What’s Coming Up?

Township Day

► Town Board Election, Tuesday, March 10th 7am to 8pm Town Hall, (see insert for candidate statements)

► Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday, March 10th Town Hall 8:15pm, after the election. (see page 5 for budget information and page 8 for meeting information)

Board of Equalization April 7th 6pm Town Hall (for tax valuation concerns, see your St Louis County Valuation Notice)

Youth seeking jobs (see article on page 2)

Beavers: Fascinating and Frustrating, program Monday, March 23rd, Duluth Town Hall (see article).

Two Town Board Openings

Two Town Board positions are on the March 10th ballot—one for 2 years and one for 3 years. Shortly after being elected last spring, Supervisor Dave Miller’s death created a vacancy on the Board. Jim Ward agreed to serve and was appointed to fill the vacancy until this March election. Now incumbent, Jim Ward, has filed to complete the final 2-years of that term. Wendy Gustafson has also filed for that 2-year term.

Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen is stepping down after completing her regular 3-year term. Michael Kahl and Travis Stolp are on the ballot for this position.

Candidates were asked to provide a statement about their background and vision for the Township. These statements and a picture are on the insert page.

Thanks to Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

This spring Mary Ann Sironen will be coming to the end of her term as Township Supervisor and Board Chair. Few have contributed as much to the Township, its business, and the concerns and needs of its residents.

Mary Ann (Skipper) has served on the Town Board for six years through some of the most challenging times requiring many extra hours of work and difficult issues and problems to resolve. Always she has met these decisions with a quiet willingness to listen to all sides and look for solutions that best serve the needs of the community she represents. In addition to serving on the Town Board, you will find her helping as well in other community groups — always willing to work hard and take on leadership responsibilities.

Thank you, Mary Ann, for your valued service for our community. We look forward to your continued future involvement.

Proposed “Data Center” by Ives Road in Lake County near Alden and Duluth Townships

An informational meeting was held February 10th. Concerns about this industrial site and its impact were discussed. The issues are reported extensively in a February 21, 2015 front page article in the North Shore Journal. Watch for future informational meetings about the proposal.

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Protecting Our Streams Means Protecting Our Ditches

Resident Valerie Brady, Minnesota Sea Grant

Regular readers of this Newsletter know by now that the water in our ditches runs straight into our streams, rivers, and Lake Superior with no clean-up or treatment whatsoever. Thus, keeping our ditches in good condition helps keep our streams and Lake Superior in good condition.

Most important at this time of year is to watch for ice dams and blockages in culverts so that these can be fixed before they wash out your driveway or part of the road. Not only is this a real headache for everyone, but it puts a lot of dirt into the ditch, and this dirt gets washed into our streams...not good for stream fish and other critters.

As the snow melts, it’s easy to see trash that has accumulated in ditches over the winter. Cleaning this up again keeps it from washing downstream. Finally, after the snow is gone it’s easy to see areas of ditches that are eroding and moving dirt downstream to rivers. If there are large eroding areas, please notify the Town Road Supervisor if you live on a Township road; or contact the County Maintenance Supervisors for our area.

Thanks for helping protect our streams and Lake Superior!

Report problems with County road ditches to:
Gordy Halverson, halversong@stlouiscountymn.gov, 218-720-1508 or Bradley Olson,olsonb@stlouiscountymn.gov, 218-720-1509.

Report problems with Township road ditches to:
Township Road Supervisors Dave Edblom, 525-1276 or Jim Ward 525-5724

French River Readers Book Club
Carol Surine

For next month we’ll have a book club in a bag offering, Still Life by Louise Penny. We will meet at Carol Eling’s house, 5290 Pine Tree Road. The house faces the shore, but the driveway is on Pine Tree Road. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 19th (3rd Thurs) at 7:30pm at Carol Eling’s home. All are welcome.

For information call Carol Surine, 525-4426 or email carol@surine@gmail.com, or see www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub.

Duluth Township Recreation Corner
Kevin Pettis, Township Recreation Coordinator

What a fantastic winter season we have had! The Community Center and warming house are popular with rentals and skaters the last couple of months. I hope all enjoyed their holiday rentals and are enjoying our pleasure and skating rink this season. We average about 85 participants at any given time using this facility. Thanks to all volunteers for flooding and keeping our rinks in good shape.

