

Milton Township Update

February, 2010

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Milton Annual Meeting Agenda March 9, 2010, 8:05 p.m.

Call to order
 Pledge of allegiance
 Election of moderator
 Read minutes of last annual meeting
 Reading of board of audit report
 Road and bridge report
 Submission and discussion of 2010
 Budget
 Motion to approve levy
 general
 fire
 road and bridge
 General discussion of items of concern
 Statement of the result of canvass
 Set location and time of 2010 annual
 Meeting
 Motion to adjourn or recess



Township Election and Annual Meeting Coming Up March 9

Three candidates file for supervisor

Milton Township will hold its annual meeting on March 9 at the Milton Town Hall. Voting for one township supervisor position and the township clerk will be from 5-8 p.m. The meeting will begin at 8:05.

Three candidates have filed for supervisor, and one candidate has filed for clerk. They are profiled inside..

Town Board chair Ron Durst says he encourages residents to vote and stay for the meeting so they have a voice in township matters. Voting will take place not only for township officers, but also on issues such as the township budget and levies.

Township meetings first Tuesday of each month

Milton Township business is conducted at the Town Board meeting each month. Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month, unless there is a situation requiring the meeting to be changed. In that case, the date change is posted in the three newspapers that serve Milton Township Residents: Dodge County Independent, West Concord News-Enterprise, and the Zumbrota/

Pine Island Record.

Residents are encouraged to attend meetings so they are aware of issues going on in the township. For instance, at the January meeting, Pine Island economic development authority director Karen Doll (who is also a resident of Milton Township) gave a presentation on the development to date of Elk Run, and plans for the future. She also discussed ways Elk

Run might impact Milton Township.

Meeting agendas will be posted on the Milton Township website (address above) before the meetings.

Township supervisors encourage residents to come, listen to what's happening, bring any issues or concerns, and be more active participants in the township.

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Allan Clark Retires as Township Supervisor

Dr. Allan Clark, who has served as township supervisor for 15 years, has chosen not to file for re-election. His decision is based primarily on the demands of his role as physician at Olmsted Medical Center in Pine Island. He says he simply doesn't have the time to devote to township matters that he feels is warranted.



As supervisor, Clark served for several years on the Milton Township Task Force that discussed land use issues. He was an active participant in task force discussions and brought a great perspective in helping think through land use issues.

Dave Kennedy Concludes Service as Township Clerk

Dave Kennedy, who has served two terms as township clerk, has chosen not to file for re-election. Kennedy says that this move will allow him to spend more time with his family—and especially his grandchildren.



**Thanks, Doc and Dave,
for your great service to
Milton Township!**

Candidate Profiles—Supervisor

Three candidates have filed for township supervisor. They are profiled here in alphabetical order.

Ken Olson

I grew up on a dairy farm near Zumbrota and have lived on a small farm all of my life. Lynn and I moved to Milton Township in 2001. We have four children and nine grandchildren. I enjoy cutting firewood, baling hay, community involvement, volunteering, horse trail riding, and old Minneapolis Moline tractors.



I worked 30+ years for the U of MN Extension Service as a "County Agent" in three counties with a focus on agriculture and farm financial management. The final five years I did septic system education for homeowners and township and county officials statewide. After retirement I served three years as the Executive Director of the septic contractors association.

Why have you decided to run for supervisor?

I am willing to devote time and energy to Milton Township as a supervisor. I believe strongly in being an active citizen and grassroots township government. I have learned a lot through regular attendance at township meetings and involvement in the Milton Citizen Task Force, Dodge County Land

Use Task Force, County Water Plan Committee, MPCA state advisory committee, and Pine Island Environmental Policy Steering Committee.

I would like to apply my work experience and knowledge of Milton Township and Dodge County to making the best decisions possible for the township and its residents.

I would like to provide representation on the Town Board from all areas of the township and the diverse interests of its residents.

What issues do you think will be facing the township in the next few years, and what do you think the town board needs to be doing about them?

Increasing costs of services and tight budgets. We must make sure we provide quality services and get the "best bang for the buck" without jeopardizing the community's health, safety, and wellbeing.

Increased residential pressure. We must work closely and cooperatively with Dodge County to establish and follow land use rules appropriate for our diverse landscape.

Communication with residents. The Board must listen to residents' concerns and ideas. I see the township newsletter, website, and dialog at meetings as ways to involve and inform residents.

Candidate Profiles—Supervisor

Tom Pyfferoen

My wife Denise (a neurology RN at Mayo) and I moved to Milton Township in July 2006 to a farm we've owned for 19 years, after building a new home. We raised our family, dairy, beef and crop farmed in Kalmar Township since 1975. In 1996 after 20 years of dairying we dispersed the dairy herd and continued to feed cattle as we do today. We have four children: Jennifer, Matthew (wife Betsy, son Joey), Aaron (Krista) and Megan (Josh).

Most of my adult life I've been involved in community activities - church, Extension, DHIA, SROC at Waseca, People to People (spent 3 weeks in mainland China) Forage Council and Dairyland Beef Producers. I served on the Executive committee for the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association (MSCA) for the last nine years and two years as MSCA State President.

