

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2017



Masthead artwork is by a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at NSCS. Thank you! See the Township web site for the color version.

## What's Coming Up?

**Township Memorial Day Ceremony** (see article below)  
**Annual Stormwater Open House** (see page 2)  
**Clover Valley Tractor Show** (see article, page 8)  
**Youth seeking jobs** (see list on page 4)  
**NSCS News** (see page 2)

## THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, sandwich and bars. Program from Round River Farm, Lise and David Abazs will present "Community Supported Agriculture".

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Coffee and snacks. From Silver Bay, Gene Lafond and Amy Grillo will perform traditional and original folk songs

**July 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic with chicken and bingo.

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

## 2017 Annual Town Meeting and Election

**Rolf Carlson** and **Corlis West** were elected to 3-year terms on the Town Board of Supervisors. One hundred forty three residents voted (*Carlson 126, West 81 and Gustofson 59*). Rolf Carlson was elected moderator of the Annual Meeting. Town Clerk Ann Cox provided a handout summarizing 2016 audit and expenditures, the 2017 budget that was approved last year, and the proposed 2018 budget.

After presentation of departmental budgets, the proposed 2018 Township levy of \$350,563 was approved. It is a slight decrease from the levy approved for 2017.

Join your neighbors in honoring service men and women from our Township

## Township Memorial Day Ceremony

At our Palmers Lakeview Cemetery  
North Shore Road just east of Homestead Road  
11am on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

Our Memorial Day Speaker is  
**Captain Robert (Bob) Libby**

See page 6 for veterans honored here.

Other participants include Boy Scout Troop #162, music led by members of the French River Lutheran Church, women of French River will provide coffee and donuts.

Mark your calendar and attend this community event!

For further information, contact event organizer

George Sundstrom, 525-5655



Thank you to the 4H Club for donating an attractive bench for use at the Town Hall.

## Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Val Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Kate Edblom, Linda Holliday, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Kristi Lounsberry, Carolyn Marino, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, George Sundstrom, Carol Surine, Carla Tamburro, Jo Thompson, Corlis West and webmaster Barb Crow

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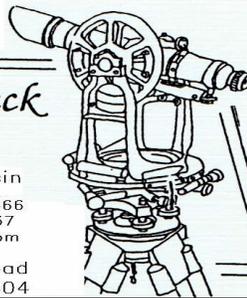
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**Community Youth Groups**

**Clifton 4-H Club:** call Stacia Donovan, 728-2483

**Cub Scouts:** call David Hooey, 525-6617

**Boy Scouts:** call Chris Roninggen, 525-5308

**Girl Scouts:** call Tracy Mandelin, 525-4148

(Note: If other community service groups should be listed, please contact the Town Hall.)

**NSCS News**

*Kristi Lounsberry, Interim Director*

The spring is a very busy time at NSCS! All classes go on Fieldtrips to a variety of places around the Northland. Many fieldtrips are linked to the study of our local history. Each grade level focuses on a chapter from the book, “Roots in the Past—Seeds for the Future.” This book was published by the Clover Valley/French River Community History Committee and North Shore Elementary School in 2000.

Each grade level has a hands on experience tied to their unit of study. Horses come to do a logging demonstration with Kindergarteners, 1<sup>st</sup> graders learn to tie fishing nets and 4<sup>th</sup> graders get a first hand experience with what it was like to attend school 100 years ago. Having this local history tie in allows students to have a better connection with the rich history that is part of this amazing community school.

**Summer Reading Program at NSCS**

*Kate Edblom, NSCS Librarian*

Tuesdays 10am to noon: June 20 and 27; July 18 and 25; August 1 and 15. The south library door will be open. **Everyone welcome.**

May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> BOGO Scholastic Book Fair, during recess and after school.

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lightbulb Fair, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30am NSCS. Grab coffee and challenge 170 students about their research and discoveries! You just might learn something yourself...

