

DRAFT MINUTES

General Meeting Rules Provided in Annual Meeting Packets: No person in the audience at a Town Meeting shall engage in disorderly or boisterous conduct which disturbs, disrupts or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any Town Meeting. The presiding moderator may enforce this rule. Agenda times are subject to change based on length of discussion. Any recordings are strictly for assistance in preparing the minutes.

Clerk-Treasurer Leanne Kunze called the Annual Meeting to Order at 7:00pm and initiated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kunze called for nominations for the Annual Meeting's Moderator. After 3 calls for nominations, only one nomination was received – Troy Williams. Williams was provided an opportunity to decline the nomination. Kunze requested a Motion to approve Troy Williams to serve as Moderator for the Annual Meeting.

Motion: Chuck Held

Second: Steve Yetzer

Motion carried.

Moderator Williams reviewed the Order of Business and requested a Motion to approve the Order of Business and proceed with the Agenda.

Motion: Bob Williams

Second: Trudy Vogel

Motion carried.

Moderator Williams called on Board Supervisor Mike Klingelutz to provide the report in compliance with the MS4 Public Hearing (SWPPP) portion of the Annual Meeting. Klingelutz provided a comprehensive progress report along with the purpose and requirement of the MS4/SWPPP report. In the past year, the township has engaged in litter patrol, completed quarterly inspections (describing outfalls within the township), held Spring and Fall Compost events measuring 15 30-yrd dumpsters worth of clean up, staff participation in annual salt calibration training, street sweeping of asphalt roads was completed in the Spring and Fall (noting significant amount of material removed). Klingelutz reviewed a list of things residents can do to help keep our water clean and referred residents to visit our website for more detailed information. Klingelutz asked for a show of hands of those present who participate in the compost events (guesstimating 65% of those in attendance) and shared that Carver County assists in the costs of our compost events through an annual Solid Waste grant.

>Resident Troy Williams asked Klingelutz about question attendance at the Compost Events. Klingelutz replied there is a steady stream, well attended, and many times there is a line. Board Chair Pete Parris shared how he had made multiple trips and the lines move quickly. We will continue to hold 3 days in the Spring and 4 in the Fall.

Township Updates Provided

Augusta Road Improvement: Board Supervisor Cathy Nielsen provided a brief update on improvements pending for Augusta Rd. This is a townline road shared by Laketown and Dahlgren Townships who partnered with Ron Bray at WSB to submit an application for LRIP funds through the State of Minnesota in hopes it would “buy down” the cost of the project to allow for reasonable assessments to the residents. Awards are to be granted by the State in late March/early April and we will share the information with impacted residents once we know more. Before this grant was posted, the plan was to turn the road to gravel based on budgets and resident feedback from Laketown and Dahlgren relating to assessments.

>Resident Trudy Vogel asked what our chances are in getting awarded the grant?

Nielsen explained pros/cons and all agreed it is a 50/50 chance.

>Resident Trudy Vogel asked if state specifications will be required.

Parris shared the application is pending and we rely on our Road Engineer to work with the State on specifications if the grant is awarded.

>Resident Trudy Vogal asked what happens if the grant is not awarded to this project.

Nielsen and Parris responded that we would meet with residents to go over the existing plan to turn Augusta Road to gravel if grant isn't received and/or if residents reject the projected assessment.

2025 Paving Plan: Parris shared the neighborhoods scheduled for road improvements in 2025 (residential streets: Summit, Poppitz, Rolling Meadows, and Pierson Lake) and provided planning to date that included core samples of all paved roads by our Road Engineer at WSB – approx. 80 samples taken to determine shape of roads and what may need reclaim vs mill/overlay – engineer said if you can get 20 years out of a road you're doing well and we are at or over that timeframe. Informational meetings will be scheduled this Spring with each neighborhood to share the plan and seek resident feedback before proceeding with Improvement Hearings and estimated assessments for these projects. Parris noted the remaining neighborhoods scheduled in 2026 (Lake Bavaria area), 2027 (Hidden Bay and entry to Gary Avenue), and Klein Drive will be reviewed for potential improvement in 2028.

