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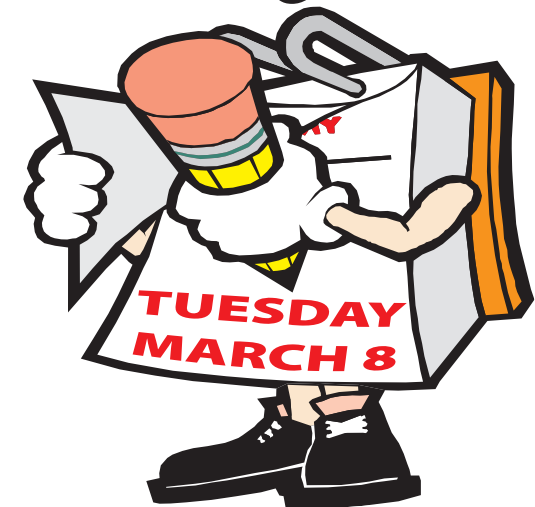
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MARCH 2016

## Dovre Township Annual Meeting

Dovre Township Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Dovre Town Hall.

A special meeting will be held immediately following the annual meeting for the purpose of setting a date for an improvement hearing regarding road alteration of 41st Avenue and 18th Street.



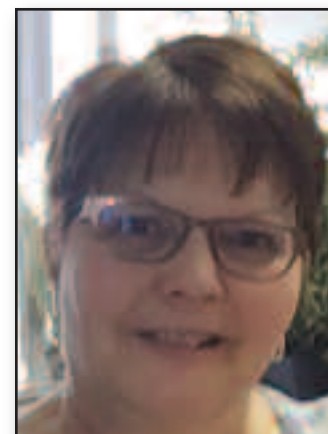
## 2016 is an Election Year

Dovre Township will elect two town board supervisors in November, 2016. The terms will be six years, from January 2017 to December 2022. The current supervisors in the terms are Keith Quale and Mark Olson. Interested candidates should file for election by contacting the Clerk during the filing period: August 2 to August 16, 2016 and by paying a filing fee of \$2.

**August 9, 2016... Primary Election**  
**November 8, 2016... Election Day**

### Election Judges Needed

Residents interested in serving as election judges should indicate interest at the caucus or by contacting the Clerk. Training is required and will be conducted in June/July, 2016.



### *Teren Novotny appointed Dovre Town Treasurer*

The Dovre Town Board appointed Teren Novotny as Town Treasurer effective 1/1/16. Teren replaces Jennifer Lownsbury. Thank you Jennifer for 10 years of service to the township as treasurer!

## Yuk...what stinks???

It might be the road. Or, rather, in at least one case, it was an oil seal applied last September to DeCathelon, King and Horseshoe Drives. Since asphalt oxidizes and wears out due to the freeze/thaw cycles, Dovre Township decided to try to extend some roads' lives with a sealant. The goal is to stop potholes, cracks, and deterioration. Since a mile of new asphalt costs about \$1 million, everyone should want the township's roads to last as long as possible. With this in mind, last summer Dovre Township hired a firm to apply an oil seal and preservation agent called RePlay to Horseshoe Drive and DeCathelon Drive. The product applied is safer for the environment than petroleum-based seals and has been tested with favorable results by MnDot. It all sounds good, and it is, but . . . it stinks (some people think)! Most people didn't notice or care about the temporary smell, but a few residents were affected by the odor. If you have breathing difficulties and would like to know when this type of product may be applied, please let the township know. There are no current plans to apply RePlay in the near future but we will try to keep any affected residents informed if we decide to seal some other roads.



## \$500,000 LRIP Grant Awarded

Dovre Township was awarded a \$500,000 Local Road Improvement Grant to help fund a backage road in the Sunray Square area from 41st Ave. to 18th St. Total project cost will be approximately \$700,000. Dovre Township will contribute some of the cost of this project. *Residents are encouraged to attend a special meeting on March 8th at 8:00 PM following the Annual Meeting.* The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss this project. Improvement hearings will be scheduled to keep residents informed.

## Dovre Town Board Meetings

The Dovre Town Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month excluding December, at 7 PM at the Dovre Town Hall. The Town hall is located at the intersection of Cty Road 27 and Hwy 5, north of Willmar.



