

Vote and Attend
Duluth Township
Annual Town Meeting
March 8th, Town Hall
7am-8pm election
8:15pm- Town Meeting

Duluth Township Newsletter



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Thank you to all contributors to this issue:

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This year, three candidates are running for two, 3-year, Town Supervisor positions. The candidates are: **Wendy Anderson, George Sundstrom, and Dan Tanner.** One other person filed but then withdrew. Each candidate was asked to provide an introductory statement and these are printed on an insert in this Newsletter. Voting takes place March 8th 7am-8pm at our Town Hall on Homestead Road.

The Homesteaders

Helen Hendrickson

March 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall.

Homesteader's Birthday with a potluck lunch and Randy Ellestad, Etc. as the program.

April 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Luncheon, Barbara Highland on *Changes coming in Medicare.*

May 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Luncheon and program.

Everyone is welcome. For information, call 525-4154

Township Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief.

Welcome **Officer Mike Peterson** who has joined our Department to cover the extra 20 hours per month that the Township approved at the 2004 Annual Town meeting.

In December and January there were some **154 police calls/events** in addition to regular patrolling. This included 16 suspicious vehicle and 5 suspicious person checks, 13 property damage accidents, 4 residential burglaries, 5 medical emergencies, 12 traffic warnings or citations, 2 warrant arrests, 49 vacation home/business checks and a hate-graffiti report.

Please report illegal dumping in our road ditches. - o -
If there is a problem that needs immediate attention, please **contact 911.**

Our Police Department maintains an **email Crime Alert** service (it is also on our web site). To receive notices send your email address to PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org.

The Annual Duluth Town Meeting

You should attend! The meeting starts at **8:15 pm** on Tuesday, **March 8th** (March 15th if it has to be called because of weather). State regulations set this as the date for all township annual meetings. Residents are asked not to enter the Town Hall until 8:15, after voting ends at 8pm. *Tour the old fire truck while you wait!*

Citizens who attend elect a resident (not the Supervisors) to preside at the meeting. Last year Mark Helmer served in this capacity. Minutes are read and approved. The budget for 2006 will be discussed and adopted, perhaps with changes.

Results of the Town election are announced and other business of the Township is raised and discussed. The meeting is usually suspended rather than adjourned. This permits a special meeting to be called in August in case there is other business that needs to be conducted by Township residents.

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

Opening on the Planning Commission

There is an opening on the Planning Commission and applications are being accepted. If you are interested in helping the Township in this capacity, please send an application letter indicating your interest and background to: Carolyn Marino, Planning Commission Secretary, or to Town Clerk, Ann Cox at the Town Hall (6092 Homestead Road), or call the Town Hall (525-5705). Interviews will be conducted at the Town Board meeting on March 10th. **Application deadline is March 9th.**

Needed: a "Come On Home" party Organizer

A volunteer is needed to help organize the community gathering "Come on Home" party traditionally held the 2nd Saturday in August. For information call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.

Stay At Home Pet Care Services

Robin Whaley provides safe, trustworthy care for your pets at your home anytime you need it.

Call 834-6454 for a free initial visit.

Serving the North Shore and Two Harbors Area

Mailed to **865** Duluth Township homes and businesses. Copies are available at the Town Hall.

Please send your comments and suggestions to the volunteer *Newsletter* editor, Don McTavish at the Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or use the *NewsBox* on the Town Hall porch. The Newsletter is printed locally by **BB&K Printing**, and mailed for us by

UDAC.

The Need for a New Fire Truck -- Our volunteer Fire Department has an aging fire engine at the Homestead Fire Hall that is unreliable and in frequent need of repair. It costs a significant amount to keep running – over \$15,000 in recent years, including a patched block. We need to have functional, efficient engines at both the Ryan Road and Homestead fire halls since our Fire Department covers such a large territory (nearly 90 square miles). Any major failures would force the Township to put significant resources into its repair and this old truck is not worth it.

The old truck is also difficult to drive or to train people to drive. We would like to obtain a new or newer fire truck with a diesel engine and an automatic transmission that is more reliable and easier to drive and maintain. The payments for a newer truck could be spread out over a ten year period.

In the long run, replacing the old truck will save money in costly repairs, make it easier to train drivers, and provide safer and more efficient responses to emergency calls. Let's put our resources toward a long-term solution. There are more emergency calls and more households in our Township than ever. In the past year we have responded to over **70** calls.

We are asking residents to carefully consider this request at the Annual Town Meeting on March 8th, take the time to ask questions, and stop by the Homestead Hall prior to the Annual Meeting. You can view the old engine and talk to volunteers. *We believe it is both fiscally responsible and in the best interest of public safety to replace the old engine as soon as possible.* Please attend the Annual Meeting and support your local Volunteer Fire Department in this endeavor.

Senior Defensive Driving Renewal Class*Fred Poe*

If you are age 55 or older and have taken an eight-hour defensive driving course (which qualified you for a 10% savings on your auto insurance), it may be time for you to take a refresher course. The 4-hour refresher course is required every 3 years to renew the insurance discount.

The *Homesteaders* are in the process of arranging for a refresher course which would meet at the Duluth Town Hall on the Homestead Road. The date will be scheduled as soon as we have enough people.

If you want to attend, call Fred or Betty Poe at 525-5072 and leave your name/s and telephone number. You will be called to verify the class and date.

South Recycle Center

As you know, the South Recycle Center will be closed at least for the duration of the McQuade harbor construction. We are trying to locate a site in the shore area. If you could accommodate the recycle center on your property, please call the Town Hall (525-5705). Thanks.