Airport Road: Chip sealed last year – had been put off for a couple years to build the necessary funds. This project was contracted with Carver County and we were able to save chips that got swept off afterward.

Gravel Roads: Gravel costs have gone up 28% over the past 8 years.

>Resident Cheryl Luce commented on the delayed dust control last year and road being very dry.

Parris acknowledged and shared that we cannot apply dust control until gravel is hauled in and moved. We wait until weight restrictions are lifted. Last year was extra difficult with gravel trucks navigating significant detours while Hwy 41 was under construction and supply of chloride was delayed for our vendor to have the materials to complete the job.

>Resident Lonny Luce commented that we have 14 miles of gravel in township and asked about the costs of grating per mile versus cost per mile to treat with dust control, mentioning observing Waconia Township applying more and appears to last longer.

Parris shared how dust control is offered at cost to participating residents on gravel roads and acknowledged roads untreated swaths can cause frustration to others. Kunze shared there are several roads where the residents get together and split the cost to ensure the entire road is treated. Klingelhutz reminded residents of the township policy to cover the cost of dust control on roads that have a traffic count on an average of 200 or more. Klingelhutz shared the example of Scandia Road being covered by the Township when the traffic counts were higher, and now Scandia Road residents pay for dust control with decreased traffic counts after Airport Road was paved. Board members acknowledged and assured traffic counters will be placed on 102nd Street in April.

Equipment: Nielsen provided updates on equipment maintenance and repairs, highlighting significant repairs to the sewer pump truck so it doesn't rattle and shake when driving it empty, full tune up and repair of the front end loaders, and new tires on the F550. Nielsen also referenced a snow blower that is not used and will be placed for sale next snow season.

201 Wastewater System: Klingelhutz provided an overview of the history of the 201 system (see attached), and reported specific maintenance and repairs over the past few years (air releases in place, corroded pipes out, fortunately no leaks during the process, flow rate increased after jetting) with one-time federal funds granted through ARPA.

Klingelhutz also reporting being grateful to have the pump truck – it has been quite useful and has saved money that used to be spent on emergency pumping by private contractors. Klingelhutz reported the staff are finishing up basement inspections per the sump pump ordinance – delayed due to COVID – currently inspecting Lake Bavaria neighborhoods.

Metro Sewer: Klingelhutz explained how the Rolling Meadows neighborhood used to be on the 201 system and chose to upgrade to sanitary sewer with direct connection from homes to metro line. Rates have recently increased to build the fund for repair of manholes – there are 44 of them – staff and Board are working on a cost-effective way to address at least 3-4 of the worst ones this year.

Facility Plan for Improvement of 201 System: Parris provided an update on the feasibility study ordered by the Board in 2022 and completed by Bolton & Menk in 2023. Most of the study was paid for by grants – and thanked Nielsen for taking the time to apply on behalf of the township. The feasibility study resulted in the Facility Plan for improvements to the 201 system – ultimately replacing the 201 system of private septic tanks connecting to sub-standard pipes installed over 40 years ago. Parris provided additional background on the 201 sewer system installed 40+ years ago with a 20-year expectancy that was believed to serve as a bridge until these residential areas would be annexed into neighboring cities. Economy and development predictions did not match reality and we cannot keep kicking the proverbial can and risk catastrophic failure that could impair waterways and bankrupt the township. The cost to replace the 201 system is \$21.4m – it would not be feasible to proceed without outside investment. Our local representatives have authored a bill in the House and Senate, requesting state bonding in the amount of \$11m towards the project cost. This represents roughly ½ of the cost and would allow for residents to be assessed a reasonable amount. We have also requested \$1.1m from Carver County, and we are working with US Congress (Rep Emmer and Sen Smith) for \$2.5m investment. Even if all of this funding is secured, the assessments are likely to range between \$30-40k depending on final costs and whether you live on gravel or asphalt roads that will be rebuilt as part of the project is to replace the pipe 6-16 feet below streets. Parris is lobbying at the State Capitol and there are a lot of competing asks for bonding money from the legislature.