**Annual Stormwater Open House  
Duluth Township**

*Valerie Brady and Jo Thompson*

- **Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 8-noon at the Town Hall** (during recycling).
- Get together over coffee and chat about Stormwater management in our Township.
- Learn how it applies to you whether you are a landowner or contractor.

**Early Learning Sticks Like Glue!**

*Kathy Johnson*

Registrations are now being accepted for the newly expanded *Play and Learn* early childhood program at NSCS.

Classes for the 2017-2018 school year will be offered four days a week, Monday through Thursday. Children ages 3-5 may attend half days or full days, 2, 3 or 4 days a week. A monthly tuition fee is charged.

For more information, call: 525-0663 Ext.106 (*Kathy Johnson*) or Ext.118 (*Kristi Lounsberry*).

## Origin and Characteristics of Soils in Duluth Township

John Schifsky

The last glacial period in Minnesota ended roughly 10,000 years ago and, towards the end of that period, today's North Shore was covered by what was known as the Superior Lobe of Wisconsin glaciation. This lobe of ice advanced and retreated several times – covering, uncovering, covering again – most of Lake Superior and its Minnesota shoreline. As the ice retreated and advanced it carved and shaped the land and, most importantly for the purpose of this article, determined the types of soils found in Duluth Township.

According to the detail in *Roots in the Past – Seeds for the Future* “an immense body of water, which geologists refer to as Glacial Lake Duluth (the predecessor to our Lake Superior), covered much of the area” of Duluth Township. That lake level was about 600 feet higher than Lake Superior's present level (602 ft.) and probably stretched inland to the northern border of the Township. The *Roots* book says both the Molde and Abrahamson hills may have been islands in that vast stretch of water, and according to *Roots*, those hills show signs of a beach. The high ridge (peaking at 1388 ft at the Molde fire tower) which runs northeast, from north of the McQuade Road may have been at the edge of the glacial lake.

The movement of glaciers in this area is responsible for the soils found in the township. According to geologists, the iron rich sandstone which is to the northeast is responsible for the reddish hue of our soils. Those same geologists identify the area above 1150 ft as the Highland Moraine and, while there is significant variability from one location to another, that moraine consists of loamy soil with rock fragments throughout.

Loam is a combination of sand, silt, and clay and the ideal (for farming) proportion is 40% sand, 40% silt, and 20% clay. Large fields dot the Township, evidence not only of the hard work of the first settlers who cleared that land, but also that the soils were conducive to the production of, among other things, root crops, hay, barley, and oats as well as pasturage. But today anyone walking brushy and wooded areas of the Township will probably find the wet footing in many places, and, in the northern half of the Township extensive wetlands. Geologists say the near surface and surface water is the result of “a dense restrictive between 40 and 60 inches deep that impedes water movement.” On the eastern border, the drainages around the Little Knife are clayey and hold water.

South of the Korkki Road there is more clay in the soil, and the proportion of clay to other materials increases as one moves down to the lake where it is as high as 40% to 80% clay. At one point along the shore and half way between the Homestead and Ryan Roads, a well-driller reported less than one foot of top soil, then 49 feet of clay, before reaching basalt which he drilled to a depth of 270 feet.

There are gravel deposits being worked in two locations in the Township, one at the corner of the McQuade and Paul roads, the other off Clover Valley Drive. Geologists say the clay rich Superior glacial lobe was confined from spreading inland because of an existing Highland glacial lobe and as the lobes receded the Highland lobe deposited gravel at its ice margin.

But Township soils have, for the most part, high clay percentages which have a very slow permeability rating as well as a high shrink/swell rating. Practically speaking that means our soils do not absorb water very quickly. That water remains on the surface where it runs off to lower elevations, that runoff causing management problems with building construction and septic system designs. Thus the provisions in the Township's Zoning Ordinances setting standards for: storm water, erosion, and sediment control; placement, design, and construction of driveways; setbacks from water bodies and streams; wetlands preservation; impermeable surface area limits.

*Thanks to Mike Walczynski, USDA-NRCS research soil scientist for information about Township geological history.*



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### Thanks to retiring Supervisors Dave Edblom and Wendy Gustofson

Dave served six years as Supervisor from 2011 to 2017. He handled issues related to the Town Hall and Township roads, served on the Joint Use Committee with ABC and NSCS, and helped oversee various aspects of the new Town Hall addition.



Wendy completed the last year of late Dave Miller's term. She handles communication and took over as web master when Janet Johansen stepped down. Wendy represented us on various intergovernmental committees and the D/NSSD sewer district along the shore.

It has been a busy year and years for the Town Board. Dave and Wendy's contributions to our Township were acknowledged at the Annual Town Meeting. Thank you for your service.

### JOBS WANTED

#### For our Township Youth

An effort to match up residents who have work suitable for our youth with youth in the Township who may want a job.

#### Seeking Jobs

- Young man, age 11 looking for work, including lawn mowing and general yard work. Experienced. If interested, please call Konrad, at 830-9514.
- Collin Bruckelmyer, age 13 looking for work Yard work, gardening, anything! Call 525-1780.
- Mason Stolp, age 14 years, looking for work Mowing, shoveling, yard work, cleaning, general labor. Call Mason at 525-0576.
- Mature, hard working, experienced 15 year old looking for work (yard work, cleaning, mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call Bridger at 525-0090.
- Cameron Nelson, age 13, lawn mowing, snow shoveling, general yard work, general labor. Call Cameron at 525-0208
- Hanna Peldo, 14 years old, Looking for babysitting jobs. Has taken babysitting class. Call Hanna at 525-9884.

**Advertise for free:** For Township youth who are seeking work and Township residents who need help with various jobs suitable for youth (babysitting, lawn, garden, maintenance, snow shoveling, house cleaning, etc.). Leave your ad & contact information at the Town Hall (messages: 525-5705).

Deadline for the next (July Newsletter is June 23<sup>rd</sup>)



Artwork provided by a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student at NSCS Thank you! (For color version see Township web site)

### Summary of Town Board Meetings

(Official minutes by Town Clerk Ann Cox are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)).

**February 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Edblom, Dave Mount (*chair*) and Travis Stolp attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen .

**Reports:** The treasurer reported an ending balance of \$570,904.73 after deposits of \$3,964.25 and expenses of \$22,959.95. **Planning:** Analysis is being done for SMU8 re-zone. The Clover Valley school site rezoning hearing was announced for February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Complaints about the Clover Valley commercial greenhouse were reviewed. **Legal:** Responded to Beck Road public document request. Hanft Fride Attorney Scott Witty was designated as our new Town Attorney. **Roads:** Road contract bid request was posted and bids will be reviewed at the April meeting. **Town Hall:** Arts and Heritage announced an event on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Dan Holms and Melissa Graaftis did a one-year review of the new addition construction.

**March 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Dave Edblom, Wendy Gustofson, Dave Mount (*chair*), and Travis Stolp attended, plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen. **Main Actions:** The Board approved funds to engage an architect to prepare bid documents for the proposed Fire Hall 1 bay and other maintenance needs. A Building Committee was appointed to engage an architect (*Dave Edblom, Travis Stolp, Bob Engelson, and Rob Peldo*).

**Reports:** *Treasurer* reported an ending balance of \$596,598.71 after deposits of \$36,840.06 and expenses of \$11,146.08. **Fire:** A letter describing maintenance and hall one addition needs and a request for approval to move ahead was discussed (*see motion above*). The idea of having a fire danger posting in the Township was discussed but declined due to problems keeping it current. **Planning:** Reported on progress rezoning the Clover Valley school site and reviewing possible tailoring of zoning to better fit the Greenwood Road area where many lots are currently non-conforming. **Roads:** Road bids will be advertised (*Note: bids were opened at the April meeting and action tabled*).

**Late Notes:** SCALZO was selected as the architect to prepare plans for the proposed Fire Hall 1 addition. Three bids for the drawing work were received. The Board's Program of Work meeting was scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (*too late for this Newsletter* ). The Board annually reviews plans and projects for the year and assigns its members to the various tasks. These are listed in the Newsletter on page 7 once they have been decided.