During our winter non-construction period, the Board of Managers has turned their attention to budget and legal issues while Eric Appelwick, project superintendent from Northeast Technical Services, becomes ever more acquainted with the customers of the District as he answers their calls and questions. Some of the subjects addressed include:

- An annual Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Reduction report as well as an ongoing plan to deal with this critical issue required by WLSSD.
- A response to a breach of contract lawsuit brought by S.J. Lewis based on differences in some of the underground utility information on the western end of the project.
- Establishing the working relationship and financial arrangement with the Knife River-Larsmont Sanitary District that will be connecting to the eastern end of the D/NSSD main line.
- Consideration of building projects and construction that present new issues and require additional planning.
- Planning for accounts receivable and getting into the business of collections
- Review, revision and adoption of by-laws

Restoration of properties not finished last fall will begin as soon as the weather allows. A number of homes near the Ryan Road didn't have final work done in the push to connect the last few customers on the western side of the French River. The systems installed on the City of Duluth end of the project have been working well with no significant failures or problems. With Eric's help, homeowners are becoming familiar with their pumps, alarms and the details of living with a sewer system.

D/NSSD Board of Manager's meets monthly the 2nd Wednesday at 0700 at the French River Lutheran Church. Meeting minutes and additional information are available on the DNSSD web site – www.dnssd.org.

Duluth Township Community Center Events*Jeanne Anderson*

The Duluth Town Board selected **Jeanne Anderson** as our first Community Education Coordinator. The job will involve about 2 hours per week to help organize various classes and events at our Community Center. Residents approved a modest amount of funding for 2005 at the 2004 Annual Township Meeting. Events are planned to be self-sustaining.

87% of respondents in the 2005 survey would like to have community events. Many suggestions were offered and these are listed in the 2005 survey report.

Notice of Community Center classes and events will occur through this Newsletter, on our web site, and by some notices or mailings. Watch for summer listings!

Three people indicated an interest and were interviewed by the Board at their February 1st special meeting. Thanks to all who applied. This is a Duluth Township program, not a school district program, intended for all Township residents.

The Clifton Depot

Todd Lindahl

The Duluth & Iron Range Railway Company, like most other railroads, established depots at locations where there was a reasonable amount of passenger traffic. Where there was a lot of traffic an agent was assigned, and where there was less, a flag stop depot was erected. In the case of the latter, the passenger train would not stop unless the person wishing to ride signaled the train to stop. This was done with a flag during the daylight hours and a kerosene lantern after dark. When the engineer saw the signal he answered with a whistle signal to let the person know they were stopping to pick them up. One of these small flag stop stations was built at Clifton in February of 1916. It was a very small structure only 16 feet by 10 feet and made to look somewhat like a Japanese pagoda. A single bench seat was attached to both the side and back walls wrapping around the interior. A single door faced the track and two windows, one on each end, providing a view in both directions up and down the track. It is impossible to say how many people sat in the small depot over the years and awaited the arrival of the passenger train. During the course of those years they would have watched as the mighty steam locomotive stepped aside in 1953 to be replaced by a shiny new diesel Budd car. A few years later in 1958 the DM&IR began to eliminate some of its depots. The following year more depots were closed and disposed of. Then passenger service ceased entirely on the DM&IR on July 20, 1961. The Clifton depot was sold to a private party and then prepared for removal off of railroad property. The moving of the depot happened in the late hours of the night during the winter. It had just snowed and the new owner pulled the small depot down the road on two skids. The final destination was fairly close to the Duluth Township Hall. There, it remained for quite some time with the Clifton signs still prominent on both ends of the building. Many of these old depot structures were moved to various locations in private ownership. Most of them were moved on trailers or flatbed trucks, but the Clifton depot was the only one to ski to its new home in Duluth Township.

Bloodmobile

If there is sufficient interest, Memorial Blood Center will schedule a **blood donation** stop in Duluth Township. To indicate your interest, call *Memorial Blood Center* staff at 723-8080 extension 109, and leave your name and say that you are from Duluth Township. You will be called once a schedule for the bloodmobile has been set up.

Trash Along Roads...Help!

We have reports that old tires and junk are being dumped along some roads. There are two ways you can help. 1) **If you see someone dumping trash, try to get a license and phone the description to the Town Hall.** 2) You could help by organizing a spring Township road pickup day in your area, similar to that done on county roads.

Township Calendar

See updates on www.duluthtownship.org
Official calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

March 2005

- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 2, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
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- 8, Tue, **Township Election**, 7:00am-8:00pm
- 8, Tue, **Annual Town Meeting**, 8:15pm-, Town Hall
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- 9, Wed, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 9, Wed, Deadline for applications for one Planning Commission opening.
- 9, Wed, 7:00pm **First Responder's** meeting, Hall #2
- 10, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall (organizational meeting)
- 15, Tue, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
- 16, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training
- 24, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall.

April 2005

- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet Town Hall
- 6, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 13, Wed, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Ch
- 13, Wed, 7:00pm **First Responder** meeting, Hall #2
- 14, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 19, Tue, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 20, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** Training Hall #1
- 23, Sat. **Deadline** for news for the May **Newsletter**
- 28, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

May 2005

- 4, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 4, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 11, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 11, Wed, 7:00pm **First Responder** meeting, Hall #2
- 12, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 17, Tue, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 18, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 26, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

North Recycle Shed – new, expanded hours:

Tuesday, 7am to 11am and 2pm to 6pm
Thursday, 3pm to 7pm
Saturday, 8am to 12 noon

Summary of Town Board Meetings

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

December 9th meeting. Supervisors attending: Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, George Sundstrom, and Corlis West. Supervisor Bruce Aho had called the Board Chair indicating that he would resign from the Board. When his letter of resignation is received, the Board can appoint a replacement to serve until the March 8th annual meeting. Bruce's regular term of office ends with the March 8th meeting.