>Resident Ron Knudson asked how much pipe would be removed – only the public portion under the street?

Parris explained how the entire system would be replaced and existing tanks would be removed. This covers from your home to the street and from the street to lift stations and out to the met line.

>Resident Lee Swensen stated he lives on Bavaria next to the landing, and they have a deck over their tank – asking who is responsible for private property impacted by the project.

Parris stated there is a contingency included in the Facility Plan for repairs and future phases of the project would include a detailed analysis – home by home – on any potential issues. Kunze referred to the Township's 201 Sewer Ordinance regarding access and stated residents may not be in compliance if they have constructed structures over their tanks.

>Resident Lee Swensen followed up with a question on bonding – would residents pay up front or how long are we looking at to pay?

Parris responded we would look at bonding for a period of 20 years and explained how pre-payment is allowed without the additional years of interest that would otherwise have been paid.

Parris reminded residents on the 201 system are encouraged to attend the Improvement Hearing next Wednesday, March 20th at Laketown Elementary School.

>Resident Troy Williams shared he lived in Rolling Meadows when they went from 201 to sanitary connection to Met Council line and his assessment was around \$28,000 spread over 20 years with 1.9% financing.

Kunze acknowledged comment and how an assessment between \$30-40k sounds quite reasonable over 20 years later.

>Resident Troy Williams added that Rolling Meadows added blacktop and that was included in the assessment.

Parris mentioned the cost of a private mound system starting around \$25,000 and Carver County requires space for both the mound system and an alternative site.

>Resident Allen Mestad asked if the private sewer serving a few homes is part of this project.

Parris confirmed the Pierson Lake private sewer will remain private and is not a part of the project.

>Resident Lee Swensen asked if the project includes water?

Parris confirmed this project is limited to the sewer utility. Parris also acknowledged there had been discussion whether it would make sense to have water pipes installed at the same time. The Township does not provide water services – this would be part of future annexation when residents would be subject to subsequent city policies in relation to water/sewer/curb/gutter and the associated assessments. Kunze shared that residents have stated their desire to stay within the township as long as possible and a desire to maintain their wells for water source.

Pete also shared information about the 201 Sewer Task Force – a group of residents from each impacted neighborhood – who agree we need to stick to sewer.

>Resident Linda Mullen asked if residents should submit questions in advance for the Public Hearing?

Parris mentioned it was not necessary. Kunze mentioned residents may send them, but not required.

Parris shared he has been spending time down at the capitol lobbying for this project, and explained how the MPCA requires an annual process for projects to be placed on the Public Priority List (PPL) and scored for placement on the Intended Use Plan (IUP).

>Resident Ron Knudson asked if there was a target date for the project.

Parris responded that - in a perfect world – if we get the bonding requested this session, then site planning would be completed in the Fall and would be ready for bids in early 2025 with goal to break ground by late summer. Parris reiterated it is all contingent on funding – for example, if we do not get the bonding – or we get a lesser amount, then the project timeline would be pushed out another year or more.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding (ARPA)Update: Nielsen provided an update on the one-time funds we received through ARPA. In addition to projects discussed at previous annual meeting, approximately \$2,000 was spent on miscellaneous items this past year and we have a balance around \$85,000 that must be designated by the end of this year and spent by the end of next year.

>Resident Troy Williams asked if there are any items being considered for use of the remaining funds.

Nielsen responded that the Board continues to discuss this and includes things like help towards improvement of August Road, additional gravel, and repairs relating to the 201 and Met Sewer systems.

Website and Broadband: Nielsen encouraged residents to check out our website www.LaketownTownship.info – a lot of great information on there. The landing page includes Township Announcements and links to see Meeting Schedules, Agendas/Minutes, Resolutions/Ordinances, Elections, and various permits and applications at the township and County level.

Nielsen also mentioned Carver County's broadband initiative that has expanded fiber connection to more rural areas – over 300 miles installed. Randy Lehs is the point of contact for CarverLink in Carver County. Kunze will include Randy's contact information in minutes: rlehs@carverlink.com as requested.