Regular **Town Board meetings** are held on the second Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall.

(special meetings are posted at the Town Hall).

Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

### Paul Voge, Thank You!

Paul is retiring from the Planning and Zoning Commission after serving his two terms. He was chair of the Commission for several years. During this time the Commission heard a number of variance and conditional use permits, reviewed the Township's Comprehensive Plan, completed planning for potential trails in the Township, clarified language in the Zoning Ordinance, worked on required ordinances related to storm water and pollution, worked on our first planned unit development request and many other issues for the Township. Our thanks to Paul and to the entire Commission.

## The Art and Heritage Group

Jo Thompson

Spring into Art- A celebration of our township's Arts On Saturday, March 18, the township celebrated the many talented artists from our community. It was a very successful event, with about 70-80 people participating. Many thanks go out to all the artists, poets and writers who presented their work and brought items to display. And, thank you to the volunteers who helped organize this event and to those who brought delicious treats. We are planning another event for later this fall.

## Keep our Streams Clean: Spring Ditch Checklist

Valerie Brady

Since our ditches drain into our streams and rivers, and then on down to Lake Superior, we can help our streams and the lake simply by keeping our ditches in good shape. Here's a list of helpful things to do in the spring:

1. Remove all the trash from ditches along your property.
2. Look for areas where nothing grew last year and consider adding a few seeds or asking for assistance with this area.
3. Check for culverts blocked by debris from winter.
4. Look for problem areas to keep an eye on after big storms – these are areas where the ditch is becoming deeper, has steep sides, is starting to meander (wander) back and forth, or where the sides are slumping in. If any of this is severe, you may need help now.

If you need help now, notify the Town Road Supervisor if you live on a Township road; if you live on a county road, contact the County Maintenance Supervisors for our area (Gordy Halverson, at: halverson@stlouiscountymn.gov, 218-720-1508; or Bradley Olson, olsonb@stlouiscountymn.gov, 218-720-1509).

## Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

(Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township web site [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org))

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Liz Strohmayr, Jo Thompson (*vice chair*), attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Secretary Beth Mullan.

**Main Actions:** The proposal to re-zone the old Clover Valley School site from LIU3 to FAM3 was approved. This makes this site the same as surrounding areas. The recommendation of the Commission will then go to the Town Board for action.

**Hearing:** A variance hearing on the Allen request for a reduced road setback for a garage on their Bergquist Road property was discussed and approved with a larger setback that the Allen's could then accommodate. **Other Discussion:** Analysis work on the possible rezoning of SMU8 continued. Paul Voge will be stepping down in March after serving his two consecutive terms. The Commission vacancy will be advertised. Wayne Dahlberg has agreed to serve a second term.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, John Schifsky, Liz Strohmayr, Jo Thompson, Paul Voge (*chair*), and Jerry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Secretary Beth Mullan.

**Hearing:** Bergsteadt/Nakamura Short Term rental Conditional/Interim Use application. They are dividing their site to provide 10ac on River Road on which they plan to build a small home for use as a short term rental home business. After considerable discussion (see minutes on the Town web site), the Commission approved an interim use for 3 years and up to 250 days per year, plus other conditions as specified in the Ordinance.

**Discussion:** Potential Commission projects for the year were discussed including being sure that the Township's trails plan is considered in any upcoming upgrading of Ryan and Bergquist roads, reviewing the Congdon Trust land along the shore, and continued SMU-8 rezoning analysis and future open house. Paul Voge was thanked for his service (*see page 4*).

Regular **Planning Commission meetings** are held on the fourth Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Special hearings are also posted at the Town Hall.

*Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.*

## The Art and Heritage Group

Jo Thompson

Our newly remodeled Town Hall offers space for people to gather to share experiences and memories. It also offers space where historic artifacts, photographs, maps, paintings, quilts, fiber art and other items that reflect our heritage may be on display. A group of community members has been working on identifying ways in which the Town Hall can be resource center, display space, and gathering place and they welcome your input. If you have old photos of homesteading and/or activities within the township that you would be willing to have copied and displayed or artifacts (e.g.; small pieces of farm equipment, old tools, etc.) you would be willing to loan for inside display. We do not have the capacity to store items, so please contact us to make arrangements for having items on display. If you have items to loan for display, please contact Jo Thompson ([woodfarm1785@gmail.com](mailto:woodfarm1785@gmail.com) or Duane Madison at 525-5645). The Art and Heritage Group will meet again on Friday, May 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Hall Community Room. Everyone is welcome.

**Our Township's Veterans whose names will be spoken at the Memorial Day Ceremony, May 29<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Spanish American War**

Harry Dibble  
Roland Houghtaling  
Henry Salby

**World War I**

Alphonse Anderson  
Christian Anderson  
John Blomquist  
Thor Borgen  
Justus Carlson  
Charles Hallstrom  
Charles Herman  
William Hill  
Frederick Musto  
Carl Rasmussen  
Adolph Reirson  
Robert Swanson  
Thomas Torgeson  
Charles Vostry  
Horace Winter

**World War II**

Roy Abrahamson  
Leo Aho  
Albin Anderson  
Charles Banks  
Gerald Berg  
James Beyers  
Herb Blomquist  
Reuben Blomquist  
Albin Carlson  
Arthur Carlson  
Henning Carlson  
Robert Claveau  
Einar Culas  
Arlind Erickson  
John Frink  
Elvin Grunstrom  
Alfred Hanson  
Arne Heitala  
Kenneth Hendrickson  
Henry Hill  
Ray Houghtaling  
Onni Nurmi  
Arne Jaskalainen  
(Laine)  
Helge Jackson  
Hilding Jackson  
Everett Jackson  
Carl Johnson  
Kenneth Johnson  
Carrol Kasey  
Elmer Kortesmaki  
Robert Laiti  
Uno Lehtonen  
Jesse Lepold  
Wm (Bill) Lindquist  
Ellen Long  
Glen Ludvicson  
Willie Mabrie  
Veikko Mattila  
Ernest Mattson  
Arthur Nordling  
Carl Nordling  
Holger Nyberg  
Gustav (Gust) Nyberg

*(World War II (continued))*

Richard M. Olson  
Ernest Palin  
Wilma Palin  
Donald Pelander  
Felix Peterson  
Richard Peterson  
Charles (Bud) Potter  
Walter Pytkkanen  
Arne Reine  
Gary Ridley  
Waino Saari  
Archie Savola  
Stanley Sheldon  
Jim Simmons  
Fred Sternberg  
Gunnard Strand  
Agnes Stromberg  
Eldred Stromberg  
Lloyd Stromgren  
Arnold Sundquist  
Sven Bertil Sundstrom  
Martin Sundstrom  
Willis Swan  
Clarence Swenson  
Roll Syrett  
Robert Viergutz  
LeRoy Wahlstrom  
George Ward II  
*(Flags are placed here for:)*  
Ray Korkki—buried in France  
Theodore Mattson—buried in Italy

**Korean War**

Robert (Bob) Abrahamson  
Raymond Alseth  
Alvin Carl Anderson  
Arthur Mills Anderson  
Duane Anderson  
Wildy Bruce Cameron  
David Carlson  
Harold (Pete) Dahlberg  
Russell Hagglund  
Evald Jackson  
Roy Martinson  
John Mattson  
Orrin Moe  
Kenneth Peterson  
Herbert Arthur Pierson

**Viet Nam War**

Robert Beck  
Daniel Carlson  
Dahlberg Heitala  
Dale Laitenen  
Jon (Jack) Mindestrom  
Gary Sironen  
David Alan Tanner  
Jeff Cooke

**Special Service**

Frances Frink Zamorra

**Peace Time Veterans**

William Chester Ottinger  
Einar Abrahamson  
Peter Marcus Maki

*(If you know of other veterans buried here, contact Town Hall.)*

**Clifton Volunteer Fire Department**

*Bob Engelson, Fire Chief*

**Fire Hall 1 addition update:**

The Fire Department made a proposal for steps to proceed with the needed Fire Hall 1 maintenance and bay addition. This was phase two of the Township's original capital improvement program. The Board appointed a small committee to engage an architectural firm to prepare plans for bids for the addition.



