



STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP – MARCH 2020

Playground Equipment At this time last year our new playground equipment was awaiting installation. The new playground was installed later in the spring and has been in frequent use. Then, later in the year a remembrance of the 1969 tornado and the lives lost, took place at the Park along with the installation of 2 benches commemorating the event for the future.

Emergency Preparedness Planned for June 17 this year is a County wide Emergency Management Exercise during which CLT will set up an Emergency Operations Center and exercise the backup power capability and EOP. A Town Board representative regularly attends the quarterly Cass Sheriff's Emergency Management meeting. During 2019 Crooked Lake Township completed the project to provide emergency backup power to the Town Hall and Emergency Services Building should there be a prolonged power outage. An additional propane tank has been purchased and installed to provide for the two generators. The Town's two Outdoor Warning Sirens have been identified as "outdated." Although the sirens are currently functional, soon they will not properly respond to radio commands from the Cass County emergency management office. They cannot be technically updated but must be replaced. The Board is searching for funding or grant assistance, but it may be that next year's levy will have to be increased on a one-time basis. The cost is estimated at \$50,000 for the sirens. Citizens may have to decide if they feel continuing the two-siren capability is an appropriate expenditure of town funds. We again encourage township residents to subscribe to the Nixle program (nixle.com or text your zip code to 888777) and have a weather alert radio at their residence. Road Ambassadors are reminded to keep in contact with their area residents. A spring 2020 get together and recruitment drive meeting is in the planning stage. This may be combined with a Skywarn Spotter training class available for everyone. Watch for info on this event.

Election 2020 In addition to the March Presidential Primary, a State primary and November General Elections occur this year. For CLT, both Mark Skjolsvik and Lloyd Thyen end their terms this year.

2020 CENSUS be sure to be counted this year!!!

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Based on approved town funding, treatment and surveying for Eurasian milfoil was accomplished for both Roosevelt and Washburn. Joint Power Agreements were negotiated with Emily for South Roosevelt and Thunder Lake Township for Washburn, to allow us to legally continue funding treatments.

State Highway 6 Roadwork MNDOT completed work on highway 6 thru the township last year and we now have new sidewalks and properly placed pedestrian crosswalks with signage.

Citizen Recognition Board The Citizen Recognition Board was finished and installed, and the recognition plaque for Ed Evans was placed on the Board last summer. Currently the Town Board is posthumously considering two residents for recognition, Lenny Lang and Richard Nelles.

Town Contracts With Service Organizations and Donations Based on approval at the Annual Meeting, the Town contracted with the following organizations in 2019 for \$250 each, to provide services to the Township and immediately surrounding areas: First Call, Family Safety Network, Crisis Line and Referral Service, Northland Area Family Service Center, Cass County Faith in Action, Emily Food Shelf and Lakes Area Dive Service. Donations of \$250 were made to the Cass County Fair and the Cass County Museum/Historical Society.

Crooked Lake Fire Department continues structured training with the help of FIRE Inc. Training has included auto extrication, on scene pump scenarios, ice water rescue, apparatus driver training, propane fire procedures, and confined space training. We had 31 calls in 2019, (8) fire and (23) medicals. Eight new fire fighters joined this year and will be finishing their training in March. We purchased a government surplus 2012 General Dynamics M1161 Growler and are in the process of building it out to be our new Search and Rescue rig. It will also be capable of quick attack operations, wildland fire operation, and in combination with first responders, able to transport personnel from remote areas to emergency personnel and vice versa. We have a new Facebook page for the fire department and are working on a website. We have a few training events posted and are trying to keep it updated. Check it out!!

Town Complex The Town Hall, library, porch and steps were stained to improve the appearance and waterproofing of the building. Paving of the main parking area and vehicle travel areas in the maintenance area was completed- a welcome improvement. The concrete pad at the canister station was extended to better accommodate the dumpsters. The Town Hall women's bathroom was remodeled to include bringing the plumbing up to standards. A new sound/speaker system with remote microphones was installed at the Town Hall that organizations can also utilize for their large meetings.

Town Cleanup Day (including Beulah) is again scheduled for the 2d Saturday morning in June. Last year there were over 200 drop offs during the four hours and the event cost, shared proportionately by Beulah, was \$6,851. Sixteen people worked hard to help the folks out as they brought their "stuff" to dispose of. We collected a dumpster full of tires, a dumpster full of televisions & electronics and numerous dumpsters full of "stuff". An unbelievable amount of scrap iron and recyclable material was accepted and hauled away at no cost to the townships. Everyone appreciates the taxpayers sorting their stuff on their trailers, in vehicles, etc. as this really helps move things along. This is a service that CLT hopes to continue for years to come. Cass County ESD helps with the costs of this as they waive the Tip Fee/Disposal and pay some of the American Disposal fees.

Outing Quick Response averages 54 calls annually for emergency medical services. Current members are Terri Datzman, Mindi Genz, Mary Eppen, LeAnn Werner, Mark Werner, NEW MEMBERS!! Cindy Thompson, Connie Pollack, Lynn Remington and Dalton Wake. HUGE shout out with THANKS to Bill Bernjhelm for his many years of service to our community as an EMT.

Right Of Way Work Due to years of snowfall, ice storms and neglect - we started a project with a contractor to cleanup dead trees and large branches overhanging Town Roads. These types of trees have caused damage to Town equipment and could become a hazard or safety issue in future storms. We started with Longwood Point Road and will continue at a pace that funding will support. Employees will also use the Skid Loader purchased last year, to do some of this work.

Miscellaneous Board meeting minutes, official notices, on Town Hall posting site (no longer at the Canister Station), and on the website. Town Office Phone: 218-792-5918 (leave message if not answered) Town Email: crookedlaketownship@brainerd.net, Town Website: crookedlake.govoffice2.com