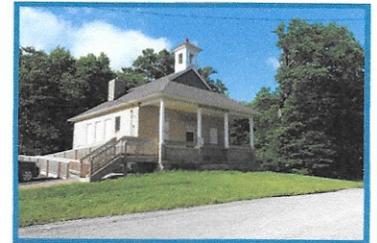


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PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION:

STATE PRIMARY ELECTIONS: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 7:00 a.m. - 8 p.m. at San Francisco Town Hall. Covid-19 protocol will be in place: Cleaning, distancing, limited number of voters in hall, masks recommended. The county will be providing hand sanitizer and disinfectant for us to use during the primary. You can also vote by mail or in person (Carver County Court House) June 26 through August 10.

Filing open for San Francisco Township Board Supervisor

Anyone interested in being part of our township government as a township board supervisor may file to be on the November ballot starting July 28, 2020 until August 11, 2020 at 5 pm.

There is a \$2 filing fee. Information and application may be obtained by contacting San Francisco Town Clerk, Heidi Schmidt via email at: HeidiSFT@gmail.com

Update on Town Hall Historical Designation

The evaluation of our Town Hall to show eligibility to be on the National Historical Register prepared for us by our consultant, Hoisington Preservation, was filed with the Minnesota Historical Society July 15, 2020. It will be evaluated by the committee and we should know in about a month if we qualify. Once we qualify, we will submit a request to the MN State Historical Society to be placed on the MN Register. If that is accepted, we will then have to apply for the National Historical Register designation. This process should take about three months. Acceptance to the National Register will open opportunities for grant money to repair and restore our Town Hall.

ORDINANCE CHANGES

A public hearing was held May 18 (Zoom) with a continuation for public input on June 11 (in person/Zoom) concerning changes in the Mining Ordinance. The changes were voted on and adopted at the June 15 Board meeting (Zoom/in person).

Many changes were minor: clarifying confusing contradiction or typos. Some of the major changes were:

1. Trucks per hour increased from 24 to 30 each way. Increases allowed with board approval under special circumstances for short period of time.
2. Bond amount revised to at least \$3,500 per acre for 35 acre mining area (10 reclamation, 15 staging, 10 active mining).
3. Permitted mining area increased to 120 acres.

Special Meetings August 12, 2020 at Town Hall

6:45 p.m.

Special Township Planning Board meeting to approve minutes of Public Hearings held on May 18 continued to June 11 and on July 13.

7:00 p.m.

Special Township Board meeting to approve the Interim Use Permit (IUP) for Chard Grading and Excavation at Hanson Pit after review by attorneys (not completed in time for for regular board meeting on July 20, 2020).

COVID-19 AFFECTS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Due to COVID-19, the monthly meetings are held remotely using Zoom and meetings are held in person with limited numbers in accordance with social distancing guidelines. Zoom option will be on the website with instructions on how to access it.

Next meeting August 17, 2020 @ 7:00. Agenda for meeting is also posted on website.

Check the website in case of changes: sanfranciscotownship.com

History of Present School 22 Building - Part 1

from building evaluation prepared by Hoisington Preservation

On Friday, April 22, 1917, Miss Fornell, the teacher at District No. 22 school, began the weekly task of giving the classroom a thorough cleaning. As was her routine, she heated water on an old stove in the woodshed. While going about her chores, a spark from the chimney landed on the wood-shingled roof, catching it on fire. Soon, the flames had jumped to schoolhouse roof and the building was engulfed in flames. Although books and seats were saved, the school was a total loss.

Two weeks later, the district board met and voted to build a new school on the same site. In choosing a plan, they found themselves in the middle of a significant shift in education. The board issued a letter to the community: "As it is well known now School Districts are not allowed to build school houses in accordance to the ideas of the people in the district, but must follow plans laid down by the State Board of Education, wherefore our building necessarily came considerable higher than it otherwise would."

The District No. 22 school board selected an adaptation of the Minnesota Standard School Plan, Design No. 3, published in Challman's *The Rural School Plant for Rural Teachers and School Boards*. This schoolhouse is especially adapted to a location

where a SOUTH front is desired. All the windows for the schoolroom are on the east side, which is generally conceded to be the direction from which the most desirable light may be obtained. The front has two windows which provide light for the coat rooms. The west side had three windows which furnish ample light for the library and toilet room. The north side, taking the brunt of Minnesota's cold weather, had one window. "Unlike many rural schoolhouses, Challman wrote, "this building presents a pleasing appearance from any side, owing to the happy distribution of windows."

