

TOWN OF CARY
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Residents of The Town of Cary

Three months ago, I was elected Town Chairman. I want to thank those of you that voted. I ran unopposed as well as your new Treasurer and Clerk. We are learning the job and desire to keep up the good work of past Town Board Members.

That being said, I have some goals that I would like to share with you. One of these goals is to try to generate interest with the people of the township to become involved in the decision-making process of how the board spends our taxes and makes policy. You need to know all board members ran unopposed. This is not a healthy situation for the future of our town. If we lose our autonomy and some other unelected "hired" group decided the budget and policy for our township, neither you nor I would like it.

Recently one of our town's people has offered to donate a small tract of land adjacent to and north of the town hall building contingent on usage. I have an idea to make the area surrounding the town hall into a park-like setting. This may include a flag pole and a Town of Cary sign with a short history of the township. It might also include dedication bricks or plaques to veterans and early settlers of the town. I would like to see people bring in photos or other memorabilia into the building to share with the community.

This is all in an effort to bring unity, interest, and the possibility of revenue into the town. Currently the building is only used for meetings and voting. I would like to see it become more of a community center for people to use and rent, possibly for events and social gatherings.

These are some ideas your board has to generate interest and revenue for the town. One of our main concerns is the maintenance of the roads in the township. The Town of Cary has 33 miles of roads to maintain. Two miles of these roads are asphalt, the rest are gravel. The cost of materials, equipment, and labor is rising. Currently we can resurface gravel roads at about 4 miles per year. This is roughly an eight-year turnover for maintaining a proper road surface for the 31 miles of gravel roads. In our road budget we have to buy gravel, purchase and maintain good equipment for grading and snow removal, fix damaged culverts or replace them, remove debris from storms, clear ditches, mow the ditches and pay labor. The town board applies for and usually gets some grants and aid from the state, but it is not enough.

The town board would like your input, and we urge you to attend the monthly board meetings held every second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Cary Town Hall. Meet your neighbors to discuss issues that are of concern to your community. Bring your sons and daughters to observe local government in action. This may generate interest in running for positions in our government. Noticeably all towns and villages, and volunteer fire departments are having trouble filling positions.

Thank you again for your votes and your time. We hope to see you all soon to exchange ideas.

Sincerely,

Mark Gosh

Chairman, Town of Cary