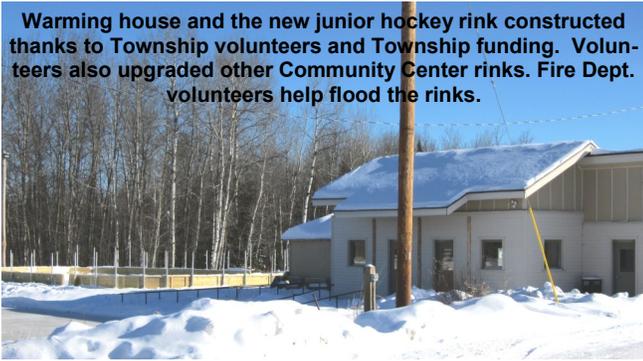


Warming house and the new junior hockey rink constructed thanks to Township volunteers and Township funding. Volunteers also upgraded other Community Center rinks. Fire Dept. volunteers help flood the rinks.



BE SURE TO **VOTE** IN YOUR
ANNUAL TOWNSHIP ELECTION
AND ATTEND YOUR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, March 8th, Town Hall

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2016

What's Coming Up?

Youth seeking jobs (see list on pg 2)

Township Day!

Plan to VOTE March 8th, (2nd Tues) Town election,
Polls open 7am-8pm at the Town Hall
See insert for candidate statements.

Plan to ATTEND March 8th, Annual Town meeting,
8:15pm in the Town Hall.
See page 3 for proposed budget information.

Trails Draft Plans expected February 25th at the
Planning Committee meeting.

Pre-school Open House, March 3rd, 4:30-6:30pm
NSCS, (see article, p2)

Planning and Zoning Commission vacancy.
(see article, p6)

The Township owes a great deal to the dedication and work of two Supervisors, stepping down at the end of their terms.



Don Sitter has completed two full terms as Town Supervisor, currently as Chair of the Board. He successfully guided the Board through many difficult issues. Always prepared and knowledgeable, his inclusive style was one of transparency and concern for the greater good of our residents. Don spent an enormous amount of time overseeing, with Dave Edblom, the construction of our new addition to the Town Hall, the first updating in some 40 years. This involved extensive consulting with various user groups, planning, bidding, construction meetings and spending a lot of sweat and time on the many extra tasks that are involved (e.g. laying sod to prevent erosion, responding to urgencies with heating and seeing to the ADA door upgrades, etc.). Don was liaison for several Township functions: Planning, recreation, and business management. Thank you for your service to our Township!

THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

March 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Anniversary celebration with pot luck, birthday cake, ice cream and Bingo.

April 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Coffee sandwiches, Alan Anderson and others discuss the North Shore Tractor Club and the 2016 Clover Valley Tractor Show.

May 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Coffee and snacks. Sheila Packa on poetry, story and music about Finnish immigration and her recent collaboration with Finnish composer, Olli Kortekangas and the Minnesota Orchestra.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Mary Anne Daniel is stepping down from two terms as Town Supervisor, the first filling out a vacancy on the Board. Mary Anne serves as the first Emergency Management Director, helping set up the Township's first Emergency Plan. She served on the DT/NSCS/ABC Joint Use Committee and served as liaison for Palmer Cemetery and our Police and Fire Departments. She continues as an Emergency Medical Responder and Fire Fighter for our Township. She served on the Town Board during a complex time, adding her experience and thoughtful consideration of issues with a vision for the Township as a whole. Thank you for your devoted service to our Township.



Sniff! sniff! the Fire Dept was about to roll out for a conflagration...turned out to be **Shane Kerby's 40th!** Congrats!

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Ann Cox, Barb Crow, Mary Anne Daniel, Bob Engelson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Carolyn Marino, Janet McTavish, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Don Sitter, Shane Stolp, Carol Surine, and Rose Vastila,

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief



An additional Bay for Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road, is in the early planning stages. Currently, we have 4 fire vehicles behind 3 doors! The proposed bay would be on the east side (right

side in picture) of the current fire hall on Ryan Road. It would include room for one fire truck plus some storage, office space, emergency power, and buried water tank.

We are saving toward construction and looking for grants to help out. Some urgency comes from the immediate need to re-roof the current, older part of hall #1. We hope to coordinate re-roofing with the added bay. Stay tuned!

When spring comes, use special care to prevent wildfires.

To volunteer as a fire fighter or emergency medical responder, call Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819. Training and turnout gear are provided.

Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

Police Events. December and January were busy months with 235 police events. This included 29 traffic violation warnings or citations, 114 resident requested vacation home/business checks (including 12 requests for extra patrols), 18 property damage accidents, 11 animal complaints, 9 medical emergencies, 7 civil process, and 5 burglar alarms and 5 motorist assists. The list is on our web site.



Last year saw our Police responding to 1180 events, including: 458 home/business checks, 129 traffic citations, 54 motorist or public assists, 53 medical emergencies, and a drug search warrant with a drug manufacturing/distribution operation shut down.

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. **For medical & police emergencies call: 911.**

Go to the Township web site:

www.duluthtownship.org to sign up for email police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications.

Recorded Police Events

2015	1180
2014	1166
2013	1165
2012	1265
2011	1208
2010	1164
2009	1028
2008	1034
2007	1088
2006	881
2005	972
2004	1057
2003	969
2002	773

JOBS WANTED

For our Township Youth

An effort to match up residents who have work suitable for our youth with youth in the Township who may want a job.

Seeking Jobs

- Mature, hard working, experienced 14 year old looking for work (yard work, cleaning, mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call Bridger at 525-0090.
- Cameron Nelson, age 13, lawn mowing, snow shoveling, general yard work, general labor. Call Cameron at 525-0208
- Ryan, age 15, is looking for work. He is interested in yard work, lawn mowing and babysitting. Call 525-9065.
- Young man, age 11 looking for work, including lawn mowing and general yard work. Experienced. If interested, please call Konrad, at 830-9514.
- Mason Stolp, age 14 years, looking for work (mowing, shoveling, yard work, cleaning, general labor). Call Mason at 525-0576.

Advertise for free: For Township youth who are seeking work and Township residents who need help with various jobs suitable for youth (babysitting, lawn, garden, maintenance, snow shoveling, house cleaning, etc.). Leave your ad & contact information at the Town Hall (messages: 525-5705).
Deadline for the next (May) Newsletter is April 23rd

Early Learning Sticks Like Glue!

Kathy Johnson

Play and Learn Early Childhood Program at NSCS is now accepting registrations for the 2016-17 school year.

Classes are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Children ages 3, 4, and 5 may enroll for 1, 2 or 3 days per week. A \$30 registration fee is required. A monthly tuition is charged along with a \$25 annual supply fee.

An Open House will be held Thursday, March 3rd from 4:30-6:30. For more information, contact: Kathy Johnson at: 525-0663 Ext 106 or 834-5429.

French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

The book for next month is The Rosie Project, by Graeme Simsion. The next meeting is St Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17th at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Our host is Carol Eling. The book is a Book Club in a Bag offering. Several copies are available.

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

Important Town Election — Tuesday, March 8th — Be sure to VOTE!

Polls are open from 7am to 8pm at our Town Hall. Two positions are on the ballot for the regular 3 year terms. See the Newsletter insert for candidate statements.

Township Departments (Levied Funds)	Actual Expenditures for 2011	Actual Expenditures for 2012	Actual Expenditures for 2013	Actual Expenditures for 2014	Actual Expenditures for 2015	Budgeted for 2016	Proposed Budget for 2017
Police Department ⁽²⁾	\$45,331	\$44,096	\$70,952	\$50,913	\$54,295	\$56,315	\$56,860
Fire Department ⁽²⁾	114,163	44,287	45,784	93,328	54,774	58,020	64,910
General Township	136,113	145,671	116,212	98,073	91,198	112,425	113,620
Planning & Zoning ⁽¹⁾	21,153	22,217	22,994	22,744	20,157	21,605	23,128
Cemetery	8,245	8,943	5,689	7,198	19,069	7,000	8,500
Road & Bridge ⁽²⁾	89,111	144,437	102,086	92,790	54,959	85,000	85,000
Community Ed/Rec. combined	11,491	15,079	15,239	15,174	16,620	3,700	—
<i>Total expenses⁽¹⁾</i>	\$425,607	\$424,730	\$378,954	\$380,220	\$311,072	\$344,065	\$352,018
<p>Listed Below are approved and the proposed Tax Levy Budgets <i>These exclude income from non-levy sources such as permit fees, various grants, funds from WLSSD for recycling expenses, Taconite Relief, Community Center and other non-levy sources.</i></p>							
Approved/proposed levy	\$352,765	\$390,400	\$343,496	\$362,616	\$344,506	\$344,065	\$352,018⁽³⁾
Approximate average annual cost per household⁽⁴⁾ <i>(using 740 households, depends on assessed property value.)</i>	\$477	\$528	\$464	\$490	\$466	\$465	\$476