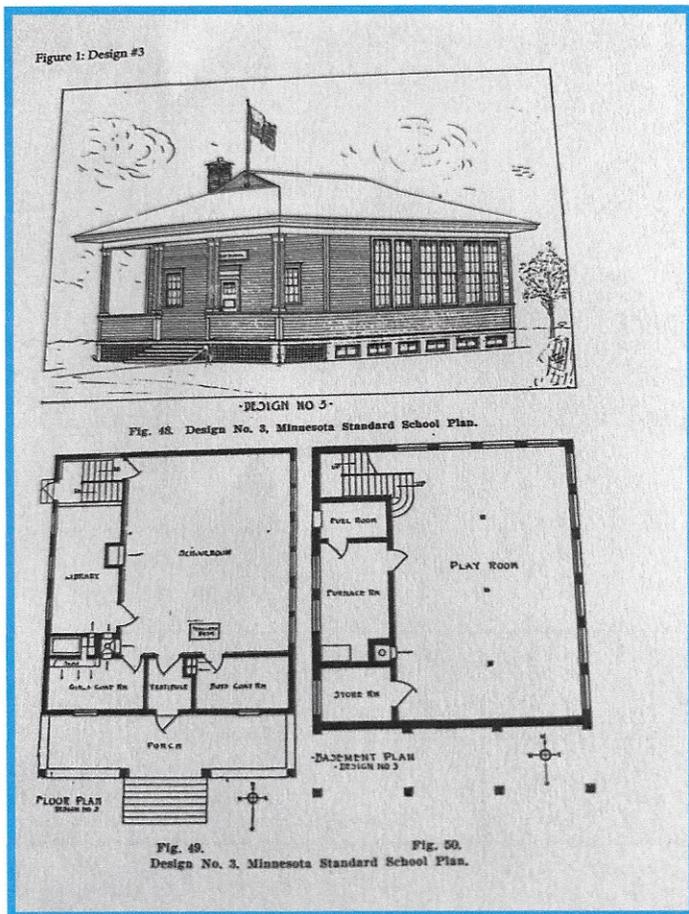
Inside, it used many of the latest trends: a library room, a vestibule, and two coat rooms. "The coat room and the vestibule should never be combined," warned Challman, "as children's clothing should be kept in a warm room where there is a constant circulation of air." Another incorporated reform was the use of a wall of windows, with its location based on prevailing winds and morning sun. The teacher's desk was placed on the south end. That served two purposes. The students would have good light coming from the left — expecting most to be right-handed. Also the desk location near the door afforded "certain advantages in the matter of school discipline."

Unlike the state plans, which showed wood siding, this school would be built using Chaska brick. Taking advantage of excellent and deep deposits of alluvial clay along the Minnesota River, this distinctive brick, made only a few miles away, was known for its cream color, high clay content, and quality. The product was also weighed less than other brick, making it cheaper to transport. By the beginning of the twentieth century, six Chaska brickyards employed around 600 men, manufacturing thirty percent of all

brick used in Minnesota. For a frugal school board, it was a means to add durability and craftsmanship at a relative low cost.

The school committee also modified the plans to cut costs. The blueprints called for a full basement with substantial space allotted for a furnace. Instead, the committee decided to heat the building with a wood-burning stove and digging out a partial basement, 12 feet wide. This resulted in one additional change, in that the east side basement windows were no longer needed. Although the suggested plan called for restroom off one of the cloak rooms, the school continued to rely on an outhouse.

One addition was made, a cupola "that will compare favorably with the building in size, design, material, and workmanship." As recommended by the state, they hired contractor P. J. Heinisch of Norwood to adapt the plan to the specific site. Construction began just after the Fourth of July and work was completed in mid-November. The total cost was \$4,346.