A **FIREWISE** grant is being prepared to help with Township fire preparedness. It is a dry spring so watch for grass fires.

**A Free Smoke Alarm installation program was announced in the last Newsletter and an application form was provided (the March Newsletter is available on the Town Web site). If you are interested, send information (your name, address, phone and/or email and best times to reach you) to Clifton Fire Dept 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or email to Cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com.**

**To volunteer as a fire fighter or emergency medical responder, call Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819.** Training and turnout gear are provided.

**Police Department**

*Shawn Padden, Chief*



**For medical & police emergencies call: 911.**

*Sign up for email police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications at the Township site. [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).*

**Police Events.** In the first quarter of this year there have been 269 recorded police events. Most frequent were 121 requested vacation home and business checks, followed by 14 property damage accidents, 13 traffic warnings or citations, 12 medical emergencies, 10 burglar alarms, 10 serving civil processes, and 10 assisting other agencies, and 8 animal complaints. The full list is on our web site and you can receive emailed notices of police notices by signing up on the Township web site.

If you have information about any criminal activity in our community, please contact the Duluth Township Police Department at: 218-525-5705 or our mobile phone: 393-8407, or email: [DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org).

**Note:** *If you need/want/expect a police squad to respond immediately, call 911. Other than 911, the quickest way to get our police response is to leave a message on our squad phone (393-8407).*

*We may work 5 days in a row, but may not always get into the office during that time. Our main office where we spend 90% of our time is in our squad vehicle.*



## Duluth Township Information 2017

Duluth Town Hall, 6092  
Homestead Road, Duluth,  
MN 55804

Phone (218) 525-5705  
(voice message),

Email: See note below on using our Township web site.

[www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

**Town Office Hours:** Tues. & Wed. 9am-noon  
Thurs 2-6pm, Fri 9-11am

**Planning Office Hours:** No posted hours  
Call the Town Hall for an appointment: 525-5705

**Supervisors:** (see web site for email contacts)

**Rolf Carlson** (2017-2020) 525-0375

*Primary contact for (to be assigned)*

*Co-Primary for (to be assigned)*

**Barb Crow** (2016-2019) 525-0489

*Primary contact for Public Safety, Cemetery.*

*Alternate for Business Management, Personnel*

**Dave Mount** (2016-2019) **Chair** 525-7961

*Primary contact for Business Mgmt, and Personnel,*

*Co-Primary for Town Hall, Alternate for: Roads.*

**Travis Stolp** (2016-2018) 525-0576

*Primary contact for Roads, Recreation/Rental*

*Co-Primary for Joint Use Committee*

**Corlis West** (2017-2020) 525-7719

*Primary contact for (to be assigned)*

*Co-Primary for (to be assigned)*

**Town Clerk:** **Ann K. Cox** 525-5705 (Town Hall)

**Treasurer:** **Mel Peulen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)

**Attorney:** **Scott Witty** 722-4766 (office)

**Cemetery Sexton:** **Molly Tillotson** 218-525-6933

**Planning Director:** **Sue Lawson** messages: 525-5705

**Planning and Zoning Secretary:** **Beth Mullan**

**Planning and Zoning Commission:**

**Wayne Dahlberg, Dave Edblom, Jerry Hauge,  
Liz Strohmayer, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson,  
Larry Zanko.**

**Peace Officers:** **Shawn Padden,  
Chief, Steve Peterson.**

**Emergencies 911**, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407

**Clifton Volunteer Fire/EMS Department:**

**Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief Rob Peldo,  
President Jason Bruckelmyer**

**Burning Permits** are available online at [mndnr.gov/permits](http://mndnr.gov/permits) or the **Town Hall (office hours)**, or from **Fire Wardens:** Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431), Jay Zink 525-5589 or **DNR** in Two Harbors, 1568 Hwy 2, 834-1418.

