

2014 Annual Meeting

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The 2014 Annual Meeting of the voters of Sand Lake Township will be held on March 11 at the Community Center. This meeting, mandated by law is also known as Township Day in Minnesota.

In previous years this date was not only the Annual Meeting, but was also Election Day for Township Officers. With the new regulations for accessibility to voting machines and the requirement that voting take place electronically, the Township decided along with many others in Minnesota to move their elections to November and have them done in the form of absentee ballots. This decision has saved the Township a great

deal of money by avoiding the purchase and maintenance of voting machines. This fall, at the time of the General Election, two Township offices will be eligible for election. They are the office of Supervisor and the office of Town Treasurer. If you are interested in either of these positions, please ask a current Board officer for information.

Among the agenda items at the Annual meeting in March is the awarding of road contracts for summer and winter maintenance of the Town roads, the approval of the Budget and Levy for FY 2015, the designation of banking and publishing services, and the

nomination of a member of the community as Citizen of the Year to recognize his/her contributions to the Township.

The Annual Meeting on March 11, 2014 at the Sand Lake Community Center is an opportunity for Township residents to gather and learn first-hand how the Township is functioning, catch up on the latest news, and enjoy a prime rib dinner on the Township.

Dinner is at 5:00 and the meeting is at 6:15. We hope to see you there!

Elaine Rasmussen, Clerk

Dates to Remember:

- March 11, 2014 Annual Meeting and Dinner—5:00 PM
- April 24, 2014 Board of Appeal and Equalization—1:00 PM
- Township Board Meetings: April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10 at 7:00 pm

It's "Organ-ic"

This old organ has been a resident of the Community Center for many years. Most of the people who know its history are no longer part of the Township. It's story may include placement at a Township elementary school at one time. Other than that, little is known about it. The Township Board would like to ensure that this old instrument has a place in Itasca County history, but in order to do so, we need those of you who have some knowledge of the



Instrument to come forward and share your information with us. .

It is hoped that we can move this organ to a setting more conducive to its survival, but at this point, not enough is known about its history to make that happen.

Please share what you know with any member of the Board.

Thank you.

Sand Lake Community Center Receives New Chairs

After much deliberation, input from the organizations that utilize the Community Center on an ongoing basis, and comparison of makes, models, and colors, the Sand Lake Township Board decided to replace the old steel folding chairs in use at the Community Center. They chose a rigid frame, cushioned seat and back chair, similar to those in use in area churches and in many banquet facilities.

The chairs were ordered in late November and a stalwart group of citizens volunteered their time to unpack the chairs (of course, each was wrapped individually) when they arrived at the Community Center on December 13 at 4:00 in the afternoon. It was important that the unwrapping took place while the trucking folks were still there so that any damages could be registered with them on the spot. Sure enough, there were five chairs damaged in shipment. Records were duly made and the company has since replaced them with five new ones.

The Board has received much positive feedback from the citizens of the Township regarding the comfort and ease of use of the chairs. They are constructed in such a manner that they can be stacked as many a fourteen high to save space when not in use.

Special thanks to Dan and Lori Dehn, Vic Warne-ment, Rick and Ruth Hauck, Jim Delesha, Annette Libersky, Cheryl and Lin Barnes, Kathy Rethamel, Sue Philips, Duane Bolme, Phil and Beth Thompson and Elaine Rasmussen for helping “unwrap”.

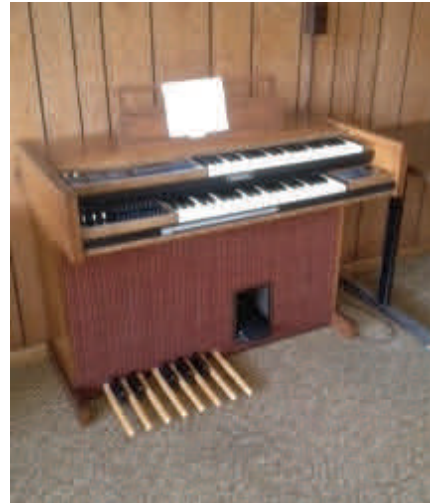


The steel folding chairs have found a new home. The Board placed an ad offering them to any community or faith-based non-profit group who could use them. The chairs will soon be moved to the Bowstring Airport to be used for their annual fly-in events.



