

SYLVAN TOWN NEWS



Primary Election - August 14, 2012



Summer/Fall 2012 Important Dates

July 31, 2012:
Filing Affidavit of
Candidacy begins

August 14, 2012:
Primary Election
7:00 AM—8:00 PM

August 14, 2012:
Last Day to file for
candidacy

Sept 3, 2012:
Labor Day - Town
Hall Closed

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULES

Town Board Meets:
1st & 3rd Thursdays

Planning Commission
Meets:
2nd Thursdays

Pillager Lake Park
Advisory Board Meets:
As required

Fire Association Meeting
First Monday of each
month - 7:00 pm at
Pillager Fire Hall

Unless otherwise noted,
all meetings begin at 7:00
pm at the Sylvan Town
Hall.

Election 2012

Just a reminder that the Primary Election date is August 14, 2012 from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM and will be held here at the Town Hall.

We are handling the absentee voting for Sylvan Township which started on June 29, 2012 and continues until 5:00 pm on August 13, 2012.

The following Sylvan Township offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2012:

- Township Supervisor Seat 1
(4 year regular term)
- Township Supervisor Seat 2
(4 year regular term)
- Township Supervisor Seat 4
(4 year regular term)

Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 through Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 4:00 PM. Candidates must file at the Town Hall at 12956 24th Ave. SW with the Sylvan Clerk. Candidates must be a resident of Sylvan Township for 30 days before the Township election and 21 years of age. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee at time of filing.

Sylvan Township Centennial 2012

We wish to thank everyone that participated in the Sylvan Centennial Celebration on June 9, 2012 it was enjoyed by many. Since the event we've been asked if we were going to do this again. So folks, mark your calendars with a couple of tentative dates. Saturday, June 15 or 22, 2013, we will be downscaling to one location and the name of the event will be changing as it won't be our Centennial next year. If anyone is interested in helping on the planning committee please let us know. In the mean time read your newsletters and check our website www.sylvantwp.com for updates. We are planning another geo-caching event possibly yet this year and Community Education opportunities.

We do have a few commemorative T-shirts left that are available at the town hall for \$10 for one, \$18 for two or \$21 for three t-shirts. We also have a few kite kits available for \$4 each. We have old street signs for \$10. And lastly, we will also have our commemorative book "Sylvan Township – 100 Years and More" available for \$14 each. Any of these items would make a great gift. Hope to see you at the event next June.
Centennial Committee

Sylvan Town Hall

Hours: Mon.-
8:30- m
1:00pm-2:30 pm
Website:
[http://
www.sylvantwp.com](http://www.sylvantwp.com)

For address changes,
contact Cass County at
218-547-7260

Town Board:

Greg Booth:
Chair
Lee Shade: Vice Chair,
Fire
Roland Anderson:
Co-Road & Driveway
Supervisor, Park, JOBZ
Yvette Dullinger
Planning Commission

Planning Commission Update

The Sylvan Township Planning Commission has the responsibility of overseeing the permitting of any commercial entities within the township. In the past year the Commercial Ordinance has been updated. There have been limited applications for new commercial ventures, but there have been a few updates and finalizations that have taken place. Ramstad Inc. is in the process of remodeling the former Extra Stock Liquidators building. There are several Conditional Use Permits that have been issued that are reviewed on an annual basis.

In addition Planning Commission members have attended a number of training sessions with an emphasis on water quality and healthy watersheds. Sylvan Township has so many lakes, rivers, and wetlands that it seemed to the commission that a greater understanding of township waters is important.

Looking forward, the Planning Commission will be working on updating the Comprehensive Plan. The updated plan will reflect the future vision for the township as expressed by the residents of the township. John Shardlow of Stantec Consulting Inc has been hired to assist the township in this effort. John Shardlow will be charged with developing a survey and compiling the results of the survey to help define the collective vision of township residents. In addition John Shardlow will be looking for ways to improve the working relationship between Sylvan Township and Cass County, and to bring additional efficiency to their planning work. The work being done by Stantec Consulting will be paid in part by a grant from The Initiative Foundation.

Now this is where you, a resident of the township, come in. You will be asked to fill out this survey once it has been prepared. The Planning Commission NEEDS your input if this vision is to truly reflect the thoughts of you and your neighbors. Updating the plan will take the better part of a year. Throughout the process the commission will be asking for your opinion as to what you think the township should look like in 5 years. Your help will be appreciated.

The Planning Commission meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the town hall at 7pm. Residents of the township are always welcome.

Dave Johnson
Planning Commission Chair

Notice from Camp Ripley

CAMP RIPLEY, Minn. - The Minnesota National Guard is conducting training on the installation from July 27 - August 9 that will cause noise that may exceed what has been heard in the local area over the past few years.

On July 27, 2012 the M270 Multiple Launch Rocket System will fire rockets that will be seen with long white streams of smoke across the sky and loud audible noises.

Starting July 28 - August 3, M1A2 Abrahams Tanks as well as 120mm Mortar fire will be heard during day and nighttime hours.

Beginning July 30 - August 9 the M777 155mm Howitzer will be heard with loud audible noises similar to thunder. Firing will be heard during day and nighttime hours.

Individuals with questions about the noise on Camp Ripley please contact the Camp Ripley Operations Office at 320-616-2710.

Note To Residents

Sylvan Township will pay \$50.00 to each household in Sylvan Township that has their septic system inspected by a Certified Inspector. Check your local phone book or online for area Inspectors.

The Township is doing this as a way to encourage residents to keep their septic system in good operating condition.

Pillager Area Fire Protection Association - Access for Emergency Vehicles

The Pillager Fire Department is asking residents to please trim and maintain your driveways and lanes for emergency vehicles to access your residence. The MN State Fire Code states minimum requirements for lane and driveway width and height dimensions are: **14' high and 20' wide**. Emergency vehicles cannot reach your residence if these requirements are not met.

Lee Shade, Sylvan Township Fire Association Representative



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Road Report

Ken Dickinson, Sylvan Town Board Member and Co-Road Supervisor passed away on July 11, 2012 after a courageous battle with cancer. Ken was very active on road issues and Board meeting business. He will be missed. We extend our sympathy to his wife Dianne and family.

Road projects completed this year was the paving of 25th Avenue SW, Class 5 added to Front Street (Cemetery Road in Pillager), sweeping all paved roads, mowing of all Township ditches and crack sealing all paved roads north of State Highway 210.

We also installed 3 new culverts and 1 beaver leveler. The heavy rains in June did not flood any town roads. Our town road drainage system worked well with minor shoulder washouts. Some farm fields were flooded and we will work with the landowners.

Ongoing is shouldering paved roads, asphalt patching and brushing intersections and sign visibility.

We have mapped all our sign locations by GPS and will start our sign replacement, mandated in the Federal Sign Program. The Road Supervisors and Board will be viewing where to put new signs, eliminate signs, and replace signs. You will see a big difference in the new reflectivity signs compared to the old signs.

Roland Anderson, Co-Road Supervisor