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Castle Rock Board of Supervisors

Meet monthly - 2nd Tuesday-7:00 p.m.
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Drea Doffing 651-463-3121
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Castle Rock Planning Commission

Meet monthly last Monday-7:30 p.m.
Norbert Kuhn, Chair 651-463-7813
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Finance Committee

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Parks Committee

Mark Molitor (Supervisor)

Roads Committee

Michael Kiefer (Supervisor)
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Mark Henry
David Mumm
Jim Ozmun

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From the Chairman of the Board

I would like to thank Gary Piphon and Arlyn Lamb for their years of service on the Castle Rock Township Board. We hope to see them at some meetings as it's always nice to have past Board members and public citizens attend meetings. I would also like to welcome two new members to the Board; Mark Molitor and Drea Doffing who were elected this past March. This past election there was also a question on the ballot on whether the clerk's position would be elected or appointed by the Board. The votes came back to have the clerk an elected position. Jane Bistodeau was elected to fill the one year term for 2009. Beginning in 2010, this position will be a two year elected term.

The Board recently voted to adopt the Vermillion Watershed Ordinance. You may have read about this in the papers as this is a controversial topic. The laws were passed on this ordinance a few years back by the State of Minnesota, the question before our Township was who was going to enforce the laws; Dakota County or Castle Rock Township. The Board felt it would be a better service to Castle Rock if the Township kept the enforcement vs. Dakota County. There are upcoming amendments to

this ordinance. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to me, as I am a Commissioner on the Dakota County Vermillion Watershed Planning Commission and I can bring your questions/comments directly to the Board.

The North Cannon Watershed will also be adopting a watershed ordinance separate from the Vermillion Watershed this fall. Again, if you have any questions/comments, bring them to me as I am also on this Board. You can e-mail at schaffer@frontiernet.net and I will be sure your questions/comments are brought before the Board.

Just to let you know of a few upcoming agenda items:

- Right of way ordinance-utilities
- Clustering
- Comprehensive plan

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. Hope to see you there.

Pete Schaffer
Board Chair

Quote of the month:

Authority is a poor substitute for leadership.

Election Results

Castle Rock Township held it's annual election on Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Election results:

Township ballot question:
 "Shall option B, providing for the appointment of the clerk by the town board, be abandoned for the government of the town?"

Yes—111

No—106

The question passed and the clerk is now an elected position.

Supervisor D-3 year term
Drea Doffing - 181 votes

Supervisor E-3 year term
 Mary Kuhn - 45 votes
Mark Molitor – 94 votes
 Gary Pipho - 83 votes

Clerk-1 year term
Jane Bistodeau - 186 votes

Road Report

Spring road projects have begun again. Several sections of ditch were cleaned in April to maintain positive drainage. Landowners are reminded that planting of crops in the right of way will not be tolerated.

Dust proofing will begin in mid-May and progress as placement of gravel continues. Dust proofing will be placed in front of houses in close proximity to township roads. The first 300' will be placed for free to residents that qualify. Additional footage may be purchased at a rate of \$45.00 per hundred feet .

Please contact the Clerk for additional details.

The gravel budget for 2009 was increased by almost double, but this was accomplished by use of funds received by Minnesota Pipeline Co. for road reconstruction.

We are presently working on a new right of way ordinance to make sure all future public utility projects through the township are dealt with in a way to alleviate road issues.

Financial Report

Year to Date Expenditures

	YTD	Year End Budget
General Fund	\$53,354.07	\$125,935.00
Road & Bridge Fund	\$30,729.33	\$208,400.00
Fire & Ambulance Fund	\$50,420.00	\$77,300.00
Park Fund	\$ 0.00	\$4,725.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00	\$8,500.00
Escrow Fund	<u>\$5,784.79</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
Totals	\$140,288.19	\$431,860.00

Current Investments

	YTD	Year End Budget
Savings-Castle Rock Bank	\$89,405.59	\$160,000.00
Checking	\$4,568.94	\$3,500.00
Savings-RoundBank	\$76,344.72	\$31,000.00
CD #14858	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
CD #14299	\$112,749.52	\$116,800.00
CD #14069	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Money Market : Roads	\$20,341.21	\$11,800.00
Money Market : Building	<u>\$12,414.52</u>	<u>\$12,500.00</u>
Totals	\$425,824.50	\$355,600.00

We thank the following businesses for their support!

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**Planning Commission
Regular Meetings
7:30 PM**

*Tuesday, May 26th, 2009
Monday, June 29th, 2009
Monday, July 27th, 2009
Monday, August 31st, 2009
Monday, September 28th, 2009
Monday, October 26th, 2009
Monday, November 30th, 2009
Monday, December 28th, 2009

**Board of Supervisors
Regular Meetings
7:00 PM**

Tuesday, June 9th, 2009
Tuesday, July 14th, 2009
Tuesday, August 11th, 2009
Tuesday, September 8th, 2009
Tuesday, October 13th, 2009
Tuesday, November 10th, 2009
Tuesday, December 8th, 2009

Meeting Calendar