Footnotes:

- (1) Note that the **actual** expenditures include expenses that may be partially covered by fees (e.g. permits), grants (e.g. FEMA road grant and Alden Township's contract for fire coverage, grant for fire equipment), or carry-over funds. **Budgeted** levy amounts are reduced by expected income from fees. Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.
- (2) Some Departments designate funds for special projects: Road emergencies (\$35,000), Fire and Police to update Hall #1 and aging vehicles. These funds are included in the year end balances shown in our Clerk's report at the Annual Meeting.
- (3) The budget amount we approve may be reduced, when levied, by State or County aid to local governments (*cut in recent years*).
- (4) The average annual cost per household uses 740 as the number of households for comparisons here. The *Newsletter* is currently mailed to about 790 households in the Township (the 2010 U.S. Census counted 750 occupied homes in Duluth Township and the Minnesota Demographer estimated that there were 767 households in 2014).

Township Expenses and Budget

The table above shows actual expenses for 2011 through 2015, the budget for 2016 (*which was adopted at last year's Annual Town Meeting*), and the proposed budget for 2017. In some cases, actual expenses include income from various sources other than the tax levy, such as permit fees and grants. Part of the carry-over is for escrow (e.g. fire hall addition and police vehicle replacement) and emergency funds (e.g. roads and MAT recommended Township reserve).

The proposed 2017 budget increased by \$7,953 or 2.3% from 2016 (which was slightly less than the 2015 budget).

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 2017 budget will be voted on at the upcoming **March 8th Annual Town Meeting**. Plan to attend!

Community Center Fund Expenditures in 2015/16

The Town Board has approved over \$77,000 in Township funds for the proposed improvement projects at the Community Center located in the North Shore Community School site. Among these are \$20,000 to repurpose the concrete slab (previously under the temporary classrooms) for basketball and a tennis court, \$3,000 for potting benches in the hallway just outside the new greenhouse, \$9,000 to improve the hockey rink boards and add a new rink for junior hockey, \$15,000 to improve the forest trails at NSCS (*waiting for ABC Inc to approve, currently tabled*), and most recently, \$29,895 to add a 12-camera, inside and outside video surveillance system, fully paid for by Township funds since ABC Inc, the school owners, could not afford to share the costs of this safety need.

Proposals for projects such as these are made through an agreed-upon JUC (*Joint Use Committee*) process which helps determine the percentage of projects that are of broader community value, the legal criterion the Township needs to follow. The Township also pays for lighting the hockey and pleasure rinks and heating the warming house.

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).

December 10th regular meeting. Attending: Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Wendy Gustofson, Don Sitter and Travis Stolp.

Main Actions: Year end budget rebalancing transfers unanimously approved.

Reports: Treasurer reported an ending balance for November of \$662,022.04 after deposits of \$158,003.37 and expenses of \$43,557.20. **Fire:** Wayne Dahlberg is working on concepts for an addition to Fire Hall#1. **Planning:** New zoning ordinance goes into effect Dec. 31st. Kiva Ranta development approved. Trails draft plan is due in January. **JUC:** Skating light bill will be submitted at the end of each season. **Town Hall:** Community room normal hours will be broadened on Tues. and Thurs.

Cemetery: Green/Natural burial information was provided. Phil Strom presented a new proposal for NSCS security cameras.

January 14th regular meeting. Attending: Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Wendy Gustofson, Don Sitter and Travis Stolp.

Main Actions: Unanimously approved police contract agreement between Union Local 1028-01 which represents our police (Feb 1, 2016 through Jan 31, 2019).

Reports: **Treasurer:** \$393.00 deposits, \$35,223.80 expenses for an ending balance of \$629,293.73. The **Board of Audit** meeting set for Feb 2nd at 4:30 with budget meeting to follow. **Fire:** concept designs for added Hall#1 bay are in process. Clover Valley High School property is now tax forfeit (State owns, County manages). The old building's condition needs attention so the property can get back on the tax rolls. **JUC:** Written documentation of decisions by ABC Inc, NSCS Board and the Town Board is needed to track proposals. Sue Lawson will re-send all documentation to Barry Wolff, Phil Strom and George Sundstrom. Phil Strom presented a security system bid (12-cameras, inside and outside). A motion passed to approve funding of \$29,895 for NSCS. Attorney Strom again commented that the Township has no power to give money to a school. All agreed that a security system is needed, but having the Township pay 100% of the security system without ABC Inc. involvement was questioned. **Town Hall:** Septic tank pumping warning needs attention plus request for renters to conserve water. **Recycling:** Lot lighting needs improvement (donated lights will be installed this spring). **Cemetery:** An ad hoc committee will be formed to study the interest and creation of green burial in the Township cemetery. It was recommended that Supervisors who haven't taken basic supervisor training/short courses should do so.