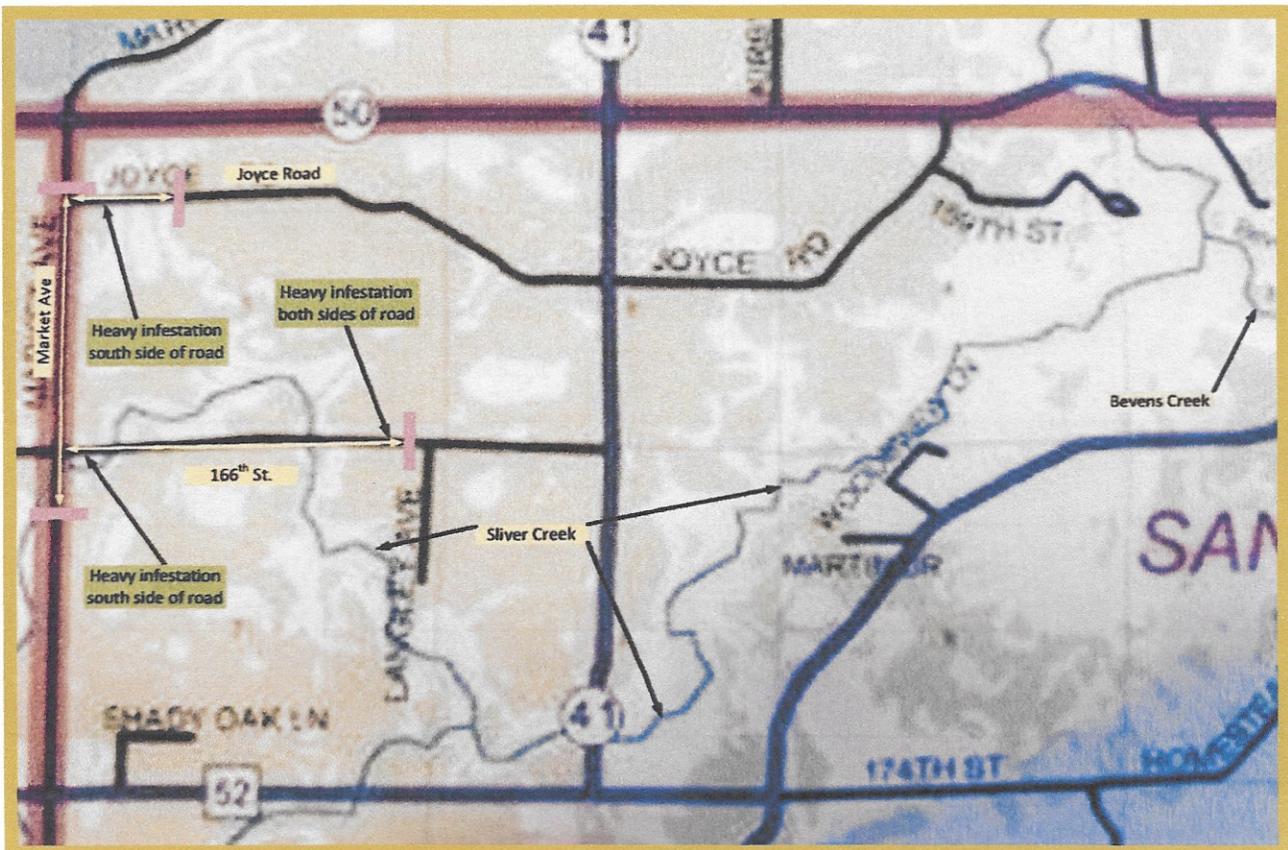


**WILD
PARSNIPS
IN
TOWNSHIP
BE ON
LOOKOUT!**



The map shows the right of ways that are now infested with wild parsnips which the Township will be controlling with the use of a herbicide. All residents in the area are asked to be on the lookout for this poisonous noxious weed. Resident that are down stream from the infestation on Silver Creek and Bevens Creek should be on the lookout as it seems to spread, among other ways, along the water ways.

Anyone seeing wild Parsnip should contact a Township Board member.



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**PRIMARY ELECTION, FILING FOR TOWN BOARD DEADLINE, MINING ORDINANCE CHANGE,
WILD PARSNIPS, TOWN HALL HISTORY, COVID 19 BOARD MEETINGS,
TOWN HALL HISTORICAL DESIGNATION UPDATE**

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee usually meets once a month on the Thursday before the Township Board Meeting at 7:00 pm at 16330 Carver Highlands Drive. Interested residents welcome to attend. These are open meetings.

Chair: Heidi Schmidt (HeididSFT@gmail.com)

Members: Peter Ivy, Lou Longhenry, Philip Solseng, Ken Turnquist.

**COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS AND /OR INPUT. PLEASE CONTACT HEIDI SCHMIDT FOR
DETAILS (heidisft@gmail.com)**

**TOWNSHIP BOARD Meets on the 3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH at the TOWN HALL at 7:00 PM
except January and February where, due to Monday holidays, meeting will be held on the 2nd
Monday of the month. Limited in person and Zoom option due to Covid-19.**

Next Township Board Meeting AUGUST 17, 2020 7:00 PM

Board Chair: Doug Weber (carverweber@gmail.com)

Supervisors: Larry Schmidt (larry@robbselectricinc.com); Kevin Lundquist (gus448@aol.com)

Treasurer: Denise Andersen (andersenrdjsaj@yahoo.com)

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