Treasurer: Janet Johansen reported deposits of \$107,401.95, expenses of \$24,293.22 for an ending balance of \$435,632.22. She requested a salary increase of \$100/mo (from \$150 to \$250). The increase was approved effective January 1st.

Police: Events were reported. Officer Mike Peterson has expressed an interest in the 20 hour per month position approved at the 2004 Annual Meeting. If all paper work is satisfactory, Chief Padden will request Board approval.

Fire: Chief Barry Lampi would like to replace the 1978 Ford fire truck. Attorney Tim Strom will check on requirements for sealed bids and funding. The issue will be raised at the March 8th Annual Town Meeting.

Community Center:

The Johnson Control contract was discussed and will be reviewed for later action.

A letter to confirm the partnership between NSCS and the Township was written and accepted.

A broken skylight was replaced. The boys doing the damage will share the insurance deductible cost.

The Board approved a 12x16 foot ski storage shed to be built and funded by NSCS.

The Board moved to advertise for a Community Ed Director at 2hrs/week at the standard Township rate of \$8.60/hr. Funding will come from the \$2,000 item approved at the 2004 Annual Meeting.

The freeze alarm has been installed. Repair on the Supervisor meeting desks will be reviewed.

Planning Commission: 14-16 people attended the Dec 7th renewable energy workshop (see article). Laura Stone expressed an interest in the part time assistant planning director position. The Board will review salary requirements then post the position.

Road and Bridge: The County needs a more adequate turnaround on the East Pioneer road. A motion was passed to give the Road and Bridge Supervisors authority to sign a \$30 waiver with St Louis County to allow for continued snow plowing. Grading of Greenwood, Pine Tree and Spruce Court roads after sewer construction will be raised with DNSSD.

Other: The Newsletter schedule was discussed but will remain the same because of the need to get budget information assembled prior to the March Annual Meeting. The January Newsletter included the annual Resident Feedback questionnaire.

December 28th special working meeting. Supervisors attending: Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, George Sundstrom, and Corlis West. Past minutes of Board action on the proposed zoning ordinance were approved with clarification. An updated draft document was discussed.

It included Board changes taken from Board minutes. An explanatory page and highlighting called attention to the changes and to suggestions on consistency and clarity of the document that the Board might want to consider. The meeting was recessed to January 18th. See minutes published on the Township web site for specific references and wording.

January 13th meeting. Supervisors attending: Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, George Sundstrom, and Corlis West, plus an audience of 10. Bruce Lindberg expressed concern about his Mace Road LIU property and was referred to the Jan. 18th special meeting. Jeff and Steve will attend an Assessor's Department training for the Board of Adjustment. In 2006 this will be required.

Treasurer: Receipts of \$46, expenses of \$26,800.73 for a balance of \$437,295.65.

George made a motion to approve up to \$5000 to have McGladrey and Pullen audit 2004 treasurer records (the 2003 clean audit will be introduced at the upcoming Annual Meeting).

NSF permit checks from Gardner/Behrends were turned over to the Police to make further contact.

Police: There were 85 police event in December (see article). A motion passed to hire Mike Peterson as an added police officer, pending final approvals.

Fire: There were 2 fires and 2 medical calls last month.

The final payment on Fire Hall #1 was made.

Community Center: Johnson Control contract (for 3 or 5 years) was tabled until the February meeting.

NSCS Director, Sheri Camper announced the first meeting on a new school addition (Jan 17, NSCS).

Applicants for Community Center Event Coordinator will be interviewed Feb 1st. (Three have applied.)

Planning Commission. Our Zoning Administrator updated the Board on zoning activity. There was a discussion of the salary of zoning administrators in other Townships (we are very low). The possibility of a joint administrator with Lakewood Township was discussed. The Board will need to fill one opening on the Planning Commission with Toni Fladmark's term ending.

Road and Bridge: Inadequate turnarounds on the North Ryan, West Shilhon and East Pioneer roads must be corrected by next winter. Qwest is seeking permission to install a phone line on the south side of Paul Road. Ice sand is needed for the parking lot.

Other: Lakeview Castle's liquor license was approved.

Election judges for 2005 were approved. Up to \$250 was approved for upgrading Newsletter software.

January 18th special working meeting. Supervisors attending: Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, George Sundstrom, and Corlis West. Minutes of the past meeting were accepted with deletions. Changes were made in the proposed Zoning Ordinance to reference performance standards, where needed. "Domesticated Animals" was changed to "Livestock" and Article 10 was accepted. The meeting was recessed to Feb. 1st at 8pm. See minutes on the Township web site for specific references and wording.

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January 19th budget meeting. Supervisors attending: Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, George Sundstrom, and Corlis West. Budget requests from each department were reviewed. The final budget distribution as it will be proposed to the Annual Town Meeting is shown in the table on page 2 of this Newsletter.

The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday) Mar. 10th and Apr. 13th at 7:00pm in the Town Hall.
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

December 2nd meeting. Attending: Hale, Hendrickson, Lawson, Levanen and Miller.

