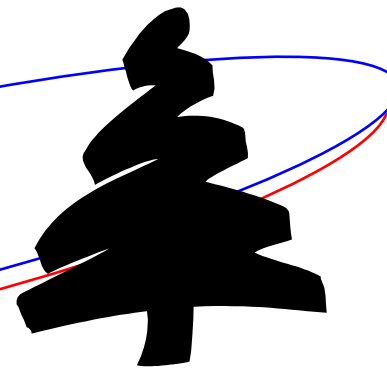


SYLVAN TOWNSHIP NEWS



Chairman's Notes

- Greg Booth

Sylvan Township Election Integrity

As we get closer to the 2024 election, I would like to say a little bit about voting at the Sylvan Township precinct level.

Sylvan holds as secure an election process as you will find anywhere. We have a dedicated group of election judges who are highly trained, impartial and fair. We have a very secure, robust system through Cass County for counting ballots and keeping them safe. Our Township Clerk and Deputy Clerk, Jenna Ruggles and Colleen Putnam, have overseen elections for years and are very familiar with election procedures and rules.

Minnesota has been a national leader in voter turnout, election reform, and ballot integrity. Whether you vote in person or absentee, your vote counts. As long as I've been in office — more than 20 years now — I have not been aware of any illegal voting, missing ballots or other election problems. The Sylvan Town Board of Supervisors is proud of our election team and all the work they do to make sure our elections are fair.

If you do believe that there is a problem such as voter suppression, discrimination, fraud or other problems, you can contact the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. They will contact the proper authorities to follow up. Contact info: 1-877-600-VOTE (8683) or email elections.dept@state.mn.us.

Important Dates

October 26, 2024:
**DEA National RX
Take Back Day**
Cass County will be
at Sylvan Town Hall
10:00am-12:00pm

November 4, 2024:
Absentee Voting
ends 5:00 pm

November 5, 2024
**General Election
Voting** open from
7am — 8pm at
Sylvan Town Hall

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULES

Township Board
Meets: 1st & 3rd
Thursdays (*Except
Dec. '24 & Jan. '25*)

Planning Commis-
sion (PC) Meets: 2nd
Thursday

*All Township Board
and PC meetings
begin at 7:00 PM at
Sylvan Town Hall
unless noted*

Pillager Lake Park
Board Meets: As
needed - monthly in
summer

Pillager Fire Assoc.
Meets: First Monday
of each month - 7:00
pm at Pillager Fire
Hall

Pillager Lions Club
Meets: Second
Thursday of month -
call ahead if coming
651-216-2400

Sylvan Town Hall

(218) 746-3652

Approx. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Email us at: info@sylvantwp.com

Website: www.sylvantwp.com

Cass County

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

Sylvan Town Board

Greg Booth: Chairman & Weeds Supervisor
Greg Bennett: Vice Chair, Co-Road & PC Liaison
Bob Johnson: Co-Road & Fire Liaison
Arlene Schmit: Co-Road & Pillager Park Board
Keith Card: Cass Co Emergency Mgmt. Rep.



The Park has started to grow in more ways than one. The ample spring and summer rains brought out several of the flowers in the park. The trails have been mowed nicely along with the parking areas. There is a newly installed kiosk, a bench (donated by Dave Johnson) on the overlook, and the picnic area has been laid out and ready for more construction in the coming year. Sylvan Park Committee has done an excellent job weeding and planting - the next event will be bud capping. If you would like to volunteer give the Town Hall a call. If you want to just enjoy a fall walk on one of the three trails, please do so!

Pictured below: Pam, Gene, Roy, and David (L to R)



Sylvan Business Highlight

- Dave Johnson (Planning Commission Chair)

I spoke with Manager, Steve Boeckermann, who has been in this location since it opened in 2000. Preferred Pump has been a wholesale supplier to the residential, ag and municipal well drilling industry across the US. The Sylvan site is one of 60 nationwide and one of 3 in Minnesota. The sales area for the Sylvan operation is central and northern Minnesota and part of North Dakota. Preferred Pump recently added wholesale supply to licensed sewer contractors. The company employs 11 people, 3 of which are outside salespeople. Most of the employees live within a 10-mile radius of the office. 5-years ago, the company became an ESOP with employees owning the company. Mr. Boeckermann says the company has very little turnover and he estimated this office has over 210 years of experience among them. It is apparent this is a great place to work.



SYLVAN TOWNSHIP REQUIRES ALL BUSINESSES TO OBTAIN A PERMIT
 See the Sylvan Commercial Ordinance (SCO) on our website for more information.

Below are the statements from the candidates for the Town Board. Along with the 3 open seats on the Sylvan Township Board, there are 3 open School Board Seats for our district; their candidate statements can be found on our Facebook page or the Pillager School's page.

Seat 1 Candidate

Greg Booth:

My wife, Vickie Kettlewell, and I own and manage Sunup Ranch. I've been a part of Sylvan Township both as a Planning Commission member and Board Supervisor. Sylvan Township government works as I learned it should work in high school civics class: Non-partisan, grassroots government. I appreciate Sylvan Township for its rich mix of forests, water, agriculture, local businesses and people. Some of the projects I am proud to have been a part of include:

- Construction of a modern Town Hall
- Paving project and other road improvements
- Preservation of Township green space
- Regional archeological resources study (grant)
- Expansion of broadband access

I would appreciate your vote.

Seat 2 Candidate

Robert (Bob) Johnson:

I am running for the position of Sylvan Township Board Supervisor because I feel an obligation to continue what I have been doing for the last four years.

I want to continue to learn more about every duty and responsibility that comes with this position.

I want to continue to represent Sylvan Township as a Pillager Fire liaison and be able to interact with those amazing volunteers.

I want to be able to continue to work with the Cass County Sheriff's Office and their Emergency Management Team when the need arises.

I want to continue to interact with the members of the Sylvan Township community.

I want to continue to work with the most informed, experienced, honest and dedicated team I've ever been blessed to work with.

Seat 4 Candidates

Greg Bennett

I am running for re-election to the Sylvan town board to continue to be a voice for the residents of Sylvan Township. Over my last 2 terms, the township has completed many projects that benefit all residents of Sylvan and I would like to continue developing and maintaining our township to the expectations of our residents.

Troy Hradsky

Having been born and raised in Sylvan Township and now being at the phase in life whereas I have the time to dedicate to the township I felt I should run for a board seat and get involved.

Our township is poised for a fair amount of growth in the next few years, and I would like to ensure that the residents are properly represented in the decisions of this growth.



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Sylvan Town Hall is your voting location for the General Election or for Absentee Voting ahead of the election.

Notice to Voters

**November 5, 2024
State General Election**

Review the information below to learn about the upcoming State General Election.

Access Your Sample Ballot

- Your official ballot will have the names of all candidates for your precinct.
- To see a list of the names of candidates and questions that will be on the ballot for your precinct visit: mnvotes.gov/myballot
- Contact Cass County Elections to request a free copy of your sample ballot be mailed to you

You may also view your sample ballot online by scanning:

