

**March 2019 Newsletter**  
**for**  
**Haverhill Township Residents**

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**2019 Levy:**

We're proposing a budget of \$26,000 general and \$215,000 for road and bridge. We are holding the budget for Capital Improvements at \$10,000. Law enforcement coverage went up a little bit to \$14,500. This gives a total budget of \$265,500. This is the budget for 2020 year.

This is the amount we'll be asking you to approve at the annual meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our fire protection costs are directly assessed; The West half of the township, with coverage by the Rochester Fire Department (RFD) costs \$79,186. The NE quarter of the township is covered by the Elgin Fire Department at a cost of \$4,785. The SE quarter is covered by the Eyota Fire Department at a cost of \$16,534.

The dividing line is roughly County Road 11 but with the mutual Aid agreements among all the departments RFD will respond to any fires on County Road 11 and can respond to other fires as needed.

The Board has contacted RFD about the possibility of serving additional parts of the township. We requested an estimate of what an additional cost would be. Looks like adding the east half of the Township would bring the total cost to \$134,107. If just the NE ¼ was added the total cost would be \$120,567. Adding just the SE ¼ would bring the total to \$126,773. To have RFD service all of the township would be about \$33,602 more that what we currently paid the three fire departments. We would like to hear the thoughts and ideas from the residents with respect to changing the fire service districts. The annual meeting would be a good opportunity to provide your input to the Board. The Rochester fire chief, Chief Eric Kerska, will be present at the meeting to answer any questions residents might have regarding such a service change.

**Financial:**

We have about 31 miles of roads that are maintained by the Township. Roughly 22 miles are crushed rock. In a typical year we put new rock on 1/3 of our crushed rock roads. In 2018 we spent \$63,232 on rock and \$35,148 on dust control. We spent \$47,445 crack sealing on paved roads in subdivisions.

Haverhill township has approximately 71 culverts, plus an additional 5 bridges that have one culvert, and 5 bridges that have 2 culverts. for a total of 86 culverts. Please let a town board member know if you are aware of a culvert that is plugged, damaged etc.

As of the February meeting, we had a checking balance of \$379,782. We have three CD's worth \$2,474.18, \$103,996.60, and \$188,776.07. The first is for maintenance of the Fitch cemetery, the other two are reserve funds.

## Law Enforcement:

Tracey Pagel, whom some of you may know, has been our township deputy for over three years now and is doing a great job in the position. She comes each month to the town board meeting and gives us a report on activities for the prior month. So, if you would care to meet Tracey that would be a good opportunity. If you need to get in touch with Tracey or to follow up on a concern, you can call her work cell phone 507-923-7747. When she is not on duty call the Law Enforcement Dispatch center at 507-328-6800. The officer there can get a message to Tracey. If you need to contact her for something that does not need an immediate response call the shared township cell phone at 507-206-7799.

Tracey plans to stop in during the annual meeting, so if you want to meet her or have and comments for her that will be a good opportunity to share them with her.

## Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan:

The following is a brief summary of the Township of Haverhill's responsibility for implementing a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

Under the federal clean water act the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is authorized and required to administer and enforce all laws relating to the pollution of any waters in the state and is required to issue permits for storm water discharges.

Haverhill Township applied for and received an MS4 permit in 2009. The intent of the permit is to achieve greater environmental protection and prevent danger to human health by complying with all applicable state and federal pollution control statutes and rules.

Haverhill Township is one of six entities required to more aggressively prevent storm water pollution and control runoff to improve water quality within their boundaries.

Every ten years a major review of the plan is required. Thankfully we have Jerome and Joe that have experience with the annual reviews to work on this more extensive one this year.

## Notary Services:

Joe Mahoney, our Clerk, is a Notary Public and is willing to provide Notary Services to residents. Either contact Joe or come to our regular town board meeting.

## Burning Permits:

Burning permits for residents are now available online:

[http://webapps1.dnr.state.mn.us/burning\\_permits/](http://webapps1.dnr.state.mn.us/burning_permits/)

*(Notice the underscore between 'burning' and 'permits')*

They are good for one year and cost \$5.00. We can still provide paper copies, at no cost, to residents that are interested in that option.

## Permits:

Whether you're building, remodeling, or simply updating, you may need a permit.

Getting all permitting and zoning questions answered early in the planning process will help you avoid any costly zoning compliance and building code issues later.

To get answers to permitting or zoning questions, call Dave Meir or Roger Ihrke at Township Cooperative Planning Association (TCPA) at 507-529-0774, or visit the TCPA web site [tcpamn.org](http://tcpamn.org), where you can download permit and zoning applications for Haverhill Township.