Variance hearing on a request by Dr. Munger for a 3' rear-yard variance (the home was built before our zoning ordinance and is currently non-conforming). The nearest neighbor has no problem and there was no other response to the official notification of others. The Commission unanimously approved the request.

Mindy Granley, South St. Louis County Soil and Water District, provided a handout and report on the Sucker River watershed meeting.

The Zoning Administrator reported on a renewable energy workshop for Dec 7th. No response has been received from the grant organization concerning work on our zoning educational pamphlet.

January 11th special meeting. Commission members met to discuss the 2006 budget. It will be presented at the Town Board and then to at the Annual Town meeting.

January 27th meeting. All members were present. Marcus Hall of the St Louis County Public Works Dept was invited to attend to discuss the County road widening. Some 80% of respondents in the recent survey wanted wider County roads. **Plans for Homestead road are to "reclaim and overlay" in 2009.** This merely involves resurfacing with no ditch work. Funds are not available to do widening. Mr. Hall explained that the total County road budget was about \$18 million. To do any widening on the 5.8 mile segment from Highway 61 to West Knife River Road would cost \$6-7 million or about a third of the whole County road budget. The discussion inquired about safety issues (for walkers or bikes or cars to pull over to repair a tire), alternative sources of funds, widening one side only, etc. Federal funding, if available, would also come with added road standards. Potentially, the Township could raise the issue with County Commissioners.

Kevin Olson, Coop Light and Power Communications Manager was also invited to attend to discuss **high speed wireless service in the Township** (72% of survey respondents wanted faster internet service). Mr. Olson explained that all 46 who indicated an interest would likely be able to be served from an antenna on top of the water tower on Bergquist Road or the antenna on top of the fire tower on Molde Hill. (see article). Work on both sites is underway. Letters will be sent to those indicating an interest to see if they want to request service. Others who want information or want to sign up should call Kevin Olson at CLP (834-2226).

Proposed Subdivisions: (1) Below Hwy 61 at Bergquist Road is proceeding with planning that will involve later Township review. (2) Steve Stingle's plan for a 5-home subdivision in on a 15ac tract on Alseth Road above the railroad tracks (zoned for 2½ ac lots) was discussed. The Board will not take action until the DNSSD approves sewer connections.

Wayne Dahlberg discussed the Planning Commission budget as presented to the Town Board and the possibility of remaining as the Zoning Administrator with an assistant to handle calls, site visits, and other routine matters.

Tony Fladmark's term on the Commission is ending. She was thanked for her many years of service. A notice of the vacancy with a March 9th deadline will be posted. It was noted that someone from the shore area would be desirable. **Next Planning Commission meetings: (4th Thursday) Mar. 24th and Apr. 28th at 7:30pm, Town Hall.** *Residents are invited to attend these meetings.*

Building Permit Tally

Building Permits	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<i>Single Family</i>	18	17	20	19	22
<i>Seasonal Cabins</i>	3	6	0	2	2
<i>Commercial</i>	3	0	0	1	0
<i>Alteration/Accessory</i>	34	42	37	45	44
<i>Church/School/Utility</i>	3	0	0	2	2
<i>Totals</i>	61	65	57	69	70

Report on the Renewable Energy Workshop

Sue Lawson

This Renewable Energy Workshop was the second in a series of workshops organized by the Duluth Township Planning Commission and Community Volunteers to help the Town achieve its vision for the future. It was based on the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. These workshops were funded in part by The Fund For the Environment and Unrestricted Endowment Fund, Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation.

On Tuesday, December 7th, 2004, Dean Talbot, MN Power and Chris Reed, Nemadji Energy Co. presented a workshop on Renewable Energy. Both Chris and Dean provided lots of information on renewable energy options such as solar technologies, wind technologies, and the MN Power Rebate Program For Renewable Energy.

Before talking with folks about renewable technologies, they always stress that the first steps should be energy conservation. Much energy can be saved through very simple energy conservation measures. They discussed the use of fluorescent vs. incandescent bulbs and the amount of energy conserved.

Solar water heating in this climate is a very viable option for using solar energy. They say that going totally "off the grid" is a bit more expensive and realizing the return for doing so is long term.

If people are building new structures or adding on, several attributes emphasized for passive solar design that reduce the need for mechanical heating, cooling, and lighting. They emphasized four key components for
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this: the building envelope should be thermally tight; Windows- the critical factors include the location, size, glazing material, and overhang size; Thermal mass which are the elements of the building structure that can serve as heat storage components; Building siting and orientation - good southern exposure.

If you want to know more about renewable energy there are a number of informational packets available at the Town Hall. Feel free to pick one up.

Progress on Wireless Internet

Kevin Olson, Communications Manager for Coop Light and Power reported that fast wireless internet service for Duluth Township is being installed. Service below Korkki Road should be operational by early March from an antenna on the water tower. Wireless service above the Korkki will be available by June from a fire tower antenna.

The 46 who indicated an interest will receive a letter explaining the service and inviting them to sign up for installation. Others who may be interested in faster internet service can call Kevin Olson at CLP (834-2226).

Small ads for items of interest to Duluth Township residents can be placed in the Newsletter at \$2 per line, when space is available. This and the prior two Newsletters have had one such ad. Contact the Town Clerk or the Newsletter Editor.

The History Corner

Rich Sill

It is no secret that schools have played a vital role in our community. In fact, schools have filled a vital role in the history of nearly every community across this state. To appreciate a little more fully why this is true it may be a good idea to look back in time and try to understand how Minnesota's system of schools actually came into being.