The Next regular Town Board meetings:

(2nd Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) are **Mar. 10th & Apr. 14th**. Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

A Special Thanks to Fire Department Volunteers for bringing water to maintain our Community Center hockey and pleasure rinks!

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

November 19th (continued from the last Newsletter).

James Gittemeier presented the draft trails plan that he helped our Trails Steering Committee work on. The proposed priority order for trails was:

Ryan Road to Lake Superior (not including crossing Hwy 61). Ryan road may be scheduled for updating soon.

NSCS to the Town Hall along Lismore, Bergquist and Shilhon.

Old North Shore Road from Ryan Road to Homestead (including proposed pedestrian bridges over the Schmidt River and Sucker River).

Homestead Road from Old North Shore Road to the Town Hall.

Shilhon Road to the community of Knife River.

Most trails would be natural surface or existing gravel roads with trail signage. Approximate cost estimates were provided for grant planning purposes. Having this plan is important because it provides the Township a more effective stance for requests when County road updates are planned. The draft trails plan will go to the Planning Commission for consideration and to make a recommendation to the Town Board.

January 28th regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson, and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan & Board Liaison Don Sitter.

Main Action: Seering's request for a CUP for short term rental on River Road was discussed.

The Board approved an interim use ending when the property is sold plus a short grace period.

Discussion: A large hydroponic garden building was constructed, without a permit, on Clover Valley Drive at the Restlawn Pet Cemetery. Discussed were whether this land use is permitted and the type of permit that would be required. There was concern about bright growing lights at the site. The Board will review options before the next meeting.

The draft Trails Plan was expected but Mr. Gittemeier had not completed the draft plan.

Land Use Permits Beth Mullan		
Year	Single Family	Total Permits
2015	9	33
2014	0	29
2013	4	25
2012	3	17
2011	6	24
2010	8	28
2009	9	30
2008	10	39
2007	3	28
2006	10	44
2005	20	67
2004	23	70
2003	24	69
2002	18	57
2001	18	66

The Next Planning Commission meetings:

(4th Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) are **Mar. 24th & April 28th**. Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

LOCAL SNOW PLOWING

Larry Nesgoda — call: 525-1305 or 393-2863

Noel Walter — Snow blowing, Lawn mowing
call: 834-1101 or 849-7913.

LOCAL PRODUCE

Farm Fresh Eggs — call: 525-7415

Other listings? No charge to list local seasonal items such as these. Next Newsletter: May (deadline Apr 23).

Send your listing to: Editor@duluthtownship.org, or leave a message at the Town Hall, 525-5705.



Town Hall Community Room Hours

It is a beautiful area to meet friends, browse the library, use the wifi computer area, etc. Small groups could meet and share the area.

See the notice board on the porch for open hours. So far Community Room hours are:

- Monday — (closed)
- Tuesday — 7am—noon and 2pm-6pm
- Wednesday — 9am—noon
- Thursday — 2pm-6pm
- Friday — 9am—11am
- Saturday — 8am—noon
- Sunday — (closed)

There is a sign-up list for volunteers who are willing to keep the Community Room open for more hours.

We'd like to keep it open full days on Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact the Town Hall office if you can help out (messages 525-5705).

So far, you need to bring your own makings for coffee and snacks (coffee maker and microwave are available) in the Community Room! Donations welcomed!

From the Chair

Supervisor Don Sitter, Board Chair

Spring is nearly upon us, which means the March Township elections are coming soon. We have an important vote coming up on March 8th, I encourage all Township residents to vote for the candidates of their choice and come to be heard at the annual meeting which starts at 8:15pm after the polls close.

