenson passed away on October 22, 2014. Richard served on the town board from 2005 to 2014. The board will plant a maple tree in his memory at the Town Hall in the Spring of 2015. Richard devoted a great deal of time and energy to serving the residents of Dovre Township. He represented the township at the Pennock and Spicer Fire Department meetings and also responded to many road questions and concerns for the board. Richard was on the November 2014 ballot for re-election to a two year term as supervisor. The Board appointment committee named Keith Quale as supervisor to fill the term vacated by Richard Swenson for 2015 and 2016.



Road Maintenance

A major responsibility of the Town Board is to ensure that the township roads are kept in good condition.

The summer of 2014 brought multiple wash outs. Repairs were made to sinkholes/washouts in Horizon Hills (that one made the front page of the West Central Tribune!), 41st St. (Sunray Addition), Long Lake Road, etc. Township supervisors conduct a spring road inspection to identify areas needing attention and ensure that road signs remain in usable condition.

The application of chlorate to gravel roads helps to reduce dust but also preserves the gravel on the roads.

The township contracts with Kandiyohi County Highway Department for snow removal of township roads.



Safety

State law specifically declares it unlawful to place or maintain a building or structure in the right of way, place or maintain advertisement in the right of way, and to plow or perform other detrimental operation in the right of way. Minn. Stat. §160.2715. That statute also makes it unlawful to place a fence within a road right of way. Trees and decorative plantings are also unlawful to place in the right of way. The township is concerned when a land owner places an obstruction in the right of way. This is because someone could be injured as a result from obstructions in a right of way. The Town Board appreciates the efforts of residents to keep the right of way clear and safe.