Why have you decided to run for supervisor?

I have twenty years of township experience. I had the privilege of being elected supervisor in Kalmar Township for 13 years. We faced multiple hot issues, from flood control, to landfill development, electrical substations, power lines, road abandonment, new road construction, just to name a few. I decided to step down to work on developing a Kalmar Township Planning and Zoning ordinance, which took two years to develop and implement. I then served six years as chairman of the Board of Adjustment for Kalmar before moving to Milton Township in 2006.

Issues

Land use is always a concern. A good county land use plan that is up to date is a must. Milton Township is predominantly agricultural with non farm dwellings, old farm sites and new lots of record created for rural homes. As long as residents understand the primary township use, residents and ag can co-exist. That is why township land use can be a major challenge. Small cities growth will entice rural development as will major thoroughfare



upgrades. When Olmsted County 5 becomes a through route from US 52 to Byron, Milton and Mantorville Townships will see development pressure. I see three key elements that township government should provide. A place to vote, well maintained roads and bridges, public safety and fire protection.

Mike White

I have lived in Milton Township nearly all of my life. My family moved here when I was two, and my dad started farming on our current farm site. After graduating from Pine Island High School, I attended the U of MN at Waseca. After graduating from Waseca, I worked for several years for Ken and Myron Alberts, at Myron's farm until the opportunity arose to take over the farm from my dad. My wife Denise and I have farmed together ever since, and have a very successful dairy business. We are milking 80 cows right now, and we want to expand to about 120 to allow us to bring in a young non-family partner. We have two children who both live in Rochester. Our daughter Trisha is a CPA with an accounting firm and Matthew is a mail carrier for the Postal Service. Matthew and his wife Angela just had a baby—Elizabeth – our first grandchild.



What made you decide to run for Supervisor?

Because I've lived in the township basically my whole life, I felt it would be good to give back to the area a little bit by doing something like this. I've served on different boards at the county level, and on some state boards such as Land O lakes, and I currently serve on the Minnesota Milk Producers Board. I wanted to get back to doing more things locally. I want to try and keep Dodge County and Milton Township ag friendly. I also enjoyed serving on the Milton Citizen Task Force a few years ago.

Issues

We've had some land use issues in the past, and that's going to continue to come up

SAMPLE BALLOT

TOWN ELECTION BALLOT TOWN OF MILTON GENERAL ELECTION

X Put an (X) in the square opposite the name of each candidate you wish to vote for.

MARCH 9, 2010 TOWN SUPERVISOR

<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate: Ken Olson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate: Tom Pyfferoen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate: Mike White
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in, if any:

VOTE FOR ONE TOWN CLERK

<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate: Madge Alberts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in, if any:

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Milton Township

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PRSR STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
ROCHESTER, MN
STD BULK MAIL-
PERMIT NO. 12

Supervisors:

Allan Clark, M.D.
Ron Durst (Chair)
Walt Wyttenbach

Clerk:

David Kennedy

Treasurer:

Karel Titus

Contact info is on the
Milton Twp. website.

Candidate Profile—Clerk



Madge Alberts

I have been a resident of Milton Township for 16 years, since I married Dave Alberts in 1994. I live on my family's dairy farm just east of the town hall. Between us, Dave and I have five children and seven grandchildren.

I recently retired from my position with the U of MN. I served on the Milton Township Citizen Task Force that discussed land use issues. I have been serving recently as the rental coordinator for the town hall, and with Ken Olson, I have been editing the township newsletter for several years.

My reason for running for clerk is that I wanted to contribute something to my community after I retired that was totally

different from my work. Given that the clerk is largely an administrative position, I feel that the work I did with the Extension Service gave me some skills that will be beneficial serving in this role.

I think land use issues will continue to be important in Milton Township, especially as Elk Run develops and pushes the boundaries of Pine Island to the west. School issues may be particularly significant for parts of Milton Township. And although the township is sitting pretty well right now financially, that could change in a hurry as budgets become tighter at all levels of government. Township officers need to be proactive in anticipating, understanding and planning for these changes.

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as we integrate rural residents and agriculture. We need to work together, and see eye to eye on things. The Township board is the start of government, so it has a big part in this, and can help make this a fairly seamless transition. School issues might come up too – Pine Island is a unique district in that it draws students from three different counties and many townships. That presents challenges. Elk Run may become a part of that, requiring things like road upgrades. The town board will be involved in helping to figure all of that out, with limited funds - we don't have a lot of tax base so the revenue is limited. We have to look at roads and township business more from a business standpoint.

Change of Address? New Residents?

Have you moved in, within, or out of the township? Do you know of other new residents or changes? Help us keep the Milton Township mailing list up to date by letting us know about changes. Go to the township website—www.milton-township.com. Click on "contact us." Fill in the information, and click on "direct address to the entire board." Thanks for your help!

DON'T FORGET THE TOWN HALL IS AVAILABLE TO RENT FOR YOUR EVENT! Contact Madge Alberts at (507)356-8625.

Milton Township annual meeting and vote on March 9. Voting 5-8 p.m. Meeting 8:05 p.m.