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# Castle Rock Chronicle

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**Castle Rock Board of Supervisors**

Meet monthly - 2nd Tuesday-7:00 p.m.  
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**Castle Rock Planning Commission**

Meet monthly last Monday-7:30 p.m.  
Sandy Weber, Chair 651-463-4725  
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MNSpect, Inc.

**Road Maintenance**

Mark Henry

**Communication Committee**

Mark Molitor (Supervisor)  
Volunteers:  
Randy Becker  
Jane Bistodeau  
Colette Mumm

**Finance Committee**

Colette Mumm

**Parks Committee**

Mark Molitor (Supervisor)

**Roads Committee**

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

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## From the Chairman of the Board

I hope everyone is surviving the flu that seems to have arrived early this year. It made its way through all my kids and wife; somehow I haven't had gotten it yet. I hope I can still say that by the next Chronicle publishing.

We received our comp plan back from the Met Council and the Board has to vote to have it published. It is posted on the website if you would like to read. The Township has the right to amend so if you have any comments, please bring to the Board.

The Township receives a disbursement from the State annually and this year the Township was shorted \$4,692 when Governor Pawlenty balanced the budget through unallotment. Unallotment is to reduce spending to avoid a deficit. With our current economy, the Board decided to use our Township savings for the shorted State funds vs. raising the levy.

We hired a new inspector July 1, 2009 called MNSpect. If anybody has worked with them, please give us feedback on your experience with them. Your feedback is always welcome. With the harvest season here I would like to remind everyone to give the farmers some extra room on the road and to slow down; I'm

sure they would appreciate it.

I would like to thank Norb Kuhn for his service on the Planning Commission. I would also like to welcome new member Mark Wagenknecht to the Planning Commission. Mark will be completeing Norb Kuhn's term.

Lastly; I would like to remind everyone of the election in March 2010. Filing begins in January; check out the clerks report for all the details. Look for the current month's agenda one week before the Board of Supervisor's meeting on the website [www.castlerocktownship.com](http://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 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me at 651-248-4695 or [schaffer@frontiernet.net](mailto:schaffer@frontiernet.net).

Pete Schaffer, Board Chairman

### 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 .

Quote of the Quarter:

**Don't go around saying the world owes you a living.  
The world owes you nothing. It was here first.**

Mark Twain

## Road Report

The Town Board of Castle Rock Township would like to remind citizens to be courteous to their neighbors and not leave snow ridges across the town roads during driveway clearing operations. Technically, leaving snow on the town roads is illegal. In order to reduce some of the confusion regarding the mowing of the right of ways, the board will begin staking some right of ways in the Fall of 2009. If a landowner would like their right of way staked, please contact the town hall.



## CapX2020 Public Meeting Schedule

Two sets of state-sponsored public meetings will occur in November and December 2009. Meetings to discuss Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) are scheduled for November 12-19. Public Hearings where the public may comment or ask questions on the proposed routes are scheduled for November 30—December 18, 2009.

### **EIS Public Meeting Schedule is:**

**Nov 12**-Lonsdale American Legion, 115 2nd Ave NE, Lonsdale, 1-4 p.m or 5-8 p.m.

**Nov 13**-Holiday Inn, 20800 Kenrick Avenue, Lakeville, 1-4 p.m. or 5-8 p.m.

These are the closest meetings, all meeting locations and times can be found online at [www.CapX2020.com](http://www.CapX2020.com) or by calling 1-888-473-2279.

## March 2010—Election/Meeting Info.

In March there will be two Board of Supervisor positions and the Clerk position on the ballot. Affidavits of Candidacy need to be filed at the town hall between December 29, 2009 and January 12, 2010. The Board of Supervisor's position is a three year term and the Clerk position is a two year term. There is no town question on the ballot this year.

Election Day is March 9, 2010. The Annual Meeting will follow starting at 8:30 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors March regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 8th, 2010.

The Reorganizational meeting will be on April 13, 2010 before the Board of Supervisors regular April meeting.

If interested in becoming an election judge, please call the Clerk for information.

Please contact the clerk with any questions by phone or email [castlerocktownship@frontiernet.net](mailto:castlerocktownship@frontiernet.net).

## CapX2020 Public Hearings

### **Public Hearing Schedule is:**

**Dec 8**-Lonsdale American Legion, 115 2nd Ave NE, Lonsdale, 1-5 p.m. or 7-10 p.m.

**Dec 9**-Park Ballroom, 300 Lexington Ave, New Prague, 1-5 p.m. or 7-10 p.m.

**Dec 10**-Holiday Inn, 20800 Kenrick Avenue, Lakeville, 1-5 p.m. or 7-10 p.m.

**Dec 11**-Holiday Inn, 20800 Kenrick Avenue, Lakeville, 1-5 p.m. or 7-10 p.m.

Anyone may speak at the public hearing, present documentary evidence ask questions of the Applicants and OES staff, and submit comments.

## Did you know....

- An average fire department call costs the township approximately \$2,800.00?
- An average rescue call costs the township approximately \$1,500?
- On the average, to replace a road sign costs the township between \$75.00 and \$100.00?
- On the average, to remove and dispose of roadside waste costs the township at least \$60.00 per occurrence?



*Happy Thanksgiving*

**We thank the following businesses for their support!**

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# Meeting Calendar

Board of Supervisors	Tuesday, November 10th, 2009
Regular Meetings	Tuesday, December 8th, 2009
	Tuesday, January 12th, 2010
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Planning Commission	Monday, November 30th, 2009
Regular Meetings	Monday, December 28th, 2009
	Monday, January 25th, 2010
	Monday, February 22nd, 2010
	7:30 PM