It was 1849 when the territorial legislature passed the first law relating to the education of children living within Minnesota's borders. The law stated that all children 4-21 should have access to common schools. Lawmakers determined that the money needed to support the operation of these schools would come through funds collected by a general tax levy, supplemented by dedicating a portion of fees collected from the sale of liquor licenses and fines on criminal offenses.

Even with the passage of this legislation progress towards the development of schools during the territorial period was slow. So little progress was in fact made that by the early 1850's only three schools existed in all of Minnesota. It was only after the establishment of statehood in 1858 that the growth of schools began to expand in any significant way. As originally intended school districts were to be formed on the basis of one per township. However, it soon became clear to early pioneers that this plan was unworkable. Families either had a tendency to settle in scattered enclaves spread widely throughout the newly opened areas, or on isolated homestead tracts. To expect them all to attend only one centrally located school miles from their homes

was impractical. Schools had a tendency to be built around need. Wherever enough children were present to warrant a schoolhouse, one was usually built. The problem with this situation of course was that it soon led to a proliferation of schools throughout Minnesota. By 1900 over 8,000 districts had been established, a number so unwieldy that the state legislature soon was pressured to enact legislation encouraging districts to merge. These efforts, though well intended, met with little success.

During the 1911 legislative session, as a means to spur on the sluggish pace of consolidation, legislators proposed and then enacted a bill creating financial incentives for schools to merge. The state would pay for 25% of any new construction costs plus payments of up to \$1,500.00 a year in financial aid. In exchange the newly merged school districts must agree to be in session at least eight months each year and agree to supply transportation for any student needing it. Even with the added incentives only 170 districts accepted the plan. By 1915 interest in consolidation had begun to wane as events unfolding in the larger world began to overshadow the problems faced here at home. For the next three decades efforts at school reorganization were placed on hold as the public became preoccupied with the devastating effects of the Great Depression and the tragic realities of two world wars.

It wasn't until 1947 that the issue of school consolidation once again became the focus of legislative efforts. Even though nearly 50 years had passed since the turn of the century the number of school districts that still were in existence throughout the state had dropped only fractionally and still stood at just under 7,700. Feeling that something had to be done to fix a situation that was clearly not about to fix itself, the legislature decided to appoint a state advisory commission to consider the entire issue of school reorganization. Over the next few years the commission's effort did produce some positive results, a handful of districts were convinced to merge and several recommendations for change were forwarded to the Commissioner of Education for review. But overall the commission could only suggest, not demand change, and the large scale reorganization that was hoped for never materialized. It would take another decade and a half to pass before that would happen. When it finally did come the ramifications of what became known as "forced consolidation" would have a dramatic effect on schools statewide. And for the people of Clover Valley and the surrounding area the changes that were about to be thrust on them in the late 1960's would be very great indeed. That story will be in the next edition of the Township Newsletter.

Need Trees?

St Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District offers trees and shrubs at nominal cost. There is also a new Handbook on tree planting. Order deadline is April 15. Call 723-4867 or website: www.southstlouisswcd.org.

2005 Resident Feedback Questionnaire Report

The January Newsletter included the annual *Resident Feedback Questionnaire*. Questions asked for feedback on a range of topics suggested by the Town Board and residents. Some 865 homes and businesses received a copy. By the deadline, **91** responses were received for an overall response rate of 11% (somewhat more than in previous surveys). While every household had the opportunity to provide feedback, one might presume that responses were from those who were more interested in Township affairs and/or these issues, and wanted to provide their perspective. Results are as follows:

Community Center Events:

87% of respondents would like to see such events.

Among those wanting Community Center events:

90% were "very" or "somewhat" likely to attend these events (*The report lists topics of interest*).

Respondents were asked how they thought these events should be funded, and:

97% checked enrollment fees,

45% checked seeking grant funding.

20% checked use of NSCS lease funds, and

9% checked Township budget line item,

Widening County Roads

80% of respondents said that County roads, such as *Homestead Road (scheduled for re-surfacing in 2009)*, should be widened with a shoulder for walking, biking or to safely pull off for a flat tire, etc.

Awareness of Stormwater Issues

Since the Township is mandated to monitor and potentially repair stormwater damage to its streams, the questionnaire asked for a personal assessment on awareness of 7 items. This assessment will be helpful in the annual mandated report the Township makes to the State.

Percent who are "somewhat aware" or "very aware" of:

Need natural buffer zones around streams	93%
Special steps to limit stormwater runoff	90%
Annual stormwater management report	70%
Twp may have to pay for stream cleanup	60%
Slow turnover of Lake Superior waters	60%
Sucker River workshop in the Township	50%
Increased French River sediment levels	39%

Improved Internet Service

72% of respondents were interested in having faster computer internet connection service in the Township.

To achieve this:

90% support mounting an official request to Qwest for upgrading phone lines,

85% support seeking rural community help from the State.

81% support requesting wireless service in the Township from Coop Light and Power

55% of respondents (*46 people*) provided their name and address to see if satisfactory wireless antenna sites could be found to make wireless service available for them.

The final report on the 2005 survey, with a listing of comments, will be on the Township web site and at the Town Hall. Copies of the final report were given to the Town Board, Planning Commission and Town Clerk.

Estimated Market Value in Duluth Township

2004 \$132,499,100 up 24% from 2003

2003 \$107,141,700 up 16% from 2002

2002 \$ 92,237,300

The Auditor's Office provided these figures. Note that this includes both increased assessed value on existing property as well as the value of new construction.