Also Organ-ic!!

A few years ago, this small organ was donated to the Community Center. It was a generous gesture on the part of the donors. In actuality, the Township has found no use for the organ and would like to pass it along to anyone who could make use of it. There is no cost to the recipient, just the act of removal from the Center. If you have any interest in this instrument, please contact the Town Clerk for assistance. Thank you.



Springtime is a clean-up time at our local cemeteries. This year there will be a trash can out at the cemetery (on the north side) for your use when cleaning up around your loved ones' plots.

Board of Equalization and Review

The 2014 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting will be held on April 24 starting at 1:00 PM.

This meeting provides our citizens access to the officials from the County Assessors Office in an environment that is close to home and more friendly in nature.

Over the past few months each of our properties were re-

visited by a representative from the Itasca County Assessors Office. By now each of us should have received a proposed property tax statement for 2015.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this statement, this meeting would be a great place to have them heard and answered or resolved.

If you plan on attending it would be helpful to schedule a time with the Township Clerk.

If you cannot attend but would like to take your questions directly to the County Board it is necessary to send written notice to the Clerk before the April 25th meeting.

The Clerk is Elaine Rasmussen, 52246 South Center Rd Spring Lake MN 56680

218.659.2814

Thank you and have a great summer!

In Memoriam: Robert Wilhelm

Sand Lake Township, along with all of his friends and neighbors in the Northland, has been saddened by the recent death of Robert Wilhelm.

Along with all of his service to his Community and to the North Country that he loved so much, Bob also served on the Sand Lake Township

Board from 2005-2006, filling the seat vacated by Jack McNaughton when he moved from the Township.

In 2009, Bob and Barb donated a strip of land to the Township Cemetery.

Bob was a dedicated citizen and will be missed by all.



- ◊ Current Township Officers
- ◊ Board Chair: Rick Hauck
- ◊ Supervisor: Jim Delesha
- ◊ Supervisor: Dan Dehn
- ◊ Town Clerk: Elaine Rasmussen
- ◊ Town Treasurer: Martie Wilson
- ◊ Social Director: Ruth Hauck
- ◊ Sexton: Martie Wilson

Sand Lake Township
53020 North Center Rd
Spring Lake MN 56680



TO:

Sand Lake Township

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Just so you know.....

Minutes of the Town Board of Review
June 22, 1914

Present: Thos. E. Cole, Chair; Geo. J. Sando, Clerk; and John E. Westman, Assessor

Personal Property - (Assessor)
\$6,608.00

Board of Review \$6,608.00

Real Property - (Assessor) \$17,378.00

Board of Review \$17,378.00

Money and Credits - (Assessor)
\$2,670.00

Board of Review \$2,670.00

Total Assessed Value- \$26,656.00

The Board adjourned 7 o'clock p.m.

Attest: Thos. E. Cole, Chairman
Geo. J. Sando, Town Clerk
John E. Westman, Assessor

Township Cemetery Regulations

1. Flowers must be secured in hanging pots, such as shepherd hooks and placed adjacent to the stone, or put in heavy vases or pots if secured directly to the monument.
2. No holes may be dug to place pots in the ground.
3. Artificial flowers must be secured inside containers. Containers or decorations that are attached by pushing cone, sticks or wire into the ground are not permissible.
4. Live plants may be used, but must be placed so they do not interfere with the cutting of the grass.
5. The contract mower is not responsible for flowers or plants, or other items which are the responsibility of the lot owner.
6. Any plants, flowers or containers improperly placed will be removed.
7. No breakable containers allowed.
8. After July 10 of each year, all flowers not on shepherd hooks or on the monuments must be removed and properly disposed of.
9. The Township is not responsible for any lost or damaged flowers or plants or memorial items.
10. You may keep the grass around your loved one's stone trimmed using a clipper. No power mowers are allowed.
11. Any markers or decorations placed should be in line with headstones for ease of mowing.

So ordered by Sand Lake Township Board of Supervisors,
6/3/2008, revised 2009