I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the past 3 years of my time on the Board of Supervisors. I want to thank those that have worked so diligently to move the Township forward and complete the improvements that have been accomplished. Among the highlights was the creation of the new Stormwater Management Ordinance to comply with the new MS-4 requirements, which also required us to update our Zoning Ordinance. An Emergency Operations Plan was created and has been adopted by the Board. The Town Hall addition has been completed which includes a new community room, new offices for town employees, new conference rooms and the necessary equipment to function as the Emergency Operations Center if needed in an emergency. Ownership of the North Shore Community School was transferred to the ABC Corporation and the Town has approved funding for over \$70,000 of improvements at the school for the benefit of the residents who use that facility as our community center. A new ADA compliant front door was added to the Town Hall which was funded 90% by a grant from the state. Numerous other projects were completed such as the new Town brochure and a comprehensive trails plan has been written which will be presented to the board in March for approval.

Many people worked hard to make all of these improvements a reality. I would like to sincerely thank all the numerous volunteers and staff members that have helped and supported me during my time on the Board. Thank you!

Sincerely, Don Sitter



Tips for Recycling

Caroline Marino

- Flatten as many of your containers and boxes as possible to save space and make transporting recyclables more efficient.
- Rinse containers and remove all caps from glass bottles.
- Plastic bags don't belong in recycling bins! Use paper bags to collect recyclables since the bag can be recycled with your mixed paper.
- Be a smart shopper—buy reusable, returnable and recyclable items.

Horsing around Duluth Township

Kathleen Zweber

We're looking for a picture of the OLDEST HORSE in the Township! Send the picture, age, name, and short description to me at: kzweber@witchtreetraining.org.

Vacancy on the Township Planning and Zoning Commission

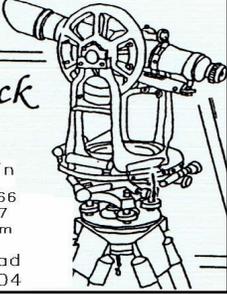
Planning Director, Sue Lawson

Brigid Pajunen's term of service is ending and the Commission is seeking a person to fill the vacancy. Among Brigid's contributions to the Commission was the drafting of our new Duluth Township educational pamphlet about our Planning and Zoning procedures (*copies are available in our new Community Room*). Thank you for your service to our Township.

The P&Z Commission is a 7-member board that guides the implementation of the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. No special qualifications are necessary to serve on the P&Z Commission other than an interest in the Township's future and a willingness to serve. Commission members serve 3-year terms and cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. The Commission holds regular monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month, with occasional special meetings as the need arises. Commission members receive a per-meeting stipend.

Interviews to fill the vacancies will be held by the Town Board. Interested residents should submit a letter of interest including relevant past experience, to: Duluth Township, Attn: P&Z Commission Vacancy, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804. If you have questions, leave a message for the Planning Director at the Town Hall, 525-5705.

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Study of Green Burials at Palmer Cemetery

Mary Anne Daniel

There have been some inquiries about having Green Burials (GBC) at our Town's cemetery. Currently, a vault or urn are required. Green burials can involve simple wooden caskets, for example. A separate area at the cemetery might be designated. For more information about green burials, see the web site: www.GBC.org and Suzanne Kelly has a recent book titled “Green Death”. The Town Board approved forming an ad hoc group to consider the pros and cons of green burials. If you are interested in participating on the study committee, leave a message at the Town Hall: 525-5705.

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 Town Hall.)

WAGGIN' Tails

Boarding Kennels

Long & short term boarding



Reservations Required

218-525-4842
7002 App Rd.
Two Harbors

Paid Advertisement



Duluth Township Information 2016

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

Phone (218) 525-5705
(voice message),

Email: See note below on using our Township web site.

www.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) 260-9123

Primary contact for Fire, Cemetery, Emergency
Planning, Police, 50% Joint Use Committee.

Dave Edblom (2014-2017) **Vice Chair** 525-1276

Primary contact for Town Hall, 50% Joint Use
Committee; *Assisting:* Roads, Personnel, Business
Management.

Wendy Gustofson (2016-2017) 573-821-0785

Primary contact for Communications, D/NSSD and
Materials Mgmt, Intergovernmental Relations.

Don Sitter (2013-2016) **Chair** 525-4138

Primary contact for Business Mgmt, Personnel,
Planning and Zoning; *Assisting:* Town Hall
for Town Hall, Recreation, Personnel.

