

Pine Lake Township

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Why a Newsletter?

The elected officials of Pine Lake Township decided to send this newsletter to inform residents of upcoming events and to answer some frequently asked questions. We hope you find this information useful.

Along with the newsletter you will find a survey. Please take the time to complete this survey in order to give your elected officials a better opportunity to serve you

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to attend our regular monthly meeting held the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Pine Lake town hall.

You also may contact any of the following township officials:

Supervisor Larry Bucholz – 346-3172

Supervisor Albert Jorgenson – 346-4821

Supervisor Ed Roberts – 346-5252

Clerk Margaret Mattfeld – 346-5480

Treasurer Ken Guck – 346-3456

Elections and Voting

Currently Pine Lake Township residents vote at the Community Center in Perham. This was the case for the primary election in September and also for the upcoming November general election. We have been fortunate in the past few years to share the costs related to voting at the PACC with Perham Township. Due to the recent Help America Vote Act (HAVA) the costs incurred by the township to hold an election have increased. In addition, the township is obligated to hold the election at a location that is handicapped accessible.

Polls will be open at the Perham Area Community Center to vote in the November general election from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. on Tuesday, November 7th, 2006.

Common Questions

- **Do I need a building permit?**

Building permits are not required from Pine Lake Township officials when building within the township. It may be necessary to get permits from County officials.

- **Do I need to install a culvert when putting in an approach?**

Culverts may be required as the situation demands. Please check with a township supervisor if unsure. A culvert 18" in diameter is the minimum requirement.

- **What do I do with gopher feet?**

Pine Lake Township pays a \$2 bounty on pocket gophers. As proof, the township requires the front feet of the gopher be brought to a township supervisor or to a regular monthly meeting. For ease in counting the township asks that the feet be displayed in pairs on a piece of cardboard or plywood.

- **Why can't we get our roads graded more often?**

Roads are graded as often as possible. 2 factors help in determining whether to grade the roads – cost and weather. Each time the graders are sent out it costs the township about \$1,000. It is most effective to grade the roads after a rain. Grading a road during a dry period has proven to be ineffective.

- **When is the annual township meeting?**

The annual township meeting is held on the second Tuesday in March. All township residents are urged to attend.

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Survey

Please return this survey to the Pine Lake Township Clerk by November 1st, 2006

<p>Are you satisfied with the road maintenance?</p> <p>Comments:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Should all gravel roads receive calcium chloride?</p> <p>Calcium chloride is a road stabilizer and dust inhibitor. The cost for applying it is \$2,000/mile. The township has about 25 miles of gravel roads and share costs on an additional 7 miles of gravel roads.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Should more township roads be tarred?</p> <p>Currently costs for tarring roads are approximately \$160,000/mile. Township policy is to pay for the preparation of the road base for tarring. Area residents then pay for the actual tarring of the road.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Should we continue publishing a township newsletter?</p> <p>Newsletter cost for postage approximately \$200.00.</p>	<p>Annually <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Semi-annually <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Not at all <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Additional Comments:
