

CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP

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Castle Rock Board of Supervisors

Meet monthly - 2nd Tuesday-7:00 p.m.
Pete Schaffer, Chair 651-460-8293
Michael Kiefer, Vice chair 651-460-8205
Drea Doffing 651-463-3121
Mark Molitor 651-463-9590
Russell Zellmer 651-463-4064

Colette Mumm, Treasurer 651-463-4839
Jane Bistodeau, Clerk 651-463-2253

Castle Rock Planning Commission

Meet monthly last Monday-7:30 p.m.
Sandy Weber, Chair 651-463-4725
Dave Nicolai, Vice chair 651-463-2327
Lori Abeln 651-460-6342
Mark Wagenknecht 651-460-6838
Monique Berg 651-463-3699

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Mark Molitor (Supervisor)
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Colette Mumm

Finance Committee

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Parks Committee

Mark Molitor (Supervisor)

Roads Committee

Michael Kiefer (Supervisor)
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Elaine Wikstrom, Secretary
John Day
Mark Henry
David Mumm
Jim Ozmun

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From the Chairman of the Board

This is the first issue of the Chronicle for 2010 which means one thing, winter is almost over. Looking outside with all the snow it's hard to imagine that soon we will be mowing our lawns.

The Township has had a light schedule the past few months. Permits have slowed to a crawl and at the moment there are no pressing issues at hand. I am happy to report we finished the year with a surplus in the budget. I would like to thank the Board and everyone involved for keeping cost in mind when making Township decisions. It really showed at year's end having black numbers instead of red.

The North Cannon Watershed applied for a grant a few months ago and I received word that we will be awarded the grant. The grant provides cost sharing up to 85% of the total cost of the project. This is a great way to see tax dollars come back to our community. I would like to welcome two new Planning Commission members-Monique Berg and Lori Ablyn.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone of the election on Tuesday, March 9th.

Take a moment to read the candidate's bio's; give them a call if you would like to know where they stand on issues that matter to you. Look for the current month's agenda one week before the Board of Supervisor's meeting on the website www.castlerocktownship.com. We encourage the public to be active in their local government and voice their opinions. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me at 651-248-4695, or at schaffer@frontiernet.net.

Pete Schaffer
Board Chair

Road Report

Headwall Standards have been adopted by the Board of Supervisors to cut down on injuries and/or accidents resulting if vehicles leave the roadway. These standards will also help with snow removal by keeping all structures below grade level. The Headwall Standards and Driveway Permits can be viewed or printed off the website at www.castlerocktownship.com.

Treasurer's Report

	Year End Expenditures		
	12/31/2008 Actual	12/31/2009 Budget	12/31/2009 Actual
General Fund	\$121,803.43	\$125,935.00	\$112,964.03
Road & Bridge Fund	\$153,304.42	\$208,400.00	\$190,431.32
Fire & Ambulance	\$ 92,783.86	\$ 77,300.00	\$ 72,012.75
Parks Fund	\$ 6,473.11	\$ 4,725.00	\$ 3,395.44
Capital Improvements	\$ 13,733.05	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 4,457.78
Escrow Fund	\$ 4,358.75	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,427.29
Total	\$392,456.62	\$431,860.00	\$389,688.61

Quote of the Quarter:

"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

March Annual Election and Meeting

On March 9, 2010 Castle Rock Township will hold its Annual Election. Supervisor A and Supervisor B-three year terms and Clerk-two year term. Polls will be open at the Town Hall, 2537 240th Street West from 10:00 am-8:00 pm. The Annual Meeting will begin at 8:30 pm following the election. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Hall beginning February 5, 2010 during regular hours, Tuesday and Thursday 8:00am—noon. The Town Hall will also be open on Saturday, March 5, 2010 10:00 am-noon for Absentee voting. Below, each candidate was given an opportunity to submit an introduction of themselves.

Russell Zellmer - Supervisor A

My name is Russ Zellmer and I have been a resident of Castle Rock Township my entire life. Currently I am actively involved in farming and have a full time job with Malt-O-Meal Cereals in Northfield for the past 12 years. I have been on the Board of Supervisors for the last six years. In that time there have been many issues in the township from chemical dependency facilities to road maintenance issues. I have enjoyed the interaction between myself and the residents of Castle Rock Township. If reelected, I will try to maintain the rural feel and appearance of the township and maintain a working relationship with surrounding communities.

Jane Bistodeau - Clerk

- Castle Rock Clerk since July 2008
 - Deputy Clerk January 2006-October 2007
- I am committed to doing the most effective and efficient job while reducing township expenditures. I strive to provide excellent customer service to the residents as well as to the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission so they can do their jobs fairly and accurately. My family has lived in Castle Rock Township for 5 years and I will work hard to keep it a great place to live, work and raise a family.



David J. Nicolai — Supervisor B

I have lived in the area my whole life. I have been a resident of Castle Rock Township for 20 years. My wife, Michelle, and I have two children, Evan, 17 and Dallas, 14. My wife, Michelle, served as Clerk of the township and I have served on the Planning Commission for over 12 years. In these years I have remained committed to the agricultural nature of our township and will continue to do so.

Michael M. Kiefer - Supervisor B

Master of Science degree in genetic engineering, lived in the township for 20 years, married with two teenage daughters. Managed a DNA fingerprint research lab for seven years, currently a professional trainer and author specializing in psychological and performance enhancement topics. I've trained dozens of government, law enforcement and military personnel over the past 10 years. Served as Board Supervisor for the past three years, as vice-chair in 2009 and road steward for the past two years. **Township accomplishments:** perfect voting record in regards to following the law in accordance with the township ordinances which protects all citizens rights, spearheaded the effort by working with multiple attorneys to prevent the invasive spread of drug rehab houses in our neighborhoods thereby protecting our children and residents. In MN State Court, our township won a statewide precedent setting case! Haven LLC vs. Castle Rock Township 2009 Court of Appeals. Assisted in recovery of over \$75,000 in road repair money from the MINNCAN Pipeline Company. Voted to reorganize the Planning Commission into a fiscally responsible township focused group. Our township is in excellent shape financially and has no pending law suits against us. Thank you for allowing me to cast citizen's rights votes for you!

We thank the following businesses for their support!

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Meeting Calendar

Board of Supervisors
Regular Meetings
7:30 PM
*Monday, March 8th, 2010
Tuesday, April 13th, 2010
Tuesday, May 11th, 2010
Tuesday, June 8th, 2010

Planning Commission
Regular Meetings
7:30 PM
Monday, February 22, 2010
Monday, March 29th, 2010
Monday, April 26th, 2010
*Tuesday, June 1st, 2010