Travis Stolp (2016-2018) 525-0576

Primary contact for Roads, Recreation/Rental

Town Clerk: **Ann K. Cox** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
Treasurer: **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
Attorney: **Tim Strom** 722-4766 (office)
Cemetery Sexton: **Molly Tillotson** 218-525-6933

Planning Director: **Sue Lawson** messages: 525-5705

Planning and Zoning Secretary: **Beth Mullan**

Planning and Zoning Commission: **Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry
Hauge** (Mar2015), **Brigid Pajunen** (Mar2016), **John
Schifsky** (Mar2016), **Jo Thompson**, (Mar2016) vice
chair, **Paul Voge**, chair (Mar2014), **Larry Zanko** (2016)

Peace Officers: **Chief Shawn Padden** and
Officer Steve Peterson.

Emergencies 911, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407

Clifton Volunteer Fire/EMS Department:

Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief **Rob Peldo**,
President **Jason Bruckelmyer**

Burning Permits are available online at mndnr.gov/permits or
the **Town Hall** (office hours), or from **Fire Wardens:**
Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431), Jay Zink 525-5589
or **DNR** in Two Harbors, 1568 Hwy 2, 834-1418.

Community Center Rental Coordinator: Jim Salls 600-9015

Town Hall rentals: contact the Town Clerk, 525-5705.

Website manager: Janet Johansen 525-5705 (Town Hall)

To Email Township Officials and Departments

Our Township web site, www.duluthtownship.org/contacts,
has a dropdown list of personnel and departments you can
use to send emails. Note that a copy of all emails
automatically goes to the Town Hall for Township records.

Note: If the person does not have email access, your com-
munication is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked up.
Many Departments have a web page. See our web site).

Township Recycling Center

At the Town Hall, on Homestead Road
Staffed by Carolyn Marino, Roger Beck and Volun-
teers



**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 vandalism and dumping household garbage.



Township Calendar

See calendar updates on www.duluthtownship.org.

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

MARCH 2016

- 1, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,
Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 3, Thu, 4:30-6:30 **Early Learning** Open House, NSCS

TOWNSHIP DAY!

- 8, Tue, **VOTE**—Town Hall, polls open 7am—8pm
- 8, Tue, 8:15pm **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**
- 10, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 15, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**
meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 15, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
- 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

APRIL 2016

- 5, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business
meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 6, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 14, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 19, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**
meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 19, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1
- 23, Sat, **Deadline for the May Newsletter**
- 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

MAY 2016

- 3, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,
Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 4, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 17, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**
meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 17, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 30, Mon, 11am **Memorial Day Ceremony**, Palmer
Cemetery, Old North Shore Road

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Participate and Guide the Township in which you live!

You can do it by:

Voting in the Township Election of Supervisors – March 8th 7am-8pm

Attending the Annual Town Meeting that sets our local levy - Mar. 8th

Attending Town Board and Planning meetings to show support and see how Township business is conducted.

Volunteer for Township Board or Commission positions as they become available, shed-keeper, Fire/EMS, community room host...

Participate in planning meetings.

Share your views and ideas for the Township's future.

Support your representatives...they are largely volunteers
(even though there may be an "honorarium" for some positions)

Write up a local historical event or share a good *Newsletter* masthead.

What Happens at our Annual Town Meeting

Township Day, Tuesday, March 8th

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—2015 activities and expenses, the previously approved 2016 budget and the proposed 2017 Township budget (see page 3).

Those attending this meeting vote on our budget for 2017...a year away because our figures have to be included with County and School District figures for tax statements you receive in 2017. In 2016 we are operating on the budget adopted at our 2015 Town Meeting.

Last year's minutes, official bank and posting places are voted on. The proposed 2017 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 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.

Each of the four candidates was asked to provide a statement and picture for the Newsletter.

These statements, in voting ballot order, are presented as written, to provide residents with background information.

Barbara Crow



My name is **Barbara Crow** and I am running for Town Board. I moved to Duluth Township because of its affordability and healthy, rural community. I stayed because I have grown to love the land and the people who make this township a rewarding place to live. My experiences in the township includes work on the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, Planning Commission, and 3 years on the Town Board. I feel blessed to live in a township that has strong leadership and a solid sense of community.