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If you are interested in renting the Community Center (cafeteria, gym, etc.), please contact the Town Hall (525-5705 to leave messages) or call me at 218-830-0052.

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Town Hall Improvements Update  
Supervisor Don Sitter

The design package for the Town Hall addition was released for bids in mid-December. Our first round of bids came in on January 13th. As with most design projects, we started with a well-defined needs assessment, along with guiding principles which drove the design of the addition. We then added certain design elements from our “wish list” which continued to expand in direct proportion with our growing excitement for this community project. Unfortunately, all of these additions caused the first round of bids to come in higher than we had hoped.

The Facilities Design Committee then met with the architect to consider several design changes that retained all of the “needs” in the design, but removed some of the “nice but not necessary” design aspects. A workable compromise was achieved and the updated design package was re-submitted for bids.

The bids were recently returned and the Facilities Design Committee has met to analyze the results and make a recommendation to the Town Board. Stay tuned as we complete the final plans for the addition. We still anticipate construction to start as soon as spring weather allows and road bans are off.

Advocates for the Knife River Watershed  
Dennis Kaleta, Val Brady, Jo Thompson

The Advocates for the Knife River Watershed (AKRW) will host a program on beaver ecology presented by John Erb, PhD, wildlife biologist for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Dr. Erb has titled this program, “Beavers: Fascinating and Frustrating”. He will discuss the history of the beaver in Minnesota, its ecology, benefits and conflicts. He has worked for the DNR since 1998, and is a research scientist, conducting surveys and research on wolves and furbearers. His research includes studies of muskrats, mink, otter, fisher, marten and wolves.

The presentation is on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30pm at the Duluth Town Hall, on 6092 Homestead Road. Refreshments will be served and a brief business meeting will precede the program.

The Advocates for the Knife River Watershed is a non-profit organization committed to learning about the river and promoting policies and practices that enhance the Knife River ecosystem. AKRW serves as a forum for citizen voices in the private and public land use decisions that affect the watershed ecosystem. Visit our “Facebook” page. For more information on this event, call 348-3658.

Future AKRW meetings are planned for April 27th and May 18th in our Duluth Town Hall, with presentations on bugs and fish habitat in the Knife River.

Police Department  
Shawn Padden, Chief

Police Events. There were 197 recorded police events in December and January. There were 85 vacation/home/business checks (plus 4 requests for extra patrols and 1 health and welfare check), 23 traffic violation warnings or citations, 11 medical emergencies, 9 permits to acquire or carry handguns, 9 locating careless drivers (and 5 hotrodder complaints), 8 suspicious vehicles checked, 7 public or motorist assists, and 6 animal complaints.

Good News! Shawn reports that we have moved from 16 residential/business burglaries in 2013 to ZERO in 2014.

If you have information about any criminal activity in our community, please contact the Duluth Township Police Department at: 218-525-5705 or our mobile phone: 393-8407, or email: DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org.

Go to the Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org to sign up for online police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications.

Note: If you need/want/expect a police squad to respond immediately, call 9-1-1. Other than 9-1-1, the quickest way to get our police response is to leave a message on our squad phone (393-8407). We may work 5 days in a row, but may not always get into the office during that time. Our main office where we spend 90% of our time is in our squad vehicle.

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Clifton Volunteer Fire Department  
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

Todd Gremmels and Neil Myrdal are retiring from our Fire Department. Dave Dahlberg has moved and is now on the Two Harbors Fire Department so he will be resigning from our Department. Thank you all for your many years of service to our Department and Township. Best wishes in your future pursuits!

We welcome back former member Pat Halverson, who is assisting with training and administrative duties for our First Responders.

To Volunteer, call Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819

Fire fighters and first responders are needed and welcome. Training and turnout gear are provided.

Check your home carbon monoxide (CO) detector. (do you have one?). Also check wood fire chimneys. Avoid chimney fires.

Emergency fire/EMS entry key boxes are available by calling the Town Hall.
Summary of Town Board Meetings

(Official minutes by Town Clerk Ann Cox are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org).

January 8th regular meeting. Attending were Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Mary Ann Sironen, and Don Sitter, Town Clerk Ann Cox, and Treasurer Janet Johansen. Main Actions: A motion was approved to use a Lake Bank 1.5% CD for the $200,000 Township reserve fund. A resolution to make a COLA wage increase for Township employees was approved. The 1.7% COLA does not include Supervisor stipends, the Police Dept. (a separate contract), or Planning Commission stipends.