## 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.



## Dovre Town Board:



Robert Orsten, Chair... 894-5286  
 Mark Olson..... 231-1233  
 Beth Johnston..... 231-1703  
 Marie Ostby ..... 235-2070  
 Keith Quale ..... 235-6236  
 Pat Jacobs, Clerk ..... 235-2015

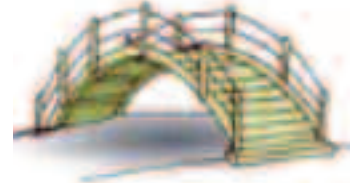
Teren Novotny, Treasurer  
*Dovre supervisors pictured are (front - left to right): Beth Johnston, Mark Olson, Marie Ostby and (back - left to right): Robert Orsten and Keith Quale.*



**Dovre Town Hall**

## Caution! Road Work Ahead!

In 2016 Midwest Asphalt Maintenance will be completing crack sealing on paved roads in Dovre Township. The work was not able to be completed in 2015 so will be completed in 2016 at 2015 rates. Town Supervisors will be completing an annual road inspection tour this spring to identify road issues needing attention. Please contact a supervisor to report problems with the roads or any signs on township roads.



## Richard Swenson Memorial Bridge



The Eagle Lake Association and the DNR are working together to install a walking bridge on DNR property on the South end of Eagle Lake. Dovre Township Supervisors have committed financial support to this project. The bridge will be named the *Richard Swenson Memorial Bridge* in honor of Eagle Lake resident and longtime Dovre Town Supervisor, Richard Swenson.

## Board of Equalization Meeting

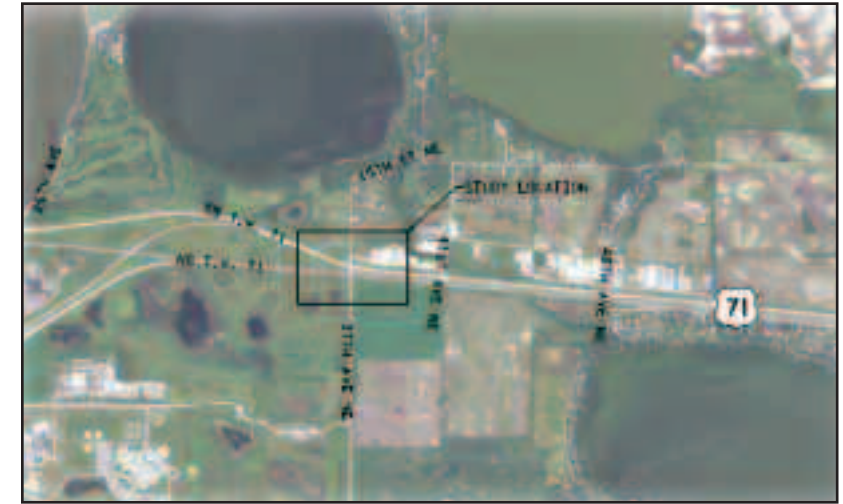
*Thursday, April 14, 2016 • 5:00-5:30 PM • Dovre Town Hall*

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of our property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

## Trunk Highway 71 & 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE)

Based on an unacceptable crash history over the past five years, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) identified a need to conduct an Intersection Traffic Control Evaluation study for the intersection of Trunk Highway 71 and County Road 90/37th Avenue. The intersection crash rate is in excess of 1.5 times the average statewide rate and is slightly higher than the critical crash rate. In addition, the intersection severity rate is nearly twice the statewide average. Over the next 20 years, traffic growth on TH 71 is expected to increase. The increase in vehicle traffic resulting from regional infrastructure and demographic changes will influence the long term operation of the existing TH 71/37th Avenue intersection. The study was guided by representatives from MnDOT District 8, MnDOT Metro District, City of Willmar, Dovre Township and Kandiyohi County.



To address the existing intersection safety issues and to preserve traffic mobility, a high level alternatives analysis was completed. The goal of the alternatives analysis is to define the engineering considerations, the impacts of each alternative, and the expected traffic operation and safety benefits. In addition, an economic analysis is completed for each preliminary alternative to help identify the most cost-beneficial solution.

As a result of the ICE study 4 possible alternatives were discussed. It was determined that the preferred alternative of the participants in the study, would result in an Offset T-Configuration with ¾ Access at 41st Avenue. The ¾ access intersection will prohibit east-bound and westbound crossing and left turn movements onto TH 71, and the northbound left turn movement to westbound 37th Avenue is removed. At 41st Avenue, a new northbound left turn lane and ¾ access intersection configuration will be constructed. Under this alternative, the proposed reconstruction of 41st Avenue and extension of 18th Street are assumed to be completed through the Dovre Township Local Road Improvement Project (LRIP) grant.



Although an intersection improvement project is not specifically programmed for this intersection, the recommendations from this ICE report can be used to solicit funding from various programs, such as the Highway Safety Improvement Program. Additional information included in the report can be obtained through the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

## Road Right of Way Safety

Usually a township right-of way is 33 feet on either side of the road measured from the centerline.

State statute 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.

Statute also makes it unlawful to place a fence within a 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 because one could be injured as a result.

The Town Board appreciates the efforts of residents to keep the right-of way clear and safe.