Most power line right-of-way is privately owned land



For some people, power line rights-of-way – the strip of cleared land beneath overhead power lines – is a popular area for year-round recreation.

Minnesota Power maintains about 7,500 miles of power line right-of-way throughout northern and central Minnesota. Most of it is privately owned land. The landowner has granted Minnesota Power rights permitting the electric line to be constructed and maintained on private land.

Rights-of-way are not public thoroughfares. Before any use of right-of-way for snowmobiling, hunting, all-terrain vehicles or other purposes, you must first obtain the landowner's permission. Failure to receive permission from the landowner can be considered trespassing.



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TOWN OF DULUTH
GENERAL ELECTION
March 8, 2005

Put an X in the square opposite the name of each candidate you wish to vote for.

TOWN SUPERVISOR
Vote for Two

Clayton Farmer	
George A. Sandstrom	
Wendy A.M. Anderson	
write-in, if any	
write-in, if any	

Sample Ballot

Proposed 2006 Township Budget information is provided on the candidate insert.

Town Supervisor Candidate Statements

Three candidates have signed up to run for two Town Board positions. Each candidate for Town Supervisor was invited to provide a brief statement of introduction for *Newsletter* readers. These are printed below.

Note that the proposed Town Budget is on the back of the insert.



Wendy Anderson.

I am Wendy Anderson and I would be honored to represent the community as Town Supervisor. I am employed at *BendTec*, and I am the fourth generation in our family business. I come from a family that has a strong work ethic and a commitment to working in and supporting the local community. Some of you may have worked with my family's businesses – Marie Iron & Shipbuilding, and Modern Constructors. Working in a family business I have been privileged to gain experience in Work and Environmental Safety, Marketing & Sales, and Human Resources. All these skills and commitment, I would bring to the position of Town Supervisor.

My husband Rock and I have been residents of Duluth Township since 1996. Our two children, Alexandra and Kirkland, attend North Shore Community School. I have been involved with the school since the community came together to organize it as a new charter. I have been involved with the Grants Committee and the Endowment Fund Board. One of my visions is for a greater connection between the community-at-large and one of our major assets, the Community Center. The Town Board has moved in the right direction by hiring someone to help develop community education opportunities for all residents. I would like to see that really succeed.

One of the important Township issues is Zoning, and how we together, as a community, move forward while retaining our unique rural characteristics. I believe that while there is always change, we also need to maintain and take care of our environment and plan for our future. I believe we can work together to maintain what is special, while supporting those who would like to become part of our wonderful community.

I would like to work with this multi-talented and supportive community to sustain all that has been built. If you have any questions regarding issues I have or have not spoken about, please contact me anytime at 525-0263. Thank You.

Side note: If you call and leave a message with one of my two young children, they are too young to write, so if I don't respond immediately, please call again.



George Sundstrom

I am George A. Sundstrom, current Town Supervisor and candidate for another term. I don't know whether or not supervisors are supposed to be "non-partisan", nor do I much worry about it. I am "partisan".

At our township level, I hope that I have represented you, at the least, adequately the last three years, particularly in the areas of spending your tax money and re-zoning. If you agree, I would appreciate your vote on March 8. If not, at least vote for someone.

I consider myself a fiscal conservative (not to be confused with "compassionate conservative") and a social liberal. I intend to run a fiscally frugal, non-negative campaign.

In order to finance my campaign, I will not accept any PAC money or individual contributions, no "hard money", no "soft money", and not even my own money. As I said, it will be a frugal campaign.

I detest the Bush-Cheney administration, but in keeping with my promise to run a positive campaign, I won't refer to president Bush as a born-again, American Taliban self-ordained evangelist, and a Viet Nam war deserter. Or that everything he touches turns to fecal matter and now he wants to touch Social Security. In Minnesota, we have an ideologue governor who is a lap-dog, boot-licker for Bush. But I won't mention that either, in keeping with my running an up-beat, positive campaign.



Dan Tanner

I have been a resident of Duluth Township for 34 years, moving here in 1971 shortly after graduating from UMD. I built my own home and raised four children, all of whom went to North Shore School. In those days Mr. Nolte owned the French River store, Ernie and Lucille Mattson were running the greenhouse, steelhead ran in large numbers up the Knife River, 40 acres of land sold for \$6000, and fuel oil was only 17 cents a gallon. Our township was largely a rural community sprinkled with small farms and homesteads. I am grateful that much of the woodsy rural character still remains, and this is one reason many have moved to the township. I am an avid fisherman, bow hunter, skier, and gardener. This January I retired from 32 years as a fisheries

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(Tanner statement, continued from the other side)

biologist for the federal government, a job that involved public speaking, interacting with the public, and participating in numerous committees. In addition, I coached the Marshall High School Cross Country Ski team from 1992 through 1996. I have served on the Korkki Nordic board of directors since 1996, and have been the race director for the Korkki Nordic Bangin' in the Brush trail race for the last six years. The Korkki Nordic ski trail, hand-crafted by Charlie Banks, is a terrific asset enjoyed by many of our township residents. With my recent retirement, I now feel I can devote the time necessary to serve as a township supervisor. Saving the North Shore School through its conversion to a charter school is a great success story for our community, and I am strongly supportive of it. The township's relationship with the school has greatly increased and complicated the financial responsibilities of the township; I believe that these and all other financial decisions should be thoughtfully evaluated. I would like to see the rural nature of the township maintained as much as possible. Although there is room for new people in our community, I am opposed to excessive or large developments. Those that know me can tell you that I am an honest and forthright person, and will bring these qualities to all of my dealings with community citizens. I will keep an open mind to concerns from all township residents, and will expect the same from other board, department and township members. There are important issues facing our township, and I feel a responsibility to help move the township forward

and respectfully ask for your vote on March 8. If you would like to discuss any township issues, please feel free to call me at 525-4087.

