

March 2021 Newsletter
Haverhill Township Residents

2021 Levy:

We're proposing a budget of \$26,000 general and \$235,000 for road and bridge. We are holding the budget for Capital Improvements at \$10,000. Law enforcement coverage is \$17,000 giving a total budget of \$288,000. This is the proposed annual budget for 2022.

This is the amount we'll be asking you to approve at the annual meeting on Tuesday March 9th.

Our fire protection costs are directly assessed; The West half of the township, with coverage by the Rochester Fire Department (RFD) costs \$89,292. The NE quarter of the township is covered by the Elgin Fire Department at a cost of \$6,550 and the SE quarter is covered by the Eyota Fire Department at a cost of \$16,910. Mutual aid agreements have been signed with Rochester Fire Department and Elgin Fire Department and another agreement between Rochester Fire Department and Eyota Fire Department. These agreements will have Rochester along with Eyota or Elgin responding to calls in the township even though the call is from one or the others district.

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. Other maintenance includes the application of dust control and 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.

Haverhill Township received money from the Federal Government and Olmsted County to cover any Covid 19 related expenses.

As of the February meeting, we had a checking balance of \$473,185.22. We have three CD's worth \$2,533.68, \$107,261.72, and \$196,071.39. The first is for maintenance of the Fitch cemetery, the other two are reserve funds.

Law Enforcement:

Dean Thompson is our Deputy that provides Law Enforcement in the Township.

At each monthly Township Board Meeting our Deputy provides a report of the prior month's activities. This is a good opportunity to meet Dean and keep informed on recent activities. For emergencies always dial 911. For non-emergency needs or to get a message to Dean you can call the Law Enforcement Dispatch center at 507-328-6800 and the officer there will get your message to Dean. 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 send the information to Dean Thompson.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention:

As a general reminder, be vigilant to any storm water pollution you may see and notify a member of the board with any concerns you may have.

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:

<https://webapps15.dnr.state.mn.us/burning-permits/>

Online burn permits are good for one year and cost \$5.00. The Town Board 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, 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 Township Supervisor. With few exceptions, a driveway will need a culvert. Contact the Town Board 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 and 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 Township is currently seeking a Treasurer. If interested, please contact a board member, you can get on the ballot as a "write in" vote.

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 and 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.

Your Town Board Consists of:

Supervisor 1 -- Steve Pollack 2008 Viola Rd NE -
282-2659

(507)

Supervisor 2 -- 259-3148	Paul Uecker 5219 70th Ave NE -	(507)
Supervisor 3 -- 289-3162	Ben Hain 1750 40 th Ave NE --	(507)
Supervisor 4 -- 261-7015	John Johnson 2017 80 TH Ave NE Eyota-	(507)
Supervisor 5 -- 261-8281	Daryl Felt 3237 65 th St. NE-	(507)
Clerk -- 282-5745	Joe Mahoney 6225 Collegeview Rd E-	(507)
Deputy Clerk -- 282-3653	Jerome Lawler 2921 70 th Ave NE Eyota -	(507)
Treasurer -- 288-5690	Bill Shea 3908 Dawn Haven Ct NE	(507)
<u>Deputy Treasurer--</u> <u>261-4835</u>	<u>Brenda Kroening 4937 55th Ave NE -</u>	<u>(507)</u>

Up for election this year are Supervisor 1, Steve Pollack running unopposed along with the Treasurer position.

Regular monthly Town Board meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall located at 4000 NE 55 Avenue, Rochester MN 55906 and is open to anyone interested.

Contact us by email at: Haverhilltwp@aol.com If interested you can have your e-mail address put on our mailing list.

More information can be found on the township website at --
<http://haverhilltwp.org/>

Miscellaneous:

The Township Purchased 4 acres of land from Olmsted County for a future town hall should that need arise. The land was part of the old U.S. Air Force Radar Base located at 70th Ave. NE, North of Viola Rd. NE.

Just a reminder, that when you are plowing your driveway you can be cited for plowing snow across or onto township roads. If you do so, be sure to clear any

snow clumps or windrows off the roadway.

Elections and Annual Meeting (Please note change of location)

Township elections and Annual Meeting will be Tuesday March 9, 2021. Voting hours are from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM with Annual Meeting at 8:15 PM at

Tom Kroening Farm 4937 55th Ave. NE Rochester, Mn 55906 ½ mile North of Town Hall on West side of 55th Ave.

HAVERHILL TOWNSHIP
6225 Collegeview Rd. NE
Rochester, MN 55906

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«ADRSUF2»

«CITYNAME» «STATECODE»

«ZIP1»