

# SAN FRANCISCO TOWNSHIP NEWS



February 2022

## WE GOT THE GRANT!

In early January we received notice that the Minnesota Historical Society's Advisory Board had approved our Minnesota Historical & Cultural Heritage grant in the amount of \$175,133 for the San Francisco Township for the San Francisco Township District No. 22 School/Town Hall Stabilization and Repair project.

The CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) is now starting the process of fulfilling the requirements set forth by the Minnesota Historical Society. Below is a PROPOSED schedule of the process and dates for the project.

- Start process/preparation of contract document January 2022
- Phase I Construction bid document published Feb 1, 2022
- Phase I construction out for bids due Feb 22, 2022
- Award construction contract around mid March 2022
- Start of construction in mid April, 2022
- Complete around end of October, 2022

## Notice of 2022 Annual Meeting 7:00 pm March 8, 2022.

Notice of the 2022 annual meeting of San Francisco Township, in Carver County to be held March 8, 2022 at the Town Hall located at 17380 Homestead Rd. The meeting will commence at 7:00 pm to discuss all legal and necessary business of the township. The meeting can be listened to via Zoom invitation found on website below. No comments or discussion will be entertained from Zoom attendees. In case of inclement weather meeting will be postponed to the following Tuesday and such notice posted on website.

**Following are some of the topics for discussion or vote that will be on the agenda: Road Maintenance, Rural Fire Coverage, Budget for 2023, Town Hall Rehabilitation Project**

## Lou's History Corner by Lou Longhenry

While doing research, I have found a lot of general information, many mistakes, misspelling, and contradictory dates. There are times one just has to make an educated guess and assume it is correct. I previously reported that our S/F Township had been using the School Distr. 22 building for our meeting place for over 100 years. That info was found in our recorded township secretary minutes. But, that was only for our annual spring meeting, not the monthly meeting.

Upon further recent research, it turns out we were granted a 1/4 acre of land for the purpose of a town hall on March 4, 1886. The small parcel was a triangle which measured 132' x 82.5' x 115.5'. I have not (yet) found out the size of the original town hall but it was located just one mile north of the school on the NE corner of Sect. 9, just south of Henderson RD 37 (which eventually became Carver Co. 40). The actual line of travel of Carver Co. Rd 40 (then Henderson 37) has changed several times over the years. Back then it was the main road from Henderson to Carver. There was no bridge to cross the Minnesota River, however, there was a small ferry to cross the river about 2 1/2 miles NE of where State Highway 25 crosses the river today.

On May 16, 1961, the Township voted at a special meeting to move all future meetings into the vacant School Distr. 22 building. The original Town Hall was sold and moved to different location.

We have about 2,500 pages of hand written township records to access to find a lot more information about our township history. I also get info from courthouse records and material from libraries and historical societies. As always - if you have any historical info, old photos or maps that you would care to share with the rest of us, then contact me or anyone the CAC or the SFT website at:

[sanfranciscotownship.com](http://sanfranciscotownship.com)

**\*MARK YOUR CALENDAR\***

**\*ANNUAL MEETING IS ON TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2022 AT 7:00 PM  
San Francisco Town Hall**

**\*Monthly Board Meeting: 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00  
March 21, 2022 San Francisco Township Hall**

**\*Location of board meeting location during construction to be announced later.**

Board Chair: Larry Schmidt ([larry@robbselectricinc.com](mailto:larry@robbselectricinc.com));

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Deputy Clerk: Jeanne Aufderheide ([JAufderheideSFT@gmail.com](mailto:JAufderheideSFT@gmail.com))

**Notice of Special Meeting on March 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall@Homestead Road.**

Topic: Board members will meet to discuss the Town Hall Stabilization Grant, its implementation and review contractor bids for the project.

**REMINDER: SNOW REMOVAL REGULATION**

DO NOT PLOW SNOW ACROSS A TOWNSHIP ROAD INTO THE DITCH. THIS CREATES HAZARDS FOR BOTH MOTORIST AND SNOWPLOWS.

Minnesota Statute 160.2715 prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots onto or across public roads into the right-of-way (in general 33 feet from the center of the road). Please find a spot on your property to pile the snow and keep it off the Township roads and out of the Township ditches.  
**THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR ROADS AND PLOW DRIVERS SAFE!**