Proposed Township Budget for 2006

The proposed 2006 Duluth Township budget is shown in the table below along with the actual expenditures for 1999-2004 and the budget for 2005 which was approved at our annual Township meeting last year.

The 2006 budget proposal is based on requests developed by our Township departments and reviewed by our Township Board. The total is up 7.8% from the 2005 budget approved last year (see Table below) and down 8% from 2001. Recycling expenses are covered by a grant from WLSSD. Some costs are covered by fees and grants.

According to the State Auditor's Office our Township was below the average per capita expenditures for all townships. In 2001 our per capita expenditure was \$185 compared to \$330 for other St Louis County townships and \$222 for all townships in the State.

Overall, the 2006 average yearly cost per household for Township services (fire, police, road, governance, etc.) is about \$396 or **\$33 per month**, up about \$2.33 per month from 2005 (more for expensive homes and businesses, lower for less expensive homes and businesses, and lowered by State homestead credits, etc.). Details of the budget will be available at the Annual Township meeting, 8:15pm on March 8th, then we will vote on the proposed 2006 budget.

Comparison of Actual and Proposed Duluth Township Budgets (1)								
<i>Expenditure Area</i>	<i>1999 (actual)</i>	<i>2000 (actual)</i>	<i>2001 (actual)</i>	<i>2002 (actual)</i>	<i>2003 (actual)</i>	<i>2004 (actual)</i>	<i>2005 (budgeted)</i>	<i>2006 (proposed)</i>
Roads & Bridges (2)	\$85,389	\$59,793	\$110,751	\$85,720	\$63,818	\$40,555	\$50,000	\$40,000
General Township	\$63,019	\$56,151	\$87,883	\$108,877	\$89,439	\$107,262	\$94,130	\$111,410
Fire Department (2)	\$44,878	\$51,740	\$50,520	\$47,875	\$73,907	\$60,872	\$53,970	\$67,804
Police Department (2)	\$31,415	\$38,470	\$26,903	\$33,248	\$58,399	\$32,746	\$44,974	\$42,118
Township Cemetery	\$4,180	\$6,454	\$4,590	\$7,075	\$4,425	\$5,762	\$4,000	\$3,000
Planning & Zoning	\$5,239	\$6,346	\$29,426	\$17,849	\$18,657	\$17,341	\$12,000	\$15,000
5% Contingency Fund (3)							\$12,954	\$13,967
Total Expenses	\$242,176	\$226,920	\$318,953	\$309,913	\$308,645	\$265,812	\$272,028	\$293,299
<i>Approximate average YEARLY cost per household for all Township services (4)</i>	<i>\$327</i>	<i>\$307</i>	<i>\$431</i>	<i>\$419</i>	<i>\$417</i>	<i>\$359</i>	<i>\$368</i>	<i>\$396</i>
Expenses Covered by WLSSD or NSCS Lease Funds								
Recycling Centers (5)	\$8,056	\$7,966	\$8,880	\$9,269	\$13,902	\$10,058		
Community Center (6)				\$33,090	\$184,976	\$62,883		

- Note that the **actual** expenditures include expenses that may be partially covered by fees (e.g. permits, etc.), grants (e.g. zoning consultants), escrowed funds (e.g. replacement of the police and fire vehicles). Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.
- Some Departments designate funds for special projects: Road and Bridge emergencies (\$35,000), Fire and Police to replace aging fire and police vehicles. These funds are included in the year end balances shown in the Clerk's report at the Annual Meeting.
- The contingency fund is for expenses, particularly for the first 6 months of each year before County levy funds are made available.
- The average annual cost per household uses 740 (the U.S. Census count of households in 2000) as the number of households for comparisons here. The Newsletter is currently is mailed to 865 addresses.
- All Recycling Center costs are covered each year by a grant from WLSSD.
- Community Center expenses include insurance and maintenance items, adding the temporary classroom space, and various capital improvement items plus some Township clerical expense. These items are paid for out of the lease funds received from NSCS

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Mike Peterson, Steve Peterson, Tom Wick

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Assistant Chief Bob Engleson

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Community Center Event Coordinator:

Jeanne Anderson 525-5705 (Town Hall).

Note: Where possible, email is forwarded to the person,
otherwise it is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked
up.

Township Recycling Centers

North site – Town Hall – new hours!

Bob Abrahamson and Caroline Marino now share
staffing the center *Tuesday 7-11am, 2-6pm,*
Thursday 3-7pm, and Saturday 8-12 noon.

South site – Closed due to McQuade Harbor
construction

(Leave items only when Recycling Centers are open.)



News Bulletin

Calendar of Events:

March 4
NSCS Student Recommitment forms due

March 11
End of 2nd Trimester

March 14
Report Cards go home

March 15
NSCS Open House
4—7 p.m.

Kindergarten Round Up 11
a.m.—7 p.m.

March 25
No School Good Friday

April 4—8
No School Spring Break

April 15
New Enrollee
Applications due

Enrollment for 05-06 school year begins; all need to complete enrollment forms

Enrollment deadlines have been established for students who are currently enrolled at NSCS and for Duluth and Alden Township residents with children not yet enrolled.

