

March 2023 Newsletter
Haverhill Township Residents

2023 Levy:

We're holding the budget of \$27,500 general and \$242,500 for road and bridge. We're holding the budget for Capital Improvements at \$10,000. Law enforcement coverage is \$18,357 giving a total budget of **\$298,357**. This is the proposed annual budget for 2024 and the amount we'll be asking you to approve at the annual meeting on Tuesday March 14th.

Our fire protection costs are directly assessed. The West half of the township, with coverage by the Rochester Fire Department (RFD) costs \$100,442. The NE quarter of the township is covered by the Elgin Fire Department at a cost of \$8,172 and the SE quarter is covered by the Eyota Fire Department at a cost of \$18,370. Rochester Fire Department has mutual aid agreements with Elgin and Eyota Fire Departments helping to improve fire response in our township. Eyota Ambulance provides services to the NE and SE Quarter of the Township at a cost of \$1,648.

Financial:

We have about 31 miles of roads that are maintained by the Township. Roughly 22 miles are crushed rock and in a typical year we put rock on 1/3 of those roads. Other maintenance includes mowing and spraying Right of Ways, application of dust control, and crack sealing paved roads in subdivisions.

Haverhill Township has approximately 71 culverts, additionally, 5 bridges that have one culvert, and 5 bridges have 2 culverts, totaling 86 culverts. Please let a town board member know if you are aware of a culvert that is plugged, damaged, etc.

The Federal Government gave Townships the opportunity to apply for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money. Haverhill Township applied for and has received \$155,301. These funds are invested in a short term CD and will contribute to our Town Hall construction.

As of the February meeting, we had a checking balance of \$622,578.51. We have 3 CD's, the Fitch cemetery for \$2,539 and 2 reserve fund CD's for \$200,000 each.

Law Enforcement:

Deputy Dean Thompson provides law enforcement to Haverhill Township. At each monthly Township Board Meeting Dean provides a report of the prior month's activities. This is a good opportunity to meet him and keep informed on recent activities. For emergencies always dial 911. For non-emergency needs or to get a message to Dean, call the Law Enforcement Dispatch center at (507)328-6800 and the officer there will get your message to Dean or another Deputy on duty. 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 the Law Enforcement Center so it gets to Deputy Thompson. We all rely on each other to be vigilant of our surroundings. Please report any suspicious activity to Law Enforcement so it can be followed up on and get documented.

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

Burning Permits:

Burning permits are now available online for \$5.00 and are good through December 31st of the year issued.

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

The Town Board still provides paper copies at no cost to residents interested in that option.

Permits:

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

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

For permit and zoning questions, call 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.

Putting in a new driveway or replacing an existing one? You'll need a driveway permit and applications are available from TCPA or a Township Supervisor. With few exceptions, driveways need a culvert at the entrance within the Right Of Way. Contact the Town Board if you have culvert questions.

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 in Haverhill Township. They meet on an as needed basis the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, or as needed for other Planning and Zoning Business.

In addition to planning and zoning requests, the zoning commission 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. Haverhill's Zoning Ordinances must follow Olmsted County Ordinances or be more stringent.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member on the Planning and Zoning Commission, please contact a town board member. As positions open, you'll be taken into consideration. General expectations are 2, 3 year terms.

Olmsted County Boards and Commissions periodically have opportunities to participate in. If interested, go to the Olmsted County website:

<https://www.olmstedcounty.gov/government/volunteer-opportunities>

Here you can find a list of Board and Commission opportunities.

Haverhill Town Board:

Our town board is made up of five supervisors plus a clerk and treasurer. If you are interested in serving on the Town Board, feel free to contact a board member for more information and discuss any current or future opportunities.

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. The Board 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	(507) 282-2659
Supervisor 2 --	Paul Uecker 5219 70th Ave NE	(507) 259-3148
Supervisor 3 --	Ben Hain 1750 40 th Ave NE	(507) 259-3570
Supervisor 4 --	John Johnson 2017 80 th Ave NE Eyota	(507) 261-7015
Supervisor 5 --	Daryl Felt 3237 65 th St. NE	(507) 261-8281

Clerk --	Joe Mahoney 6225 Collegeview Rd E-	(507) 269-9464
Deputy Clerk --	Jerome Lawler 2921 70 th Ave NE Eyota -	(507) 282-3653
Treasurer --	John Barlow 3583 Hidden Hills Ln NE	(507) 226-1745
Deputy Treasurer--	Laura Zumbrunnen 5189 Connemara Dr NE	(507) 254-1110

Up for election this year are Supervisor 3, Ben Hain running unopposed, Supervisor 4, John Johnson running unopposed and Treasurer, John Barlow running unopposed.

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. Feel free to join us if interested.

Miscellaneous:

The Town Board is in the process of planning for the construction of the new Haverhill Township Hall. You can look forward to a modernized facility with running water, restroom facilities and American Disabilities ACT (ADA) compliance. Our goal is to provide a facility that serves our residents well, in a safe and usable manner for years to come.

Looking for your building plans from one of your former projects? TCPA distributed former building plans to the Township. If you are interested to see if the Township has your plans, check with the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. Plans will be available up until the April 2023 Monthly Meeting and will be disposed of after that date.

Need to contact a Board Member? Email us at: Haverhilltp@aol.com If interested, you can have your e-mail address put on our mailing list.

For more Township information, see our website at – <https://haverhilltp.org>

Elections and Annual Meeting:

Township Elections and Annual Meeting will be Tuesday March 14, 2023. Voting hours are from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM with Annual Meeting at 8:15 PM at the Haverhill Town Hall.

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