I feel that it's important to support well planned, sustainable growth that will keep Duluth Township an affordable place to live while also maintaining its rural character. It's important to continue to provide excellent services and maintain roads and buildings without inflating taxes. I have grown to appreciate the dedication and expertise of those who provide our township with many, critical services such as:

- well-trained volunteer fire and medical response team who contribute countless hours of their time,
- police officers who regularly patrol our township to keep us safe,
- an emergency preparedness plan ensuring that life-saving services will be provided to our residents in a disaster
- Planning and Zoning Department that allows residents local, easy access to land use resources and keeps decisions at a local level,
- storm water management plan to help prevent erosion of Township roads, but improves the health of our waterways,
- recycling program,
- cemetery that provides a final resting place for our loved ones and helps us reflect on the contributions of our ancestors and the sacrifices made for our country,
- Town Hall that provides space for residents to have a dance, a wedding, organize a class, or just stop in and use the internet.

All of this is what turns a Township into a community. As a Town Board Supervisor I can help to make sure that these excellent services continue.

Professionally, I've had management training that helps to guide my work in the township. During the last 20 years with St. Luke's, I have worked as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist and also, in management. My responsibilities as manager of surgery and anesthesia included overseeing a budget of millions of dollars. I worked with physicians and regulatory agencies, and managed 170 surgery personnel.

Duluth Township is home to a thriving charter school, The North Shore Community School. Township residents use some of the facilities and grounds (when the school is not in session) for recreational and educational activities. A good relationship between the school and town is imperative for the health of our community. Recent years have seen a strain in this relationship over community center fund questions. If elected, I will ensure that the funds are used to maintain and improve the property that we share. I will work with all involved to develop productive communication to meet this goal.

So, I'm asking for your vote on March 8th. I would be honored to serve you. I pledge to listen, learn, collaborate, and do my part to continue the work started by the good people of Duluth Township. If you have any questions, please contact me at 525-0489 or at rhubarp@gmail.com.

Statements continued on the other side

Bruce Duncan decided not to submit a candidate statement.

Dave Mount



My name is Dave Mount and I am a candidate for Town Board Supervisor. My roots in Duluth Township date back to 1971 when my family bought the Nordlund homestead on Dammon Road. After living elsewhere for 10 years, I returned to Duluth Township in 1995 for a job as a research biologist with the EPA where I have worked for the last 20 years.

In 2007 I was elected to the Town Board, where I served for the next 6 years, 5 of those as Board Chair. In addition to Chair responsibilities, my duties included care of the Town Hall, liaison to the Planning and Zoning and Fire Departments, and oversight of the cemetery. During this period, the Town owned the building and grounds that house North Shore Community School, a considerable amount of the Board's time was spent on issues relating to the ownership. The Board had a very constructive partnership with NSCS, and we completed a number of major projects at the facility, including a new roof, reworking the septic system, and a building addition adding three classrooms.

I have been saddened to see the recent deterioration from a cooperative approach to something more parochial and often less respectful. Tensions originating in disagreements surrounding the Town/NSCS relationship have, in my opinion, seeped into other facets of the Town Board's activities and now threaten the proper function of broader Town governance. These changes have motivated me to enter this year's election, in hope that my prior experience can help restore a more cooperative approach. I believe even the most contentious issues should be approached with courtesy and respect. I value honesty and fair-mindedness, and I believe those that know me would say that I have those qualities.

I ask for your vote in the Town elections March 8th. If you have questions, you can contact me by email at dmount.duluthtownship@gmail.com or by phone at 525-7961. Thanks for your time.

Shane Stolp



Greetings! While attending one of the great functions put on by the North Shore Community School, a few community members approached me with a request to run for Town Supervisor. After some thought with my family, I decided to do so. I have a strong background in working with boards and in business, especially finance, as a CEO of Wescom, Inc. I also sit on many leadership boards of local businesses, some even within our neighborhood. In my personal life, I spend time working on and at the community center rink, volunteering with the PTA, and in my children's' classes at NSCS. My business and life experience will bring a much needed common sense approach to issues.

A township supervisor needs to understand the impact their decisions have on the community today, and the long term impact of those decisions. My priorities include making sure we maintain our safe and welcoming community; it is what makes our area a community. Because of this community environment, we have the best volunteer force and most committed residents of any area. Further, our community center is vital where many nights kids are skating, playing ball, volleyball, or the community is gathering in the pavilion. Our children deserve and need a place to gather and what better place than outside. Finally, we need to make sure our community is always looking for opportunities. These can be financial opportunities in reducing expenses or increasing revenue, sourcing funds through other governmental agencies, or creating policies and procedures that make sense and get things done. I welcome anyone to stop by to visit at my home or give me a call. I look forward to serving you! Shane Stolp ~ 5730 Bergquist Road ~ 218-349-5008