Discussion: The Treasurer reported $198.00 deposits, $15,333.27 expenses, the $200,000 reserve, for an available balance of $940,640.90. Reports: Police: People are forgetting to stop at the Ryan/Lismore new stop arrangement. The draft Emergency Plan was distributed to Supervisors for review and comment. Fire: Comments on the role of the Fire Department in the Emergency Plan draft were discussed. A memorandum of understanding on use of the DNR French River Hatchery hydrants in emergencies will go to the Town Attorney for review.

Planning: The Commission is working on wording of required MS4 Stormwater amendments to our Zoning Ordinance. JUC: The “matrix” of uses benefiting Township residents was tabled until February. Neither ABC Inc nor the school should be charging the Township and JUC does not deal with the recreation program. Town Hall: Tuning or getting rid of the old piano will be discussed with Homesteaders. Dave Edblom and Wayne Dahlberg will be discussing land adjoining the Town Hall with Mr. McCorrison. Election Judges were approved. The bid deadline on the proposed Town Hall addition was postponed to January 20th. It is a prevailing wage rate bid.

Communications: The Township web site is progressing with anysitehosting.

February 10th budget meeting. Attending were Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Mary Ann Sironen, and Don Sitter, Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Janet Johansen. Department budgets were proposed and discussed. A final proposed 2016 budget was adopted. This will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting on March 10th and copies will be provided for those attending. See page 5 for an overview of 2016 and prior Town budgets.

Preschool Registration is Underway

“Early Learning Sticks Like Glue”
Kathy Johnson

We are now accepting registration for the 2015-2016 school year! Both morning and afternoon classes are offered for 3-5 years olds on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Thursdays. Your child may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. A monthly tuition fee is charged and there is a $30 non-refundable registration fee to hold your spot.

Please contact Kathy Johnson at 834-5429 or 525-0663 x106 for further information.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

(Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township web site www.duluthtownship.org).

January 22nd regular meeting. Attending were Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Brigid Pa- junen, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson, Chair Paul Vogel, and Larry Zanko, Planning Director Sue Lawson and Secretary Beth Mullan. Main Actions: Dave Pierson’s request for a side yard variance along the boundary next to the former Nokomis restaurant property was discussed and relevant Ordinance provisions were reviewed. An earlier variance at the property was voided and the requested variance was approved. Other business: New owners of the Nokomis property are proceeding with development plans and arrangements are expected for a public hearing in April. The extent of notification for the Community Participation Report will be decided by the Commission.

The Commission determined that the area of notification for an upcoming DeLeo short term rental request (property adjacent to the French River Fish Hatchery) extend to Ryan Road, the Expressway and a quarter mile to the east.

The 2016 budget request was discussed and will be presented to the Town Board. The 2016 budget was adopted. This will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting on March 10th and copies will be provided for those attending. See page 5 for an overview of 2016 and prior Town budgets.

Land Use Permits
Beth Mullan

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The Next regular Town Board meetings:
(2nd Thurs. 7pm in the Town Hall) are Mar. 12th and Apr. 9th. Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

The Next Planning Commission meetings
(4th Thurs. 7pm in the Town Hall)
The next meetings are Mar. 26th and Apr. 23rd.
Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.
The table above shows actual expenses for 2010 through 2014, the budget for 2015 (which was adopted at last year's Annual Town Meeting), and the proposed budget for 2016. In some cases, actual expenses include income from various sources other than the tax levy, such as permit fees, grants (e.g. FEMA for storm damage to roads), and carryover from budget savings in a prior year. Part of the carry-over is for escrow (e.g. fire and police vehicle replacement) and emergency funds (e.g. roads and MAT recommended reserve).

The proposed 2016 budget DECREASED by $441 from 2015, and is down by 5.1% from the 2014 budget. All 2016 proposed budgets are similar to those approved for this year.

Detailed information will be distributed at the Annual Town Meeting where each budget will be presented. Your total property tax includes County and State levied budgets, and special assessments (e.g. school district, sewer), in addition to the Township levy, less any homestead credit or State aid for local governments.