Report from Carver County Commissioner Tim Lynch (his handout is attached)

In addition to information included in the Commissioner's handout, Lynch raised the Marijuana Ordinance being worked on and a desire to make it as restrictive as possible in Carver County – not to have marijuana use in public or in restaurants – and also considering an "opt-out" for lower-level government to decide for their jurisdiction.

After review of the handout, Commissioner Lynch took questions from residents in attendance:

>Resident Pete Parris asked about the roundabout plan on Hwy 5 near the Victoria Dairy Queen.

Lynch assured the DQ will stay.

>Resident Troy Williams inquired about timeline for Laketown Pkwy to extend beyond Hwy 5, specifically having County Rd 92 to extend from Hwy 5 to County Road 10 near Klein Drive.

Lynch replied the City of Waconia has not yet requested this extension, and that once requested he believes it will move quickly as the County has already acquired the property needed to construct the road.

>Resident Leanne Kunze asked for clarification regarding acquiring property for the roundabout on south end of connection near Klein Drive and County Road 10.

Lynch replied that piece has not been determined yet.

>Resident Angela Clay reported a water flow change since the installation of broadband near Augusta Road and wondered if the County needed to fix it. Specifically, a culvert runs under the road near 6625 Augusta Road and the water flow has been impacted.

Lynch asked to reach out to Randy at CarverLink to follow up. Kunze mentioned that other areas that have been impacted, such as settling after burying fiber, have been addressed and remedied with the assistance of CarverLink.

>Resident Bob Williams inquired about the status of a roundabout at Marsh Lake Road and County Rd 11. Lynch reported this is not a county project; it is a city project and therefore does not know the status.

>Resident Bob Williams asked about a long range plan to connect to Laketown Road.

Lynch said that is not known at this time and not on the radar for Capital Improvement Projects at this time.

Annexations Update: Klingelhutz reported on annexations that occurred since last year's meeting.

As discussed last year, the Township had approached Three Rivers Park District and City of Victoria about annexation of Carver Park Reserve to the city. Our fire protection costs were impacted due to the location of medical calls to a BMX bike area in the park. This was finalized in 2023 and no revenue as Three Rivers Park District is another public entity.

Carver County completed their ROW road acquisition to extend Co 92 across Hwy 5 – this includes a roundabout planned at the Airport Rd intersection. There has been some interest in developing property in that area, nothing concrete at this time.

>Resident Steve Yetzer commented that the City of Waconia commenced a study with Bolton & Menk for infrastructure needs for remaining annexation area and expects the results this Spring. Additionally, a Road Study is needed for roundabouts associated with the proposed extension of Co Rd 92. [Note: Yetzer is on the Waconia City Council and owns property within Laketown Township]

>Resident Troy Williams asked Yetzer a follow up question to what Commissioner Lynch said about the need for the City of Waconia to request that extension and roundabouts. Yetzer referred to the need to get the results of the Study and the City will consider next steps.

Klingelhutz continued his annexation report, adding that the City of Victoria continues to grow south of Victoria, but no known development anticipated south of the railroad tracks to Co Rd 10, nor west along Hwy 5.

Parris explained how annexations are development driven and how Laketown Township is party to an Orderly Annexation Agreement with the cities of Chaska, Victoria and Waconia. Property owners initiate annexation requests, not the Board.

>Resident Bob Williams asked if there was any update on Victoria moving west along Tellers Rd.

Klingelhutz responded that he is aware of 120 acres recently sold, and likely sold to a developer, but nothing has been initiated at city at this time. Kunze asked if residents would like to see tab for annexations added to the website.

>Resident Troy Williams asked how many acres were annexed last year? Klingelhutz will confirm and report back.

Approved Minutes from March 14, 2023 Annual Meeting

Moderator referred attendees to their meeting packets where they would find the draft minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting on yellow paper. The draft Minutes were submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Kunze and reviewed by Moderator Pawela following the meeting in 2023. The Moderator entertained a Motion to approve the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion: Paula Held

Second: Lonny Luce

Motion carried.

