

SAN FRANCISCO TOWNSHIP NEWS



NOVEMBER 2021

HISTORICAL DESIGNATION PLAQUE UNVEILED AT TOWNSHIP CELEBRATION



Members of San Francisco Township Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) recently hosted a celebration of the unveiling of their new historical designation plaque for San Francisco Town Hall (School District 22). This status enables the group to apply for state Legacy funds to help restore the schoolhouse, built in 1917. The celebration was held from 5:30-7:00 pm at the town hall on September 20, 2021 prior to the monthly Township meeting. Attending the celebration were Township residents, CAC committee members, Architect Todd Grover, Town Board Supervisors and staff, and Carver County Commissioner, John Fahey. Information was given out, questions

answered, and doors open for all to see what is behind the scenes. It was also a time for neighbors to see each other and chat over cupcakes. Pictured from left to right: Front row: Jeanne Aufderheide, Township Deputy Clerk; Scott Selken, Township Supervisor; Heidi Schmidt, Township Clerk; Lou Longhenry, CAC; Claudine Solseng, CAC; Maddie Wegner, CAC. Back row: Denise Andersen, Township Treasurer; John Fahey, County Commissioner; Larry Schmidt, Township Board Chairman; Ken Turnquist, CAC; Philip Solseng, CAC; Andy Olson, Township Supervisor. Not pictured: Peter Ivy, CAC; Ann Kastner, CAC, Steve Mueller, CAC, and Todd Grover, Architect.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC), reviewed all applications for legacy grants on Nov. 5 and 6, 2021. The San Francisco Township application for funds to rehabilitate the Township Hall came in at 10th place in the ranking of the committee members and was recommended to the Minnesota Historical Society Executive Council for final approval. ***We have not been approved yet but are one step closer.*** We will hear from the Executive Council by mid December as to whether or not we will receive funding. We will post on the website when we hear the decision about our grant application. **EVERYONE KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED!!**



HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

There are some awesome Holiday Light Displays in San Francisco township and surrounding areas. Take a self guided tour and lift your Holiday Spirits! Details of where to see these amazing light displays will be posted on our website. At left is a photo taken last December of the holiday display at 18375 Market Road. Definitely worth the drive!

MEET JEANNE AUFDERHEIDE: NEW SAN FRANCISCO TOWNSHIP DEPUTY CLERK

Jeanne Aufderheide has been hired as our new Deputy Town Clerk. She will be helping Heidi Schmidt with clerk duties and learning the ropes in preparation to take over as Town Clerk when Heidi decides to step down. Heidi would then be the Deputy Town Clerk for a year to further help with the transitioning. Jeanne is a resident of the township. She has lived in Carver County for over 30 years, 16 of which are in San Francisco Township. She works as a Project Manager in the Information Technology field and has consulted at various corporations for the last 10 years (currently at Boston Scientific). She has a deep passion for animals, nature, and the environment. Jeanne especially enjoys bird watching in her own backyard.

Belle Plaine Herald Closes Its Door

On September 1, 2021, the Townsend Family published the final edition of the Belle Plaine Herald, after nearly 140 years of covering the news in Belle Plaine and the surrounding area. San Francisco Township has been publishing official notices for our residents in the this paper. Official notices will still be in the Chaska Herald. They are also posted on the Town Hall bulletin board.

To better service our residents official notices of special meetings will be posted on the website. All residents who receive their Newsletter by email will get an emailed notice of these meetings. To receive these official notice:

PLEASE SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE!!

Go to: CONTACT US then click on [Get Township Updates](#). Fill in your information and subscribe to newsletter. You will be sent the Newsletter as well as information concerning special meetings. Minutes of past special meeting are also posted for your information.

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!

MINING

For latest information concerning gravel mining in San Francisco Township, please go to the website at: sanfranciscotownship.com

Information is listed under mining and can also be found in the minutes of the Township monthly meetings.

LOU'S HISTORY CORNER by Lou Longhenry

On June 6, 1868, Samuel Arvidson sold 1/2 acre of his farm to San Francisco Township #9 to District 22 for "ONE" Dollar. The description of the 1/2 acre is written: "Beginning at the corner post of sections 9, 10, 15 & 16, then west 3.21 chains, then north 1.66 chains, and then east 3.21 chains, then south 1.66 chains to the beginning." The term "chain" is a surveying term equalling 66 feet. This equals 23,211.3816 square feet or, roughly, a little more than 1/2 acre. I see there are some recent survey markers around the school. I have not confirmed they are our actual corner, but it appears close. The small wooded area north of the school is about 2/3 within the school property. If the township could access the rest of the wooded area (approximately 1/4 acre) then it would sure be great for our township to have a picnic area surround the historic school. I am sure we could find volunteers to connect this present "jungle land" to a well groomed park like surrounding. Add a few picnic tables and we could have a School District 22 (San Francisco Township Hall) that all residents would be proud of as part of our history.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Monthly Board Meeting: 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
(Except January and February due to Monday holidays)**

NOVEMBER Monthly Board Meeting: Nov. 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER Monthly Board Meeting: Dec. 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY Monthly Board Meeting: Jan. 10, 2022 AT 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY Monthly Board Meeting: Feb. 14, 2022 AT 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING IS ON TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2022 AT 7:00 PM
All meetings are held at the San Francisco Town Hall

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Clerk: Heidi Schmidt [\(HeidiSFT@gmail.com\)](mailto:HeidiSFT@gmail.com)

Deputy Clerk: Jeanne Aufderheide [\(JAufderheide.SFT@gmail.com\)](mailto:JAufderheide.SFT@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Denise Andersen [\(Andersondjsaj@yahoo.com\)](mailto:Andersondjsaj@yahoo.com)