



TOWN BOARD ELECTION—

Tuesday, March 12, 2019— 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Polling Place—Oak-Land Middle School, Auditorium

2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING —

Tuesday, March 12, 2019—8:00 PM
Oak-Land Middle School Auditorium

REMINDER: MPCA/MDH OPEN HOUSES

When: February 28th—3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
March 21st— 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Where: Joshua Taylor Building
3394 Lake Elmo Ave, Lake Elmo

Residents are invited to discuss specific concerns regarding groundwater contamination.

Chairman's Corner

When are the roads going to get fixed?

That's what I have been hearing from our residents for the past couple of years. Over the past five years, the West Lakeland Town Board has been building a Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) fund to pay for major road improvements, such as the anticipated reconstruction of 22nd St. between Stagecoach Trail and Hwy 95. We have done this by periodically transferring surplus money from the Road and Bridge account to the CIP account. In the meantime, we have used our Road and Bridge budget to maintain the rest of our roads through crack sealing and seal coating, and a periodic small reclamation project. This was working well, until recently, when it became clear that more had to be done to salvage the approximate 45 miles of roads running through our township.



Our streets are our biggest asset, or liability, depending on how you look at it. We spend more on our roads than any other single item in the township. Asphalt roads, in general, last about 20-25 years, before they require major improvement. Unfortunately, for us, most of our roads were built in the 70s and 80s during the housing boom and are now starting to significantly show their age. Neighboring communities are borrowing money and paying accrued interest for similar projects—a solution the Board strongly wishes to avoid. Our CIP fund currently holds \$643,949 which is money specifically earmarked for funding major road projects. Since we foresee numerous projects on the horizon, the Board would like to proactively allocate funds to the CIP account on a more regular basis. For 2020, the Board proposes to levy \$200,000, as a budget line item for the CIP. Each year thereafter, we will reassess the road project plans and adjust the levy accordingly. As we accumulate money in the CIP, it will be utilized for these large, necessary road projects around the township. For example, the township is planning to spend approximately \$550,000 from the CIP account to fund the 4th & 6th St loop road project in the summer of 2019. It is a two-mile-long reclamation project, which thus far, will be our single largest road project ever.

Now, what does this mean for the taxpayer. Adding \$200,000 to the 2020 budget will increase what would have been the proposed levy of \$626,795 to \$826,795, which is a 29% increase. *Wow! That sounds like a lot.* Well, yes and no. The homeowner, whose home has an assessed market value of \$350,000, and now pays about \$304/yr, will see an increase of roughly \$88/yr. Had the Board not included the additional \$200,000, we would have had a decrease in the levy by 1.4% over 2019. But the result would be putting up with more potholes and a patchwork of band aid repairs all over our township. If you keep it in perspective, it is a small price to pay to improve our rapidly deteriorating roads.

Sincerely,
Chairman Dan Kylo

Join Us!!

West Lakeland Township

Annual Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 8:00 pm
Oak-Land Middle School

*****INVITED GUESTS*****

Senator Karin Housely, Representative Shelly Christensen
Wash. Co. Commissioner Gary Kriesel, Wash. Co. Sheriff Dan Starry, and Bayport Fire Chief Allen Eisinger

The Annual Town Meeting will commence shortly after the polls close at 8:00 p.m.

2019 TOWN BOARD ELECTION

If you will be absent on election day, Tuesday, March 12, you may vote by absentee ballot in person at the Stillwater Government Center at 14949 62nd St. N., Stillwater or request an application for an absentee ballot. For more information on receiving an application, please contact Washington County at 651-430-6175 or the Township Clerk at 651-436-4773.

Optical Ballot

Town Election Ballot
Town of West Lakeland
March 12, 2019

Instructions to Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this ●

Town Offices
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Vote for One

Daniel Kylo

West Lakeland Township

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TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

Office Hours—8:00 a.m. to Noon

Phone—651-436-4773

Mailing Address—

P.O. Box 447

Lake Elmo, MN 55042

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Town Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the Oak-Land Middle School Auditorium, 820 Manning Avenue, Minnesota.

Changes to this schedule can be viewed on the township website calendar or posting board located at 10th Street and Stagecoach Trail.

West Lakeland contracts with Tennis Sanitation for recycling services every other Monday. Call Town Office 651-436-4773 with questions.

Town Board

Dan Kylo, Chairman	651-436-1134
Dave Schultz, Supervisor	651-436-6816
Steve Ebner, Supervisor	651-436-6482
Carrie Seifert, Town Clerk	651-436-4773
Jennifer Samec, Deputy Clerk	651-436-4773
Marsha Olson, Treasurer	651-998-9178

Building Official (building permits & inspections)

Duane Stensland— 651-436-7669

Animal Control

Kathi Pelnar— 715-386-7789

Burning Permits (no cost): Dan Kylo (436-1134); Steve Ebner (436- 6482); Dave Schultz (436-6816); John McPherson (439-3754). *Please be sure you call between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.*