2023 Financials

Moderator called on Clerk-Treasurer Leanne Kunze to provide financial report.

Kunze referred residents to the results of 2023 Clifton Larson Financial Audit, noting their on-site portion of the audit occurred on February 6, 2024. Kunze reported the financial statements, including cash receipts, disbursements, fund transfers, fund balances, and bond balances presented fairly with no findings of fraud or misappropriation. Kunze noted the auditors noted an incident of non-compliance with record-keeping for failing to electronically record the closed portion of a Board meeting where confidential employee performance evaluations were discussed. Kunze referenced copies of the audit available at the sign-in table and also available for viewing at the Town Hall.

Kunze then referred residents to the blue page in the meeting packet to review the 12/31/2023 Schedule 1 Treasurer Report. Kunze walked attendees through each column and fund, explaining the beginning balances, receipts, interfund transfers, investment sales & purchases, and total balance.

Kunze then referred residents to the green page in their meeting packet to go over 2023 Actuals Budget Report. Kunze pointed to the column showing the 2023 budget as adopted at the 2022 Annual meeting, and next to that would be the Actuals for 2023. Kunze highlighted the following areas of the 2023 budget vs actual: F-Solid Waste Grant for 2023 was received in 2024; P-staffing changes not anticipated when residents approved budget at 2022 Annual Meeting; R-Audit for 2023 billing was higher than projected in 2022 due to significant rate increases felt statewide; S-Assessor contract with Carver Co also had a rate increase in 2023; Y-amount of OT above normal due to significant snow events and a sewer emergency in December 2022 in 2023 payroll, plus significant snow events in 2023; AA-this appears as an overage due to chip-sealing of Airport Rd last year but accounted for under this budget line for yearend actuals (unrestricted fund balance used); CC-Equipment Fuel costs increased beyond projections; on a positive note, areas like T-Legal Services, X-Animal Control, and W-Fire Protection were underspent by several thousand dollars (close to \$18k) and we took in more revenue than projected on licenses, permits, police fines, and the monopole rent increase.

Kunze paused for questions and informed attendees she was prepared to read into the record all checks from 2023. Moderator entertained a Motion to waive the reading of the checks.

Motion: Bob Williams

Second: Cheryl Luce

Motion carried.

2025 Proposed Budget

Parris referred residents to the green page in their meeting packet to review the proposed budget for 2025.

We are looking at 5% increase over last year. Parris reported the % levy increase in surrounding areas. The levy amount sought for 2025 is \$579,251.

Parris directed attendees to budget line W – Fire Protection – and explained how we received the City of Waconia’s estimated rates for 2025 and it is quite a bit, but also our largest fire area, so we fine tuned the proposed budget and are confident in our recommendation.

Parris asked attendees if there were any questions on the proposed budget or levy recommendation.

There were none.

Set 2025 Levy

Moderator entertained a Motion to set the 2025 Levy

Motion: John Bruellman

Second: Aaron Schram

Motion carried.

Open Forum is an opportunity for citizens to discuss issues with the Board on items not on the agenda. Individuals are asked to limit their comments to 5 minutes. The Moderator may limit the number of speakers discussing the same issue.

>Resident Troy Williams – I’d like to say good job. It’s not easy, and thank you for your service and taking care of our township.

>Resident and Board Supervisor Cathy Nielsen – I'd like to thank you all for being here and being interested.

>Resident Williams asked if Crown College is paying their fair share on sewer and fire protection?
Parris answered, yes. Kunze also confirmed Crown College pays their portion of Met Council monthly bill and their annual fire protection invoice.

Set Time for Next Annual Meeting March 11, 2025 @ 7pm: Moderator explained how the Annual Meeting date is set forth in MN Statute and entertained a Motion to set the 2025 Annual Meeting of Laketown Township on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7pm at the Laketown Township Hall.

Motion: Jane Norton

Second: Phyllis Schwichtenberg

Motion carried.