Anyone creating a new driveway or replacing an existing one needs a driveway permit, applications are available from TCPA or a Supervisor. With few exceptions, a driveway will need a culvert. Contact the Townboard for the permit and assistance in sizing any needed culvert.

### Planning and Zoning Commission:

Haverhill Planning and Zoning Commission works as an advisory group to the Town Board and consists of a cross section of seven residents of Haverhill Township. They meet at least quarterly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, or more often as issues need to be addressed.

In addition to dealing with zoning issues as they arise, the zoning commission periodically updates our zoning ordinances to reflect any new or modified ordinances the county has adopted. These changes then go to the Town Board for a public hearing and the board's consideration before final adoption.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, please contact a town board member. When a position opens on the board you will be considered.

In addition, there are several openings on various county boards and commissions, if you are interested go to the Olmsted county website <https://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/Pages/default.aspx> select the "Apply For" tab. Under the drop down you will find a heading "Volunteer Opportunities", here you can find a list of board and commission openings.

### Haverhill Town Board:

Our town board is made up of five supervisors plus a clerk and treasurer.

The Haverhill Town Board is a hands on, working board. In addition to the daily operation of township business, the town board also works directly on issues such as road wash-outs, animal control, ditch clean-up of trash, road inspections, removal of downed trees blocking roads and ditches. It also supervises sub-contractors performing duties for the township such as spreading chloride, road rock, and performing road repairs.

If anyone sees someone dumping trash in a road ditch, try to get the license number and description of the vehicle. If possible, get a picture and get the information to Tracey Pagel. That will aid her in stopping the problem.

### The Town Board is Comprised of:

Supervisor 1 --	Steve Pollack 2008 Viola Rd NE -	282-2659
Supervisor 2 --	Paul Uecker 5219 70th Ave NE -	259-3148

Supervisor 3 --	Ben Hain 1750 40 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE –	289-3162
Supervisor 4 --	John Johnson 2017 80 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE Eyota-	261-7015
Supervisor 5 --	Larry Plank 3855 65 <sup>th</sup> St. NE-	282-7212

Clerk --	Joe Mahoney 6225 Collegeview Rd E-	282-5745
Deputy Clerk --	Jerome Lawler 2921 70 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE Eyota -	282-3653
Treasurer --	Bill Shea 3908 Dawn Haven Ct NE	288-5690
Deputy Treasurer--	Brenda Kroening 4937 55 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE -	261-4835

Up for election this year is Treasure Bill Shea and supervisors Paul Uecker and position 5 that candidates Dave Borst and Daryl Felt have filed to fill the position.

Regular monthly Town Board meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the town hall and is open to any interested person.

Contact us by email at: [Haverhilltp@aol.com](mailto:Haverhilltp@aol.com) You can ask to have your e-mail address put on our mailing list.

More information can be found on the township website at -- [haverhilltp.org](http://haverhilltp.org) .

### 48<sup>th</sup> ST NE:

As everyone knows the 55<sup>th</sup> ST extension to north Broadway has been completed, this among other things has contributed to increased traffic on 48<sup>th</sup> ST. The Township requested the County to do a traffic count survey on 48<sup>th</sup> ST. They did the survey from Sept. 21 to Sept. 28, 2018. The West counter was set up by Vern Patchin's driveway. The East at the intersection w/ County 11. The average daily traffic on the West end for WEEKDAYS was 749. The average daily traffic on the East end for WEEKDAYS was 415. These numbers will come as no surprise to those that live along the road. It is logical to assume that these traffic numbers will only grow in the coming years. With increases in traffic volumes, it is likely that the State and/or county will require an upgrade to the road to ensure public safety. Such an upgrade will incur significant costs that the Township cannot absorb.

As a result, the Town Board has had discussions with the County Engineering staff about working up an agreement to do a jurisdictional transfer, whereby the County would take over control of 48<sup>th</sup> ST and Haverhill would assume control of Hadley Valley road (aka. 124).

At this point in time the county does not have any plan for what a road upgrade might entail.

### Free:

The Town has a number of wood folding chairs to get rid of, they are stacked along the east wall of the hall. Some of you probably sat on them when you were children. Help yourself but be considerate, if others are interested in taking chairs to leave some for them.

## Miscellaneous:

Just a reminder, that when you are plowing your driveway you can be cited for plowing snow across or onto township roads. So, if you find you must, be sure to clear any snow clumps or windrows off the roadway. You don't want to be responsible for some driver hitting the snow and losing control.

## **Elections and Annual Meeting**

**Township elections and Annual Meeting will be Tuesday March 12, 2019. Voting hours are from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM with Annual Meeting at 8:15 PM at the Haverhill Townhall.**

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