

Ross Lake Township Newsletter 2023

Annual Township Meeting

The Ross Lake Annual meeting was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. The elected moderator for the meeting was Mark Caspers. There were three residents and four board members attending the meeting.

Levies voted in for 2024 are as follows:

The levy remained the same as 2023 with the exception of the Aitkin/Emily Fire Fund, which went from \$21,000 to \$26,000. All were in favor.

100	General Fund.....	\$35,000
201	Road and Bridge.....	\$125,000
202	Aitkin/Emily Fire Fund.....	\$26,000
OVERALL TOTAL LEVY.....		\$186,000

Annual 2022 Road Report

Road work completed in 2022: Brush was cleared to help with visibility. Signs were straightened and repaired where necessary. Roadside cutting was done twice, once for the first 8 ft. and in the Fall for the full roadway. Significant storm damage was done in June, the worst being at Island Lake, Walworth and Norway Pine Place. Emily Fire came out with heavy equipment and spent many hours making the roads passable. There is bituminous breaking up on Carey Cove and McNeil Road. Signs have been posted and spots filled in with gravel. Culverts were replaced on Island Lake and Arden Drive. There were several beaver problems at Island Lake, Lens Road and Yager Road. Culverts were cleaned several times and gates were installed and several beaver were removed. Snowplowing and sanding was again handled by Holmwig. *If you have any issues or questions about a road, please call Leo Offerman, the Road Supervisor at 218-838-8623.*

Town Board Meeting Change

It was voted on to change our monthly meeting of the Town Board from the first Monday of the month at 4:00 P.M. to the **first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M.** This will hopefully accommodate those that are working and are unable to attend the 4:00 hour.

Facebook

A Facebook page is now available for Ross Lake Township. We have been using the 3 posting boxes which are located on McNeil Rd. and County 36, County Rd. 36 and County Rd. 106, and at the Town Hall. This last winter made it extremely challenging with all the snow to get to the boxes with new postings. This should make it easier and more efficient to keep in touch.

Our Facebook name is: **Ross Lake Township Board**

The Ross Lake First Responders

The Ross Lake First Responders (RLFR) would like to remind the residents that there are five volunteers who provide Emergency Medical Response as certified EMR's to Ross Lake Township and the Second Assessment areas of Crow Wing County. The RLFR are paged anytime a 911 call is placed for a medical emergency in our area requiring an ambulance. RLFR are local and home-based and are usually able to arrive at the scene sooner than the dispatched ambulance. If you have comments or questions you can email the Ross Lake Responders at: rosslake1stresponders@gmail.com.

Deputy Clerk Position

We are looking for someone to take over the position of deputy clerk. You would assist the clerk and fill in when the clerk is unavailable. If you are interested please contact the clerk.

Driveway Snow Plowing

Residents are reminded that plowing across or depositing snow and ice onto a public roadway is a misdemeanor under Minnesota Statute 160.2715 and 169.42 under littering. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. Accidents and damages caused by snow piles placed in the roadway may result in liability to the property owner.

Short Term Rentals

With the increase in "STR" short term rentals, there are county licensing ordinance changes to be aware of. Please check their website for info and any questions you may have. The website is:

ShortTermRental@crowwing.us

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This will be our last year of mailing out a newsletter. With our new Facebook page this will be more efficient and eliminate all the time and expense of putting the newsletter together.

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