Recess/Adjournment: Upon completion of the adopted Order of Business, the Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

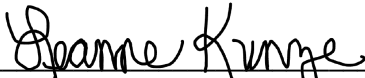
Motion: Leon Worm

Second: Paula Held

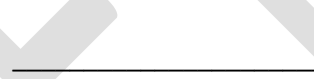
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Leanne Kunze, Clerk-Treasurer



Troy Williams, Moderator

[THESE REMAIN IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL 2025 ANNUAL MEETING WHERE RESIDENTS WILL CONSIDER APPROVAL]



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March 12, 2023

We have several exciting road construction projects happening within the County in 2024.

Mid to late summer 2024 begins the construction phase of the next phase of the Hwy 212 Project. The overall objective of the project includes approximately five miles of safety and capacity improvements along Highway 212 between Highway 34 on the east side of the City of Norwood Young America to Highway 36 on the west side of the City of Cologne. The project includes reconstruction and expansion of the highway from a two-lane undivided to a four-lane divided highway. On both ends, the highway will connect to the existing four-lane divided highway segments, completing the last remaining 'gap' in the highway corridor from the City of Glencoe to the Twin Cities.

Carver County received funding that will be used to construct a new roundabout to improve safety and mobility at the Highway 5/County Road 11 intersection in Victoria in 2025.

Another notable 2024 project will be the Highway 40 Project – Belle Plaine Area. This project extends 4 miles from Highway 25 to Highway 52. This segment is currently in the final design phase, with construction scheduled to begin in 2024. A few objectives of this project will include the widening of the shoulders, flattening of slopes, correction of drainage issues, safety improvements and rehabilitating of the pavement surface.

Highway 11/14 Roundabout Project will also be constructed this year. Carver County received \$2 million of federal funding for this project through the Highway Safety Improvement program (HSIP). The County will be working with the City of Victoria to provide enhanced safety and mobility at this intersection. Improvements will include:

- Improved visibility of vehicles and pedestrians with lighting and unobstructed sightlines
- Signage and pavement markings
- Installation of proper signage at crosswalks

Highway 10/Waconia Parkway North Improvements Project. Construction will start once the school year ends and is anticipated to be complete before the 2024-25 school year begins. Project includes construction of a roundabout at Highway 10/Waconia Parkway North intersection, connection of trail between Waconia Parkway North and Sterling Rd.,

pavement rehabilitation of Highway 10 between Highway 30 and Waconia Parkway South, and pavement rehabilitation of Waconia Parkway North pavement between proposed roundabout limits and Scott Lane.

The 2023 road construction season is now complete and saw several improvements as well.

Highway 20/25 Intersection Project, which is located at the intersection of Highway 20 and Highway 25 west of Watertown-Mayer High School in Watertown. Improvements associated with this project include the correction of user sight lines, improved available reaction times, and increased traffic flow.

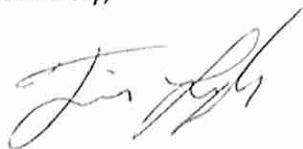
Highway 41 Bridge Project. This project improved the safety of the road and bridge over Silver Creek by raising the road approximately six feet near Silver Creek Bridge, replacement of the deficient, load restricted, three span timber bridge over Silver Creek, the addition of guardrails and improved ditch drainage.

Carver County Parks Update: Carver County Parks has now completed Paradise Commons at Lake Waconia Regional Park. The Carver County Board of Commissioners held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate this exciting project. This tremendous new building provides event and classroom space, modern restrooms, rental concessions, as well as enhanced lakeshore access to service the beach and picnic areas, trails, and other site amenities. It also provides a stronger connection for users to Coney Island of the West.

CarverLink Update: 2023 marked the 10-year anniversary of the initial creation of CarverLink, Carver County's publicly owned fiber optics network. This important program is making efforts to be the first County in the State with a population over 10,000 and the first Twin Cities Metro County to make available high-speed bandwidth for anyone who desires it.

If you have any questions about these projects or Carver County in general please feel free to call me at (952) 303-9458.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Lynch", written in a cursive style.