The 2016 budget will be voted on at the upcoming March 10th Annual Town Meeting. Plan to attend!
LOOKING FOR A HOME TO RENT? or LOOKING FOR A RENTER FOR YOUR NICE HOME?
Call Apartment & Home Advisors – we can help! We specialize in properties of distinction and we help “take the stress out of moving”. Call Susie Lannon at 218-720-3987

Country Kids Day Care, 525-1073
Infants to School Age, Licensed
Bus to NSCS & Lakewood Schools
Accepting Full and Part Time

LOCAL SNOW PLOWING
Larry Nesgoda—call: 525-1305 or 393-2863
Others? There is no charge for listing your plowing service in the May Newsletter (deadline April 23rd). Send your listing to: TownHall@duluthtownship.org, or leave a message at the Town Hall, 525-5705.

Annual Tree Sales
Marcia Stromgren, Supervisor
South St Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District
A variety of trees and shrubs at affordable prices are available through the SWCD. For information about types check online at www.southstlouisswed.org or call 834-8370. Order deadline is April 17th. Pick-up dates are between May 14th and 16th. Pre-payment in full is required prior to pick-up. Send order forms and payment to: South St. Louis SWCD, 215 North First Ave, East, Rm 301, Duluth, MN 55802.
Trees and shrubs are a valuable asset to your property in a variety of ways including: preventing soil erosion and excessive storm water run off, providing habitat for wildlife, wind breaks around buildings or along roads and driveways (especially nice as living snow fences), shade and cooling for homes, buildings and streams, beauty, firewood, etc.

Community Youth Groups
Clifton 4-H Club: call Kate Edblom, 525-1276
Cub Scouts: call David Hooey, 525-6617
Boy Scouts: call Chris Roningen 525-5308
Girl Scouts: call Tracy Mandelin, 525-4148
(Note: If other community service groups should be listed, please contact the Editor at the Town Hall.)

For Internet Updates
Lake Connections’ (fiber optic service) web site is www.lakeconnections.com. 218-834-8500. See the article in the November Newsletter. An application must be completed to get connected. Call to check. Lakenet (wireless internet) Contact Kevin Olson at Coop Light and Power, 834-2226 or email to: kolson@clpower.com.
### Township Recycling Center

At the Town Hall, on Homestead Road
Staffed by Carolyn Marino, Patrick Kelly, David Hooey and Roger Beck.

**Nov.-March:** Tues. 7-11am, 2-6pm, Thurs. 2-6pm, & Sat. 8-noon.

**April-Oct:** Tuesday 7-11am & 3-7pm, Thurs. 3-7pm, Saturday 8-12.

(Recycle drop off only during recycling hours
and no household garbage, please.)

Aluminum cans should be recycled with plastics/metal cans.
Curb recycling pickup service is available south of the freeway.
Surveillance cameras have been installed around the Town Hall
because of recent vandalism and garbage dumping.

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### Township Calendar

See calendar updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).

> Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

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### Duluth Township Information — 2015

**Duluth Town Hall,** 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804

Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),
web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) or
email: TownHall@duluthtownship.org

#### Town Office Hours:

- Tues. & Wed. 9am-noon
- Thurs 2-6pm, Fri 9-11am

#### Planning Office Hours:

- No posted hours
  - Call the Town Hall for an appointment: 525-5705

### Supervisors:

- **Mary Anne Daniel,** (2013-2016) 260-9122 or Email: MaryAnneDaniel@duluthtownship.org
  - (Primary contact for Fire, Cemetery, Emergency Preparedness, Police, Joint Use Committee).
- **Dave Edblom** (2014-2017) 525-1276 or email DaveEdblom@duluthtownship.org.
  - (Primary contact for Roads; Co contact for Personnel, Town Hall, Banking, Insurance)
- **Mary Ann Sironen,** (2012-2015) Chair 525-2010
  - or Email: MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org
  - (Primary contact for Communications, Senior Hsg, Intergovernmental Relations, Materials Mgmt; Co-contact for Recreation, Finance, Insurance; Alternate: JUC).
- **Don Sitter** (2013-2016) Vice Chair 525-4138
  - or Email: DonSitter@duluthtownship.org
  - (Primary contact for Planning and Zoning; Co-contact for Town Hall, Recreation, Personnel).
- **Jim Ward** (2014-2015) 525-5724 or email JimWard@duluthtownship.org
  - (Co-contact for Roads.)