Please help spread the word that enrollment at NSCS is NOT automatic (like in Districts 318 or 709). As a charter school, NSCS has the ability to establish policies related to timing of accepting applications and numbers of students accepted.

Recommitment forms have been mailed to all current families, along with a Kindergarten enrollment form for families needing one. These are due in the NSCS office by March 4. Please return your recommitment forms promptly.

After this process, NSCS will begin accepting and tallying the enrollment forms from new

enrollees residing in Duluth and Alden Townships. New enrollee applications are due by April 15.

Please tell your township friends and neighbors to contact the NSCS office for enrollment procedures and forms. Applications from families who do not reside in Duluth and Alden Townships are due by May 20.

There are currently a few openings in each of first through sixth grades. Kindergarten will be about 2/3 full with sibling enrollment, which is the first priority.

For any grade that ends up with more applications than spaces available, NSCS will conduct a lottery drawing of the applications. This will determine who is enrolled, who will be placed on the waiting list.

- Sheri Camper, NSCS Director

Visit NSCS on March 15 Kindergarten Round-Up, Open House for all grades

Kindergarten Round-up is for all interested parents and children that are of Kindergarten age.

Take this opportunity to meet the two NSCS Kindergarten teachers, see the classrooms, attend an optional presentation about North Shore Community School, and have a tour of the building. Interested families are welcome to drop in any time between 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Presentation times are at 11:45 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the library.

All interested families are invited to the **NSCS Open House**, also on March 15 from 4:00-7:00 pm. There are openings in preschool, kin-

dergarten, and first through sixth grade. Several teachers will be available to share classrooms and curriculum materials. Presentations and tours will be offered at 5:30 and 6:30 in the library.

Registration for the 05-06 Pre-school year at NSCS are now being accepted. Classes are offered for 3-5 year olds on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:15—11:30 a.m. and 12:15—2:30 p.m. A monthly tuition is charged. A \$20 registration fee is required. For more information, contact Kathy Johnson, director, at 525-0663, ext. 106 or 834-5429. Pre-school teachers will also be available at the March 15 Open House.

*March 15 Kindergarten
Round-Up, Open
House features special
information
presentations
throughout the day.*



5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804

Sheri Camper, Director
B.J. Kohlstedt, Curriculum Coord.
Machelle Lampela, Ass't Busi. Mgr
Heidi Horoshak, Admin. Assistant

NSCS Board Members:

Phil Strom, chair
B.J. Kohlstedt
Cathy Hartman
Uwe Kausch
Amy Giddings
David Sundberg
Kristi Lounsberry

The public is invited to attend North Shore Community School Board Meetings scheduled for 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the NSCS Library.

We invite your questions and concerns. For more information, call 525-0663 or visit www.northshorecommunityschool.org.

Camper's Corner:

NSCS neighbors make a difference, thanks to all

I never met Charlie Banks, but I wish I had. A long time ago I saw a Venture North show about him and Korkki Nordic on PBS. One thing I do know is that he designed and created a grooming machine to guide your cross country skis along his trails. Mark Helmer allowed us to borrow that original groomer to create our ski trails at North Shore and Ed Engleson used it as a model to make us a new grooming machine.

I don't know Mark either, but his former wife grooms my dogs (different kind of grooming!) and I worked with his daughter, Chelsea, at the Vanilla Bean in Two Harbors.

Jim Ward helped Ed build the new machine and he will be doing the grooming for some time to come I imagine. I do know Jim a little bit because he has a third grader and a

kindergartener at the school, so we hope to see him for quite awhile.

Ed Engleson's granddaughter will finish sixth grade this year, but somehow I think we haven't seen the last of the Engleson family.

Jeannine Engleson was a frequent volunteer at NSCS and hopes to return when her health improves. She has even been seen leading groups of children on community field trips in the spring-sharing a wealth of local history! And of course,

Bob Engelson is somewhat of a legend around here, with his leadership of the Grounds Committee.

So whether it's dogs or ski trails being groomed, it's impossible not to think of all the community connections that are interwoven through our daily lives.

- Sheri Camper, Director

Auction Reminder

Donations are still being sought for the June 4 NSCS Auction.

We have received many donations forms from families and community members including gift certificates for meat processing and for Architectural Antiques, thanks to Dale Bruckelmyer and John McCarthy.

We also have children bikes, lawn toys, a night at Cape Superior Inn, custom wall stenciling, signed and numbered prints and much more.

If you want to help, call the school and talk to Sheri Camper, ext. 118

Mark your calendar for this special event.

NSCS Endowment Update:

Endowment Grant funds available, applications due April 11

Thanks to generous donations by the community and alumni, the NSCS Endowment fund has \$1,600 available in community grant funds, up almost 40 percent from last year.

Grant applications are available at NSCS, 5926 Ryan Road, and must be received in the school office by 4 p.m. April 11.

The NSCS Endowment Fund Board will consider fund requests consistent with its Mission Statement in a community-based effort to build partnerships and assets in order to provide supplemental funding, independent of the school budget, to enrich and extend the education of NSCS students.

Grant proposal considerations include

projects that: foster outside the classroom learning, sponsor or cost-share field trips, facilitate creative teaching methods and curriculum, develop relationships between students and community members. Sponsor special festivals, visitors and events for students and community members, and use Endowment Funds as a match for other grants.

- Kathy Johnson

Thank you to all NSCS Endowment Supporters

We would like to thank all of the following donors for contributing to the NSCS Endowment Fund since January 2004.

We have received over \$4,000

Ms. Kris Kewitsch
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