



Dahlgren Township

2021 Winter Newsletter

Snow Removal

There are a few things we can all do to help with the snow removal process in the township. First, please move any cars that are parked on the street during a snow event, this way the plows do not have to work their way around the parked car. Please remember to push all your own snow into your property, not out of your property and across the township roads. Pushing snow across the roads creates a pile of compacted snow on the other side that can damage the plow equipment and is a safety hazard to the snowplow operator. It also leaves wind rows on the road surface causing problems for other cars, not to mention the gravel that is pushed up on your neighbor's property. Plus, it is illegal to push snow across the roadway.

Minnesota Statute 160.2715 prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots onto or across public roads.

Our plow drivers are giving us their best efforts, most times working long hours, at all hours of the day and night. If there is a problem with the snow removal service, please contact a town supervisor not the operator of the plow.

We have had a mild winter with not much snow.....so far anyway. The snow-covered fields sure make a beautiful site. We have had some great mornings with the frost on the trees, beauty abounds in Dahlgren Township. Spring will be here before we know it, in the meantime get out and enjoy the winter!

Annual Meeting

The Dahlgren Township annual business meeting will be held on March 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Union Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 15180 County Road 40, Carver

Social distancing and masks will be required.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until March 16, 2021.

COVID19 and Its Impact in the Township

Two key updates in 2020 because of the COVID19 pandemic

HYBRID Meetings

As board members, we are always looking to find ways to best serve our neighbors. With constant changing guidance on in person meetings, we are offering a new format to attend our monthly meetings to best serve our community. Going forward we will be hosting our meetings at East Union Lutheran Church on the second Monday of each month at 7pm as usual. In addition, we have a call-in phone number you can call in and attend virtually. If you have submittals prior to the meeting, please send to the clerk for distribution prior to the meeting for review. Contact the clerk for details.

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COVID19 cont'd.

CARES ACT 2020

In March, the township received \$33,425 from the Federal CARES Act related to COVID19 incurred expenses. The amount was based on population size and distributed down through the State of Minnesota. The intent of this funding was for it to be used for COIV19 related costs that impacted the township directly.

Throughout 2020 we were able to distribute fund appropriately to have the largest impact. The township used the initial funds to better enhance the safety of our primary and general election events in 2020 through purchase of shielding, hand sanitizers, masks, and increased cleaning measures. The added safety measures allowed our residents to vote in person, in confidence of safety for them and their family.

While most health and human services are handled by the County of Carver, we were able to help enhance the safety and wellbeing of our residents through distribution of additional funds to three organizations. Two payments of \$13,820.50 went to Carver and Cologne Fire Departments for purchase of additional breathing apparatus and enhances communications equipment. The third was the purchase of a specialized carpet cleaning machine for East Union Elementary of the Eastern Carver County School District (Located within the borders of Dahlgren) With hybrid schooling models, students conducting most their schooling, recreation and eating in their classrooms. The new machine helps janitorial staff ensure these rooms are cleaned frequently for the safest learning environment.

For more information on Carver County's efforts in the fight against COVID19 and its effects on community events please call (952) 361-1329 or email public-health@co.carver.mn.us for more information.

2021 Dust Control

Dust control for Dahlgren Township will be the same as last year. Dahlgren Township residents will prepay for Dust Control. An e-mail or letter will be sent to residents the end of April with instructions how to sign up and pre-pay for dust control. Payment must be received by the Township Clerk, no later than May 15. The 1st application of dust control (magnesium chloride) will be applied in late May (weather permitting) and the second application in August (weather permitting).

To participate, yards must be staked and payment received no later than May 15, 2021.

Dust control applications treat the gravel roads with a solution that retains water to keep the dust in place and stabilize the road material.

Please note the township is not responsible for the effects of rain and every effort is made to schedule application when the weather is favorable. The township will do light maintenance and blading as needed during the summer and fall to fill any potholes that develop in the treated areas.

If you have any questions regarding dust control, contact one of the Township supervisors, their contact information is on page 3 of the newsletter.

Township Elections

The Township elections were held as part of the General Election on November 3, 2020.

First of all, we want to thank Mark Willems for his twelve years of service as a Supervisor for Dahlgren Township. He will be missed.

Paul Modeen was reelected as Supervisor A and Doran Brahee was reelected as Treasurer.

Brian Gennrich was elected as Supervisor C. Brian grew up in NYA and currently lives in East Union. He has worked in carpentry for the last 14 years. He also enjoys helping neighbors out with farm work and other projects. He is new to township operations but is looking forward to learning more about the position. He looks forward to serving, being a listener and a leader in the upcoming years.

Dahlgren Township Meeting Calendar

February 8, 2021	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm
March 8, 2021	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm
March 9, 2021	Annual Meeting	7:00 pm
April 12, 2021	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm
May 10, 2021	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm
June 14, 2021	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm
July 11, 2021	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm
August 9, 2021	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm
September 13, 2021	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm
October 11, 2021	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm
November 8, 2021	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm
December 13, 2021	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm

Contact the Clerk one week before the meeting, if you have an item to add to the agenda.

All meetings and elections are held at the East Union Lutheran Church Parish Center, 15180 County Road 40, Carver, MN 55315

For up-to-date information, visit the Township website:
www.dahlgrentownship.com

Burning Permits

Dahlgren Township can issue burning permits when there is not a burning ban in effect. Visit the Dahlgren website for more information on burning permits. Burning permits are available from the following township residents:

Gene Miller - (952) 466-5537

Mary Olson – (612) 369-1789

Burning permits are also available online on the DNR website:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/burningpermits>

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