#### Town Clerk:

- Ann K. Cox 525-5705 (Town Hall)
  - or Email: TownClerk@duluthtownship.org

#### Treasurer:

- Janet Johansen 525-5705 (Town Hall)
  - or Email: TownTreasurer@duluthtownship.org

#### Attorney:

- Tim Strom 722-4766 (office)
  - or Email: TownAttorney@duluthtownship.org

#### Cemetery Sexton:

- Molly Tillotson 218-525-6933
  - or Email: Cemetery@duluthtownship.org

#### Planning Director:

- Sue Lawson messages: 525-5705

#### Planning and Zoning Secretary:

- Beth Mullan
  - Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org

#### Peace Officers:

- Chief Shawn Padden,
  - Officers: Mike Peterson and Steve Peterson.
  - Emergencies 9-1-1, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407
  - Email: DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org

#### Fire Department:

- Chief Bob Engelson,
  - Assistant Chief Rob Peldo, President Shane Kerby
  - Email: FireHall@duluthtownship.org

#### Burning Permits:

- are available online at [mndnr.gov/permits](http://mndnr.gov/permits)
  - or from Fire Wardens: Jay Zink (525-5589), Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431), or DNR Two Harbors, 1568 Hwy2, 834-1418.

#### Recreation Coordinator:

- Kevin Pettis 218-830-0052
  - Email: RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org

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**Note:** Where possible, email is forwarded to the person, otherwise it is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked up. Many Departments have a web page. See our web site (above).
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What Happens at our Annual Town Meeting

Township Day, Tuesday, March 10th

For those who may not have attended a Town meeting, here’s a bit of background. We gather in our Town Hall on Homestead Road after the polls close (8:15pm). Our Town Clerk, by law, calls the meeting to order and we nominate and elect a resident to lead the meeting.

Our Town Clerk, Ann Cox, provides a packet, including minutes from last year’s meeting plus summary information provided by various Township departments—2014 activities and expenses, the previously approved 2015 budget and the proposed 2016 Township budget (see page 5).

Those attending this meeting vote on our budget for 2016...a year away because our figures have to be included with County and School District figures for tax statements you receive in 2016. In 2015 we are operating on the budget adopted at our 2014 Town Meeting.

Last year’s minutes, official bank and posting places are voted on. The proposed 2016 budget with any adopted amendments is discussed and the overall budget is approved. Other Township business is raised and discussed and results of the Supervisor election are announced at the end of the meeting.

The Town Meeting is also a good place to meet your neighbors and to discuss important Township issues. This meeting is grass-roots democracy that depends upon the participation, respect and good ideas of all of our citizens.

Be sure to VOTE Tuesday, March 10th in the Town Election.

Polls are open from 7am to 8pm at our Town Hall. Two positions are on the ballot, one for 2 years and one for the regular 3 year term. Candidate statements are provided on the Newsletter insert.

Wanted: Missile Inn History

Bruce Hauger

I am interested in all/any photographs, memorabilia, and stories pertaining to the Missile Inn Tavern that was located on the Bergquist Road. I am also interested in information/photographs, etc. of the Air Force missile base.

Please contact me at 218-590-2768.
Each candidate was asked to provide a statement and picture for the Newsletter.
These statements are presented as written to provide residents with background information.

Jim Ward
Greetings everyone, my name is Jim Ward and I am a lifelong resident of Duluth Township for the last 50 years.
I volunteered to fill the vacancy of Dave Miller and upon doing so I have learned a lot about township government and its challenges.
I feel I am a good representative for the people of the Township as I am familiar with local and state statutes and laws from serving in my current position with the MN Department of Transportation for the last 18 years.
I am experienced in problem solving, finances, keeping within budgets and being a good steward of taxpayer’s dollars. I would like to continue in the position to move the Township forward in a positive direction representing the interest of all residents.
I see the biggest issue facing the Township as of right now is to bring the school and the Township together in a positive direction. The future of the Township is only growing and we need to maintain and remember our rural heritage that keeps this Township a great place to live as we know and help our neighbors.
I am open to all comments, suggestions and concerns of local residents. You can reach me at 525-5724 or through the Township email. We have created a community to be proud of because we care and get involved.
I would like to contribute to this work and continue the tradition of service and encourage you to vote in the March 10th elections. I would appreciate your support to continue to represent you on the Town Board. I also would like you all to attend the Annual Town meeting so we can hear your concerns and ideas for the Township.

