

# Castle Rock Chronicle

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## Castle Rock Chronicle

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## MINNCAN PROJECT

Construction of the MinnCan Project is progressing as stated in the past Chronicle. Minnesota Pipe Line Company has reconfigured the construction plan into three phases. **Phase I** construction to be completed by late November. The counties involved during the August through November 2007 timeframe are Clearwater, Hubbard, Meeker, Stearns and Wadena. **Phase II** is scheduled for December 2007 to March 2008 in the remaining portions of Clearwater and Hubbard counties and entering Todd and Morrison counties. **Phase III** is scheduled for the summer, April through September 2008, in the remaining portions of Morrison, Stearns and Meeker counties as well as beginning and completing construction in Carver, Sibley, Scott and Dakota counties. The pipeline is scheduled to be operational in October 2008. Landowners may also call the project's toll free line at (877) 796-7846. If you would like to receive the MinnCan Update Newsletter electronically, e-mail MinnCan at [info@MinnCanProject.com](mailto:info@MinnCanProject.com) and request to be added to the mailing list or you can link to MinnCan through the Castle Rock Township Web site. There has been meetings with Castle Rock Township representatives involving the progress of the MinnCan Project.

## ELECTIONS FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICES

March 11, 2008 is the date of the townships annual elections. The term of Supervisor C will expire. Mike Rademacher and Pete Schaffer have filed for this position. Polls will be open on March 11, 2008 between the hours of 10:00am to 8:00pm at the Castle Rock Town Hall 2537 240<sup>th</sup> Street West (corner of 240<sup>th</sup> Street and Biscayne Avenue) Farmington MN.

Two Planning Commission member three-year terms expire and will be filled by appointment by the Board of Supervisors at the Reorganizational meeting in March 2008. Due to a resignation, there is also an opening for a one-year term for a Planning Commission member. If you are interested in being on the Planning Commission Board, please call the Clerk at 651-460-2221, or you can also send a resume to [castlerocktownship@frontiernet.net](mailto:castlerocktownship@frontiernet.net) The Planning Commission would like to meet the candidates at their February meeting so please contact the office to be placed on their agenda.

Election judges have been approved for the election and the judges will be contacted for their scheduled time to work.

### TOWNSHIP ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS

The following is a letter that was sent out in January to all the Landowners and Residents of Castle Rock Township:

To: Landowners of Castle Rock Township

Re: Mowing of Right-of-ways

Be advised that at the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 regular meeting of the Castle Rock Board of Supervisors, a motion was made and passed to suspend the illegal use of the town's roads for agricultural purposes. Plowing and planting of non-permanent vegetative cover in the road right-of-way is a violation of MN State Statute 160.2715 (a2).

MN State Statutes are clear in their instructions to local road authorities regarding the use of road right-of-ways. Right-of-ways are to be maintained in permanent vegetative cover to enhance wildlife habitat, improve water quality and provide for safe sight distance, MN State Statute 160.232.

Farming township right-of-ways tend to create higher maintenance costs through increased siltation of culverts and decreases positive drainage of ditches resulting of softer sub grades of gravel roads. This is addressed in MN State Statute 160.2715 (a7).

The full right-of-way of Castle Rock Township roads will be mowed on or about August 1, 2008 as prescribed by law in MN State Statute 160.232 sub c & d. All crops illegally planted in these right-of-ways will be mowed. The majority of Castle Rock Township road right-of-way in the agricultural district has been established at 66 feet total with or 33 feet from the centerline of the town road. This has been done through original dedication of right-of-ways, maintenance, and the legal road registration of 2004.

Landowners not actively farming their own lands will be expected to contact their renters concerning this policy. Landowners with questions regarding the boundaries of the town's road should contact the Board of Supervisors of Castle Rock Township for delineation.

Sincerely  
Castle Rock Board of Supervisors

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to attend a future Board of Supervisor meeting for further discussion.

### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Planning Commission has been holding meetings reviewing the comprehensive plan and has completed their reviewing. The updated plans for the Comprehensive Plan, is being forwarded to the planner for review and comments. Then the determination will be made as to who makes the changes and when. Alternately the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for public input and finalize the approval and adoption of the plan. Plan update must be completed by June 2008.

*Happy Valentine's Day*



*Happy Easter*

