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Castle Rock Board of Supervisors

Meet monthly - 2nd Tuesday-7:00 p.m.
Russell Zellmer, Chair 651-463-4064
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Castle Rock Planning Commission

Meet monthly 4th Tuesday-7:30 p.m.
Sandy Weber, Chair 651-463-4725
Arlyn Lamb, Vice-Chair 651-460-4927
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Building Official

Scott Qualle 952-442-7520
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Road Maintenance

Mark Henry

Communication Committee

Pete Schaffer (Supervisor)
Volunteers:
Randy Becker
Jane Bistodeau
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Finance Committee

Colette Mumm

Parks Committee

Mark Molitor (Supervisor)

Roads Committee

Russell Zellmer (Supervisor)
Ken Betzold, Chair
Elaine Wikstrom, Secretary
John Day
Mark Henry
David Mumm
Jim Ozmun

Official notices are published in the Farmington Independent and the Cannon Falls Beacon. They are posted at the Town Hall, Farmers Mill & Elevator, and the Castle Rock Banks in Farmington and Castle Rock.

From the Chairman of the Board

Well, it's a new year and things are going well for the township. The winter weather has been an issue for the road maintenance (Mark Henry) but the roads have been kept clear in a timely fashion and continue to be in good shape. Don't forget the annual meeting in March and elections. Our budget looks good for the coming year and was on target for last year. Hope to see you at the annual meeting.

Sincerely,
Russ Zellmer, Chairman

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission researched and studied the issue of clustering for the township. Clustering has been researched by a citizen's committee in previous years. Using information from previous committees and researching updated information, the recommendation was made to the Board of Supervisors for simple clustering, which means Castle Rock still allows only one house per 40 acres in agricultural areas, but land owners having 160 acres may choose to put all four building sites on one 40 acre parcel. This allows some parcels of land that have been landlocked to landowners to now be buildable sites. The intent of this ordinance is for all agricultural land owners to be able to build one house per 40 acres in Castle Rock Township. If you wish to find out more about clustering, check out the internet, as information is on the Castle Rock website. There is more information on clustering, nationwide, to save open spaces of land.

If residents have questions, feel free to call me. Looking forward to seeing you at future planning commission meetings.

Sandy Weber,
Planning Commission Chair

Farmland & Natural Area Program

The Farmland and Natural Area Program was voted in by Dakota County residents in 2002. Landowners still own their land. Landowners can still farm it, use it, and they can sell it; it will just never be developed. Being a voluntary program, residents can work with Dakota County and other willing partners to help land owners protect agricultural land and natural resources through conservation easements or fee title. This will protect open spaces for future generations to be able to farm or for future residents to enjoy. To find out more about this wonderful program to save agricultural land, check out Dakota County Farmland and Natural Area Program on the internet or contact the Dakota County soil and water office.

Planning Commission Opening

Mark Wagenknecht has resigned his position on the Planning Commission. Thank you to Mark for his past year of service to our township. The Castle Rock Town Board is seeking interested individuals for this position. Members are compensated at \$40 per meeting. Letters of interest are due by March 14th, 2011 with interview to be held at the March 22nd, 2011 Planning Commission meeting. It is a three year commitment expiring in March of 2014. Please contact the township clerk, Jane Bistodeau, at 651-460-2221, or email her at castlerocktownship@frontiernet.net.



A big Thank You to Pete Schaffer, our outgoing Board Member for his past three years of service to Castle Rock Township.

Voice Your Opinion

Castle Rock residents are welcome to submit story ideas or suggestions about the Chronicle to the Township. You can also submit letters to the "Editorial" section to voice your concerns and opinions. Remember to sign your letters .

Tire Collection Recap

The Dakota County tire collection held at Eureka Township on October 2, 2010, netted a total of 2,101 tires. This collection was made possible by an \$8,500 grant from the county. They had drop off's from all five Townships (Eureka, Castle Rock, Greenvale, Waterford, and Sciota.) They filled two 53 foot trailers and needed to make arrangements to pick up an additional trailer full of just tractor tires. The break down was as follows:

- 1,086 passenger car tires
- 565 light truck tire
- 172 semi-truck tires
- 153 ATV tires
- 121 tractor tires
- 4 skid steer tires

Thank you to all of the volunteers who were able to make this tire collection happen!



The Castle Rock park on Hwy 50 has been going thru some improvements. The past summer the infield was upgraded, and we are in the process of building a shelter. Please contact the town hall if your organization is interested in using the facility on a regular basis.

If you would like to help our planet and "go green", think about receiving the Chronicle electronically. Email our office at castlerocktownship@frontiernet.net and sign-up! Every bit helps!

March Annual Election and Meeting

On March 8th, 2011 Castle Rock Township will hold its Annual Election. There is one position on the ballot, that of Supervisor C for a three year term. Polls will be open at the Town Hall, 2537 240th Street West from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. The Annual Meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m. following the election. Below, each candidate was given an opportunity to submit an introduction of themselves. All absentee ballots must be handled through the Dakota County Service Centers. If you would like more information about them, please see the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=211> or call 651-215-1440 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Mike Rademacher-Supervisor C.

Mike Rademacher is running for Township Supervisor position C in the upcoming election on March 8, 2011. He has lived in Castle Rock Township for 20+ years and has previous experience on the Town Board, having served as a supervisor from 2005 to 2008. During that time he served as the Township's representative on the Vermillion River Watershed Management Organization and the Cannon River Watershed Management Organization. He is married and has two adult sons. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

Snow Sense

Use common sense during winter storms and have regard for your safety and that of others. When no travel is advised, stay off the roads. If County or State snow plows have been pulled off the roads, stay off the roads. If Metro Transit stops bus service, stay off the roads. Not only is this a safety concern, but a plowing concern, as well. If vehicles get stuck in the roadway, plows are not able to get through, causing delays in the plowing schedule as well as increasing the plowing costs.



Treasurer's Report

	Year End Expenditures		Income
	12/31/2010 Actual	12/31/2010 Budget	12/31/2010 Actual
General Fund	\$ 92,395.30	\$107,320.00	\$107,079.10
Road & Bridge Fund	\$160,787.20	\$179,100.00	\$193,472.50
Fire & Ambulance	\$ 91,507.00	\$ 94,368.00	\$ 69,485.30
Parks Fund	\$ 1,408.91	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,504.12
Capital Improvements	\$ 5,178.19	\$ 25,000.00	\$
Escrow Fund	\$ 4,358.75	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Total	\$356,312.22	\$413,938.00	\$379,541.02



We thank the following businesses for their support!

Meeting Calendar

CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2011, 8:30 P.M.



Board of Supervisors
Regular Meetings
7:00 PM
Monday, March 7th, 2011
Tuesday, April 12th, 2011
Tuesday, May 10th, 2011
Tuesday, June 14th, 2011

Planning Commission
Regular Meetings
7:30 PM
Tuesday, February 22, 2011
Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011
Tuesday, April 26th, 2011
Tuesday, May 24th, 2011

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