Wendy Gustafson
Greetings friends and neighbors. I probably would not have thought to run for the Township Board on my own, but being asked by a friend to do so has stirred my imagination about how I envision the Township for the future. In a nutshell, my vision is about a more engaged community.
With a son graduating this year from NSCS some might think that my interest in the school stops. NOT SO! I plan to continue volunteering and participating in the school in any way I am able. It’s my firm belief that active adult participation with our youth is the best way to prevent bullying, segregation and all of the fallout that these issues cause.
This segues into another issue that is very close to my heart, that of housing for seniors. Duluth Township has some talented, vital seniors and I for one would like to see more cross-generational activity. Senior housing should (IMO) not be a place for residents to “stay”, but rather, a place for them to “LIVE”. Might it include a community garden, a kitchen, a library, continuing education classes for youth and seniors alike?
I’m concerned that this March election will likely have less than a 10% voter turn-out. Let’s get our election dates coordinated so that electing Town Board Supervisors is done at the same time that you elect other government officials!
Engaged community. A community doesn’t become stronger because it builds an elaborate town hall, it becomes stronger because it’s residents share ideas and talents that become a strong foundation. We have an incredibly diverse population. Let’s capitalize off of the diversity and concentrate on building an active, healthy community.
I have been a resident of Duluth Township since 1995, although my job took me away for 6 years. My husband, Gus, and I and son Daniel never sold our home here and returned in 2011. I have served on the Planning and Zoning Committee.
Michael Kahl

My name is Michael Kahl and I am running for the 3-year regular term for the Duluth Township Board of Supervisors.

In recent years I served six years on the Township Planning and Zoning Commission. During that time I became acquainted with many of the talented and hardworking residents who also gave their time for Township causes; as fellow committee members, those seeking to develop in the Township, others having concerns about community safety as well as those new to the community.

I'm a strong supporter of Township beliefs as identified in its Long Range Planning. Realizing that the character of the Township has deep roots and yet must also deal with the progressive nature of society and the pressures which affect our daily lives.

I am a 32 year resident of the Township, originally from Central Wisconsin then attending the University of Wisconsin Superior, Superior Wisconsin. I believe you truly haven't lived until you've remodeled and lived in a 100+ year old farmhouse, my home, through the Minnesota winters.

My involvement in the community has also involved some volunteer activities; MN firearm safety instructor for 4 years, coached a Township little league team at Lake Park League fields for 3 years.

My work career as a Biologist with a fisheries background spans 35 years. I am currently a Biologist with the US environmental Protection Agency-Duluth and have been at that location for 31 years. During the early 1990’s I was on staff at the University of Wisconsin-Superior and laboratory manager for the Lake Superior Research Institute (LSRI). I am environmentally minded but also know that there are two sides to every story, and getting all the information on issues is important.

After taking a short break after my Planning Commission tenure, I’m looking forward to again serving the residents of the Township. Please support me by voting for me as one of your Duluth Township Town Board Supervisors on March 10th, 2015. If you have questions, please call me at 349-4304.

Travis Stolp

Hello, I am Travis Stolp, a Township resident on the upper Bergquist Road, where I reside with my wife Alisha and our eight children. We built our home here over ten years ago and enjoy the rural setting, small community and collaboration of the Township residents.

Several months ago, I was asked to consider running for Township Supervisor. After discussing this with my family, it was decided that I should try to do my part for the Township. As a father, I have an obvious concern for the future of Duluth Township and its direction. A Township Supervisor needs to be mindful of today's decisions and the impact those decisions have on the current residents and the upcoming generations. The best way to prepare for the future is to live responsibly now. In practice, this means being straight forward, honest and living within one's means. These values are ones I try to maintain in my personal life, and the same ones I would bring with me in a role as your Township Supervisor.

I have been a mason for over twenty years, and currently am a union bricklayer with CMI, a Township masonry business. I have been a foreman on multiple projects where teamwork was necessary and budgets had to be met. I enjoy spending time coordinating volunteers to operate the NSCS/Township skating rink, working with the NSCS PTA and being with my family.

I would be happy to visit anyone with questions or your concerns for the Township and can be reached at home at 525-0576 or stop by and visit me at 6406 Bergquist Road. Thank you for your consideration.