



San Francisco



Township Newsletter



NOVEMBER 2023

Township Hall News In a Nutshell:

- May:** * Welcomed Jeanne Aufderheide as Township Treasurer.
 *To be ADA compliant, new ramp option will be pursued.
 *Purchasing satellite toilet discussed and to be pursued.
 *Repairs on Town Hall continue. Foundation cracks to be fixed by contractor. Cosmetic not structural.
- June:** *Ramp discussion.
 *New Township telephone # (612-354-0032) and Internet.
 * Discussion on reviewing mine ordinance.
- July:** *Foundation testing discussed. Needed to find cause of cracking.Repairs to be done in the fall at contractors cost.
 * motions made and passed to purchase ramp at \$13,200.
 * Motion made and passed to purchase satellite toilet for \$1,500 from Klehr Septic
 * Straw poll emailed to residents on indoor bathroom sent showing respondents in favor of indoor bathroom 55-6.
 * Motion made and carried to postpone bathroom discussions until 2024 Election.
 * Motion made and carried that the township will create a building fund equal to ARPA (Covid Funds) of \$88,451.24 for the bathroom to use if/when approved.
- Aug:** *Foundation replacement in troubled areas will be replaced by by contractor when weather is cool as to avoid repeating problems.
- Sept:** *Motion made and passed to allow West Union Church group to expand their road cleanup area on Township roads.
 *Road miles in SFT certifies at 25.67.
 *Town Hall Foundation repair scheduled for fall, bonding agent needs to be decided.
 * Discussion on County Sign Ordinance
 *2024 Levy was approved by Resolution.

**More details can be found on SFT Website
 Click on meetings and then on minutes.
 Check rest of the website for other SFT
 information.**

New Meeting Protocol

The Board has adopted a new meeting procedure for monthly meetings to facilitate smoother running meetings, and keep meetings from getting too long. There will be a period at the beginning of each meeting for residents to bring concerns to the board. These items may be put on the next months agenda. Sign up for a spot with a 2 minute limit. The board may also ask for resident feedback on some agenda items. The comments must pertain to agenda item only and has a 2 minute time limit per person.

Road and Bridge Report

Class 5 and milling chips: Mixed class 5 and milling chips (ground asphalt) trial test approved.

Joyce Road Culvert: Brought in Stantec for consultation. Total estimated cost around 300-400K. Area is accessible from the other direction. Motion made and carried to close the option to widen the road and that the bridge remain the same with added signs.

187th St. Improvement: Motion made and carried to accept the Chard's bid of \$30,485.00 for 187th Street improvement. Also a motion was made and carried to approve the 187th street project for culvert extensions by the bus turn-around. Board recommended adding milling to the blacktop.

Dust Coating: The Township received calls from several citizens (est.10) to have dust coating reinstated. Dust coating will not be reinstated .

Road Review Meetings: Road review meeting were held May 22, 2023 @ 4:00 pm and August 28, 2023 after the Carver Fire Board meeting.

Culverts: Issues Beverly Circle, Koep Drive and 166th street addresses.

Snow Plowing: Motion made and approved to hire Dig Rite for snowplowing this winter.

SNOWPLOWING QUIZ

When does snowplowing your driveway usually start?

- A. Halloween
- B. Thanksgiving
- C. Christmas
- D. Who knows....this is Minnesota!!

Where do I put my snow while plowing my driveway?

- A. On the lawn along the side of the driveway
- B. Across the township road on the other side
- C. Wherever I want to
- D. In a designated area on my property

Since we never know when the snow will fall. Be prepared! MN Statute 160.2715 prohibits the plowing, blowing, shaveling or otherwise place of snow from sidewalks, driveways,, and parking lots onto or across public roads into the right-of-way (in general 33 ft from the center of the road).

Please find a spot on your property to snow and keep it off Township roads.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR ROADS AND PLOW DRIVERS SAFE!

Answers: D and A&D

FROM THE FILES OF SF TOWNSHIP....A BLAST FROM THE PAST

This resolution from the 1980's was found while cleaning out files in the Town Hall. Any idea who might have been part of writing this resolution or background information?

RESOLUTION#1

WHEREAS....we citizens of San Francisco Township, being men and women who till and love the soil, and men and women who know and reverence mother earth's capacity to transform some pollutants, such as manure, into nourishment for crops;

WHEREAS....we drink from the deep wells bored into the underground rivers of San Francisco Township, and know that fresh water, once polluted, lacks mother earth's ability to cleanse itself, and who therefore fear the pollution of these waters, of their feeder-streams, of our ourselves, our children, and our stock....pollution threatened by the projected dumping hazardous waters on or in the soil near Gotha, just above underground rivers and streams that feed our wells;

WHEREAS...the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission (WWCC) has recently demonstrated praiseworthy concern for the hearts and lungs of the workers at the Pig Eye Sewage Treatment Facility, and the WWCC has jurisdiction the projected Gotha hazard waste dumping site;

BE IT RESOLVED...

....that the WWCC demonstrate a similar concern for the citizens of San Francisco Township;

....that our township officers request from the WWCC and the organizations that granted them the power to act, a copy of scientific data pertinent to the issue, translated into terms that non-scientist can understand.

....and copy of legally binding, ironclad guarantee that any pollution of the waters aforementioned will be removed from those waters and their feeder-streams in the shortest time technologically feasible after its first detection; that said legally binding guarantee indemnify all householders and residents of Sant Francisco Township for any and all losses of the health or wealth, including those the may or will affect future generations;

....and that the township officers provide every citizen of San Francisco Township access to copies of the copies.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES:

Regular Monthly Meetings

Third Monday of Every Month @ 7:00pm at township Hall

(Jan / Feb are on the Second Monday due to holidays)

Dec 18, 2023

Jan 8, 2023

Feb 12, 2024

Mar 18, 2024

Apr 15, 2024

May 20, 2024

To be on the agenda contact Heidi Schmidt prior to meeting date.

Annual Meeting

Second Tuesday in March at 7:00 pm at Township Hall

March 12, 2024

Minnesota State law governing townships requires an annual meeting, during which residents are able to discuss and vote upon a budget and tax levy for the township's coming fiscal year. This meeting is held on the second Tuesday in March.

The Town Clerk brings the meeting to order and oversees the process of nominating and voting upon a moderator for the evening. The moderator is chosen from among those attending the meeting.

Typically, residents hear reports from various committees before turning to the business of discussing and voting upon the proposed budget and tax levy.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. PLAN TO COME.

Treasurer's Report

	Sept. 2023	Aug. 2023
Checking.....	\$229,747.06	\$279,522.40
*Legacy Grant.....	2,759.82	2,759.82
**ARPA (Covid funds).....	75,251.24	88,451.24
***CDs.....	<u>503,289.68</u>	<u>503,289.68</u>
	\$811,047.80	\$874,023.13
State of MN due to SFT.....	\$4,132.00	\$4,132.00

*Money held in account. Additional amount will be forthcoming once work is completed and the grant is closed.

**\$13,200 spent on Ramp

***Interest year to date \$10,255.21 (4.15%) (Matures 1/26/24)

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) NEWS

The Citizen’s Advisory Committee will meet at 7:pm on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at the San Francisco Township Hall to discuss a path forward for 2024. All residents are invited to attend and share their vision for San Francisco Township.

More info: Contact: Heidi Schmidt, Town Clerk

**TOWNSHIP BOARD Meets on the 3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH at 7:00 PM
SAN FRANCISCO TOWN HALL
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