**Community Center Rental Coordinator:** **Jim Salls** 600-9015

**Town Hall rentals:** contact the Town Clerk, 525-5705.

**Website manager:** Supervisor Barb Crow.

### To Email Township Officials and Departments

Our Township web site, [www.duluthtownship.org/contacts](http://www.duluthtownship.org/contacts), has a dropdown list of personnel and departments you can use to send emails. Note that a copy of all emails automatically goes to the Town Hall for Township records.

**Note:** If the person does not have email access, your communication is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked up.

Many Departments have a web page. (see our web site).

## Township Recycling Center

At the *Town Hall, on Homestead Road*  
Staffed by Carolyn Marino, Roger Beck  
and Volunteers

**April-Oct: Tuesday 7-11am & 3-7pm,  
Thurs. 3-7pm, Saturday 8-12.**

(Recycle drop off only during recycling hours  
and no household garbage, please.)

Aluminum cans should be recycled with plastics/metal cans.  
Curb recycling pickup service is available south of the freeway.

Surveillance cameras have been installed around the Town Hall  
because of vandalism and dumping household garbage.



## Township Calendar

See calendar updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### MAY 2017

- 2, Tue,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 3, Wed,** 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 9, Tue,** 6pm **Board of Adjustment**, Town Hall
- 11, Thu,** 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 16, Tue,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 16, Tue,** **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 25, Thu,** 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 27, Sat,** 8am-noon, **Annual Stormwater Event**, Town Hall, during recycling.

**29, Mon,** **11am Township Memorial Day Ceremony, At the Palmers Lakeview Cemetery**  
(see article, p1, for details)

### JUNE 2017

- 6, Tue,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 7, Wed,** 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 8, Thu,** 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 20, Tue,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training**, Hall #1
- 20, Tue,** **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 22, Thu,** 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 23, Fri,** **Deadline for the July Newsletter**
- 23-25** **Clover Valley Tractor Show** (see article page 8)

### JULY 2017

- 4, Tue,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 5, Wed,** 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 13, Thu,** 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 18, Tue,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training** Hall #1
- 18, Tue,** **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
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## Town Hall Community Room

It is a beautiful area to meet friends, browse the **free library**, use the free WiFi, computer area, etc. Small groups can meet and share the area. Coffee maker, microwave, refrigerator, Wifi and ADA bathroom are available.

See the notice board on the porch for open hours. So far, Community Room hours are:

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7am—noon &amp; 2pm-6pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9am — noon</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2pm — 6pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am —11am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8am — noon</b>

Volunteers are needed to keep the Community Room open for more hours. Please contact the Town Hall office if you can help out (*messages 525-5705*).

## French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

The book for May will be announced. The next meeting is Thursday, May. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Carol Surine will host.

For information call Carol Surine, 525-4426 or email: [CarolSurine@gmail.com](mailto:CarolSurine@gmail.com)

## Clover Valley Tractor Show

Saturday and Sunday, June 23-25

Corlis West

The Clover Valley Tractor Show will again be held the last weekend in June (23-25), 2017. The show is held on the property of Corlis and Pam West, located at the north end of the Homestead Road.

The show kicks off with a pot luck and tractor ride on Friday, June 23 at 5:30 pm. A tractor parade will be held each day at 1:00 pm, and lunch available to help support the show. Some of the tractor owners will even be camping out with their tractors.

There's **no admission fee** to exhibit or to come look. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to help setup for the show, we will have a get together Thursday June 26 at 2:00 pm, at the our place, 1598 W Knife River Rd, Two Harbors, to get it done. We are also looking for **volunteers** to help run the food tent on Saturday and Sunday for a 4 hour shift.

If you are interested in bringing a tractor or would just like more information call Corlis at 218-525-7719 or to find pictures from past tractor shows and information, go to our Face Book page "Clover Valley Tractor Show".

