

# SYLVAN TOWNSHIP NEWS



**March 12, 2013 Annual Town Meeting will be held at the  
Sylvan Town Hall at 7pm**



## WINTER 2013

### Important Dates

**March 10, 2013**  
Daylight Saving Time  
**March 12, 2013:**  
Annual Town Meeting -  
7:00 PM  
Alternative date:  
March 19, 2013  
**March 25, 2013:**  
Town Hall Closed - Spring  
Short Course  
**March 31, 2013:**  
Easter  
**Free Tax Preparation:**  
Tuesdays through  
April 9, 2013 - call for appt  
**Board of Equalization:**  
April 19, 2013 - Town Hall  
10:00 AM

## 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.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

2012 was an interesting year for planning and zoning. We were involved with 4 residential variances managed by Cass County with the Township passing on our recommendations to the County Planning Commission for each residential variance request. The County Planning Commission has generally given this recommendation weight when considering these variances. The Planning Commission (PC) also assisted with the opening of another business in Sylvan Township. In 2012 the PC began the process to update the long range vision of the Township's Comprehensive Plan. Sylvan Township hired professional guidance to help us get a clear view of what you, the residents, see as the vision for our Township. Input is being sought, as we go into 2013, from businesses, youth of the Township, and a small group visioning session. Sylvan Township received a grant from the Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 with the Township matching that amount to implement this study and develop the plan. John Davidson, PC member, resigned at the end of his term this past year and as of this writing there has not been a replacement. We would like to thank John for all his dedication and hard work. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact us at the Town Hall.

Dave Johnson, Planning Commission Chairman

### SYLVAN TOWNSHIP ROADS UPDATE

We've had a real Minnesota winter this season, bringing with it some difficult road conditions. The Township snow policy is to plow roads when there is an accumulation of two or more inches of snow, or at the discretion of the Road Supervisors. Of course the plows have been out for many smaller snows this winter, because of icy conditions. The snow policy does not guarantee "ice-free" roads. Please be aware that it takes a full day to clear all of the Township roads, and in heavier snowfalls, the plows go out first to open up the roads and then again to finish cleaning out cul-de-sacs and road shoulders. The Township takes the safety of roads and snowplow operators very seriously, and if the conditions are dangerous, the drivers may have to wait until the snow lets up before going out. The Township has already used more sand and salt than the Board had budgeted for, due to the ice and packed snow. The Board and Clerk try to respond to all road issues, so if you feel that your road has been missed, or have other questions, you can always call. If you have a post office-approved mailbox post - the kind that extends over the road shoulder and swings away to prevent damage - the snowplows will have a much easier time clearing snow near the mailbox.

This year, the Township will be accepting bids to pave Classic Pines Trail SW and West Mile Lake Road SW, as part of the Township's continuing road improvement projects.

### NEW BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION

Supervisor John Wulff was elected to the Sylvan Town Board in November. John and his wife have lived in Sylvan Township since the fall of 1985. John previously served as a supervisor on the Sylvan Town Board from 1993 to 1999. John looks forward to serving the people of Sylvan Township.

### SYLVAN HERITAGE DAY

Please mark your calendars for June 22nd to attend Sylvan Township's Annual Heritage Day. Our first nationality of early Sylvan settlers that we will be celebrating is those of Scandinavian descent. We are planning many activities, music, demonstrations and food around this theme. We are looking for more people to join our planning committee. If you have any questions or would like to be a part of this committee or give a donation towards this event please contact the Town Hall.

### Sylvan Town Hall

Hours: Mon.-  
8:30- m  
1:00pm-2:30 pm  
Email us at:  
[sylvan@brainerd.net](mailto:sylvan@brainerd.net)  
Website:  
<http://www.sylvantwp.com>

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

**Town Board:**  
**Greg Booth:** Chair,  
Weeds  
**Lee Shade:** Vice Chair,  
Fire  
**Roland Anderson:**  
Co-Road & Driveway  
Supervisor, Park  
**John Wulff:**  
Co-Road Supervisor,  
**Yvette Dullinger:**  
Planning Commission  
Co-Road Supervisor



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## Annual Town Meeting Set For March 12, 2013 at 7:00pm

**T**ownship residents can participate in grass roots democracy, deciding the annual levy and other important Town issues. The Sylvan Township Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 7 p.m. at the Sylvan Town Hall, alternate date will be March 19, 2013.

Proposed 2014 tax levies are:

- General Fund       \$ 114,400.00
- Road & Bridge     \$ 349,062.00 Including Bond #1  
                              \$ 141,328.70 Bond #2
- Fire Fund           \$ 66,000.00 (tentative)

Total Proposed Levy   \$ 670,790.70

Last year's levy total was - \$ 676,310.70

### Donations

Donations from Townships are very limited by Minnesota Statute. Some of the donations allowed by law include those to county fairs, county historical society, senior centers and youth centers. Any expenditure must be authorized by the Town Board.

### AGENDA—tentative

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN CLERK/TREASURER
  - 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
2. ELECTION OF MODERATOR FROM COMMUNITY
  - 2.1 Introduction of Board Members
3. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORTS
  - 3.1 Motion to approve minutes of 2012 Annual Meeting
  - 3.2 2012 Financial Reports—Audit Report on Table
4. TOWN STATUS REPORTS
  - 4.1 Fire Association: Fire Chief Randy Lee
  - 4.2 Planning Commission: Arlene Schmit
  - 4.3 Park Board:
  - 4.4 Road & Bridge Supervisors:
  - 4.5 Sylvan Heritage Day:
5. SET TAX LEVIES FOR 2014 (see proposed levies at left)
6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
  - 6.1 DONATIONS OR OTHER
    - 6.1.1 CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY -
    - 6.1.2 CASS COUNTY AG SOCIETY - Jennifer Paananen
    - 6.1.3 CRISIS LINE - Mary Marana
    - 6.1.4 FAITH IN ACTION -
7. MOTION TO SET 2014 ANNUAL MEETING FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
9. MOTION TO ADJOURN