Tim Lynch
Carver County Board of Commissioners

History of the 201 Sewer System

The 201 was installed in 1983. It was put in because of many small lots with inadequate and failing septic systems in close proximity to Lake Bavaria, Pierson Lake and Reitz Lake. It was designed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in collaboration with Carver County. Carver County administered the grant and helped with the easements and easement acquisition.

There are three different sewage treatments that we collectively call The 201. There is the Lakewood Circle sand filter, the Abbywood mounds, and the Reitz Lake and Lake Bavaria areas that send their gray water to the Metropolitan Council sanitary sewer.

Once designed and installed, Laketown Township agreed to be in charge of operations and maintenance. Since installation, the 201 has been a maintenance nightmare. That said, it did do its job in keeping the three lakes relatively unpolluted from residential septic systems.

The 201 was designed for a 20-year life-span. Laketown was supposed to be annexed out of existence by Chaska, Victoria, and Waconia within 20 years of 1983. We are still here and most people, when asked, want the Township to remain a Township as long as possible.

The 201 sewer system is now 41 years old. The main problem is inflow and infiltration. Each house has a septic tank. The reason for the inflow and infiltration is that the septic tanks are two pieces. Basically a big cement tub with a cement lid on it. The lid has a 24-inch inspection manhole in it and a couple of smaller observation holes. The seals on the tanks around the lid and inspections holes lose their integrity and ground water flows into the tank. Before the Township bought a camera, inspection of the tanks required that James be suspended from a hand-

cranked tri-pod, lowered down into the tank. Needless to say, James is happy to have the camera.

When the ground is saturated and there is a heavy rain, the flow rates of the systems go way up, sometimes up to 2 ½ times more than when the ground around the tank is dry. The pumps and the lift stations cannot handle the large increase in flow causing pump burn-out and emergency pumping.

Gray water is what comes out of your septic tank. The gray water goes by gravity to small or large lift stations. The small ones are two houses, and the large ones are up to 50 houses. The lift stations pump the gray water into a force main. The force mains are supposed to be self-cleaning. They are not. For example, the Reitz Lake force main is three inches in diameter and was clogged to about the diameter of a golf ball.

The lift stations are made of cement and stuck deep in the ground, usually in low areas near the lakes. The cement in the lift stations has cracked and lets in even more ground water.

We have high-pressure jetted out most of the force mains that were clogged and sealed the lift stations that were leaking the worst. This, and emergency pumping are what caused the increase in your quarterly rate. We put the increase to good use and bought some time. But it is not a long-term solution to the problem.

With Waconia and Victoria expanding more and more into Laketown, and with the upgrade of the Metropolitan Council giant force main along Hwy 5, the Laketown Board decided it's time to look for alternatives rather than continuing to try and maintain the current outdated 201 system.

Laketown Supervisors commissioned two feasibility studies by Bolten Menk to provide sanitary sewer to the areas served by the 201.

Here are representatives from Bolten Menk to present them.

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MARCH 12, 2024 @ 7:00pm
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP

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1. Troy Williams
2. Tom O'Neil
3. LOON VORN
- 2x 4. Paula & Charles Held
5. Steve Tetzner
6. Eliot King
7. Steve Vogel
8. Trudy Vogel
- 2x 9. Lonnie Luce Cheryl Luce
10. Angela Clay
11. Sue Clay
12. Kevin Ament
13. Nancy Ament
14. Barb Williams
15. BOB WILLIAMS
16. Lexa Elliot
17. ~~Wendy Worsfold~~
18. ALLEN MESTAD
19. Mitch Dirnhager

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Name:

20. Dan Messinger

21. STEPHEN WESSALE

22. Linda Wessale

23. Ron Knutson

24. Phyllis Schwichtenberg

25. John Bruellman

26. Mike Sikel

27. Susan Dresser

28. Peter Schafer

29. Leanne Kunze

30. Pete Parri s

31. Mike Klingelhutz

32. Cathy Nielsen

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40. DON SCHWENKERTBERG
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42. Austin Patton
43. Steve Hilk
44. Lewis Schmitt
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46. Patrice Deering
47. Mike Hough
48. Mike Poppler
49. Tore Swanson
50. Lee Swanson
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