

San Francisco Township Newsletter



OCTOBER 2026



VOTE!!!!



**GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026
SAN FRANCISCO TOWN HALL
7:00 A.M. - 8 P.M.**

17380 HOMESTEAD ROAD, CARVER MN 55315

Ballot information can be found at www.sos.mn.gov.

Go to election & voting at top of page. Select "What's on My Ballot". Select "View Your Ballot". Put in your address and click on "Search". Your ballot will appear. The blue print indicates a link to bios and the information for some candidate and for the constitutional amendment.

EARLY VOTING.

If you are unable to vote in person on election day, you can vote early at the Carver Country Court House during regular hours (Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.).

Additional County Hours:



**Saturday Oct 24.....9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday Oct 27.....8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday Oct 31.....9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday Nov 1.....9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Monday Nov 2.....8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**



The Township Annual Picnic in June was a great success!

**A big THANK YOU to our sponsors whose
support made this happen:**

*Chard Grading & Excavation	Cash Donation
*TJ Exteriors	Cash Donation
*Encore Heating & Air	Tables & Chairs
*Halquist Farms	Ice cream/tent
*Sun Meadow Farm	Tents
*Susan and Peter Ivy	Gift certificates

And a special thanks to all the volunteers that gave their time in planning, setting up, greeting, grilling, serving, and cleaning up!



CANDIDATES FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

THREE CANDIDATES ARE RUNNING TO FILL THE TWO OPEN POSITIONS.

Scott Selken is unopposed for the Supervisor B position. Heidi Schmidt and Jim Olson are running for the Supervisor C position.

Supervisor B: Scott Selken

I was appointed to my first term five years ago after Supervisor Kevin Lundquist moved out of the Township. I was elected to my second term by the great folks of San Francisco Township and now running again for a third term. I have lived in the Township for almost 27 years, raised 3 Kids who are all grown up and moved on to their prospective careers. My wife Kim and I have been married for 29 years. My professional career has been with the City of Chaska Public Works for 30 years. I have been the Assistant Public Works Director for the last 10 years. My passion has always been to keep the Township Government small but carry big and small projects alike that benefit all of us.

Supervisor C: Heidi Schmidt

As Carver County farmer's daughter, I grew up up here and I have always loved this rural area so close to the metro. Now farming with my husband Glenn, we like to travel, be on the water and ride 4X4s. I am a licensed Realtor and have served as the Township clerk for the last 14 years. I've learned a lot about local government by tending to the day to day duties and attending many trainings offered by MN Assoc of Townships. The town board is responsible for roads, fire service and budgets, but also must keep an eye on encroaching development. Growth needs to be planned and organized so we can protect our streams, keep our natural beauty and preserve our rural setting. I want to be an accessible and responsive representative for all residents - not simply to hear concerns when problems arise, but to listen, communicate, and work for our citizens.

Supervisor C: Jim Olson

I have been a lifelong resident of San Francisco Township. I graduated from The U of MN-St Paul with a BS degree. I have been married to my wife Bev for 39 years and we have two children Andy (age 33) and Carter (age 29). I want to maintain the rich history of this township by preserving its amenities such as bluffs, rivers, lakes, woods and ag land. We must also allow residential and commercial development when it complies with our current comprehensive plan.

Previous Experience: Township Board from 1991 until 2003, Board Chairman, Member of Metropolitan Council Permanent Agricultural Land Preservation Task Force, Member of Carver County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, Member of Carver County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Committee, Secretary and Treasurer of Carver County Township Officers Association.

OLD NATIONAL BANK
Public Funds Interest Plus
\$222,133.45
CD - Public Funds
\$477,775.34

September 14, 2026
TREASURER'S
REPORT

ROYAL CREDIT UNION
Business Savings
\$5.00
Public Entity Money Market
\$298,295.09

History of Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) (How did it form and what do they do?)

Citizens Advisory Committee Helps Preserve Town Hall and Connect Residents.

Residents who attended San Francisco Township's second annual picnic on June 18 saw the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) in action. The volunteer committee works with the Township Board to support local projects, encourage resident involvement, and strengthen community connections.

TOWN HALL RESTORATION

The CAC began in 2017, when former Township Supervisor, Doug Weber, raised the need for an upgraded building with a bathroom in the 1917 Town Hall. As residents looked more closely, it became clear that the historic building first needed restoration.

Township resident Philip Solseng and Ken Turnquist helped organize the CAC, joined by Claudine Solseng, Heidi Schmidt, Jim Forberg, Peter Ivy, Lou Longhenry, Steve Mueller, Harri Rinta, Maddy Wegner and Supervisor Doug Weber.

That early work led to an initial Minnesota Historical Society grant to document the building's significance. With architectural and historical support from Jim Forberg, Daniel Hoisington, and Steve Mueller, the Town Hall was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2020, making it eligible for Minnesota Legacy funding. A successful application was submitted on a tight deadline.

In January 2022, the Township received \$175,133 in Legacy funds. The grant has helped stabilize the foundation, repoint the exterior Chaska brick, replace windows, secure entryways and restore the structure. More residents later joined the renovation effort, including Jeanne Aufderheide, Jayne Kane, Anne Kastner, Sam Niskanen, Sue Palmquist, and former Township Supervisor Andy Olson.

WHAT COMES NEXT

With Phase One largely complete and the building stable, Phase Two will focus on bringing the Town Hall into code compliance over time as funding allows. Recently the back entry has been restored and made useable as a second exit. COVID reimbursement funds were set aside as the initial building fund for Phase Two, with annual certificate-of-deposit interest added to support future upgrades while limiting the tax impact on residents.

NEWSLETTER

The CAC also helps keep residents informed through the Township Newsletter and by following regional and county planning efforts that may affect San Francisco Township, including Carver County's 2050 Comprehensive Planning process.

RESIDENTS WELCOME TO CAC MEETING

CAC meetings are typically held at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall every other month on the Thursday following the Mondays Township Meeting. The remaining 2026 meeting will be November 19. The 2027 meetings are starting in January. The CAC will review future priorities at the **November and January** meetings. Residents are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and stay involved. Additional meetings may be scheduled to address timely issues with dates, times, and locations posted on the Township website.



**THAT TIME OF YEAR IS SOON APPROACHING!!
IT IS A STATE STATUTE THAT WHEN CLEARING YOUR
DRIVEWAY YOU CANNOT PLOW SNOW
ACROSS TOWNSHIP ROADS INTO THE DITCH.
THIS CREATES HAZARDS
FOR BOTH MOTORIST AND SNOWPLOW**

Please find a spot ON YOUR PROPERTY to pile snow.

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Township Board meetings are usually on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.

October's meeting will be on the 3rd Monday, October 19 due to National Holiday on October 12

CAC meetings are on the Thursday following the Board meeting at 7:00pm

Annual Meeting is on the Second Tuesday of March



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