

# OGEMA TOWNSHIP NEWS

Winter 2024

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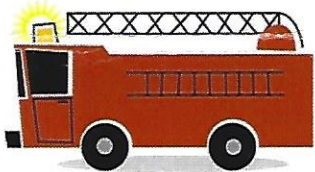
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**FUN FACT:** Ogema is derived from the work ogimaa, meaning chief

## Board member spot light: Charles Kramer, Chairman.

Charlie Kramer is a lifelong resident of Ogema township. Over the years, he has enjoyed living in the area and watching the community grow. It is this time of the year that brings back Spring time memories of roads that were impassible for weeks, as the frost was coming out of the ground. "It's hard to describe for those that haven't experienced the changes". Charlie has served as a township supervisor for 13 years and strives to be a good director of township business.

## Will this vehicle fit in your driveway?



Spring is a good time to **look UP!** Consider pruning your trees to allow entry of emergency vehicles, if needed. Checking your property for dead, dying and unstable trees threatening power lines will also reduce power outages.

## 2024 Board Schedule

February 8	July 11
March 14	August 8
April 11	September 12
May 9	October 10
June 13	November 14
	December 12

Board of Audit February 8

Annual Meeting March 12

Board of Appeals April 24

## Cemetery Cleanup May 4 2024

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to maintain the cemetery. Please join us for the 3rd annual cleanup, Saturday May 4 at 10:30AM. A special thank you to the Pat and Mary Kester Family for the donation of the gates and to the Steve and Jon Benson Families for the time, labor and machinery to complete landscaping and driveway project, and the entire cemetery committee for the vision to maintain our local cemetery.

## Township Elections Held March 12th

**VOTE**  
Election polls are open 5PM until 8PM at the Ogema Town Hall. Residents will be voting to fill one supervisor (3 year term) and one clerk (2 year term).

## Not in town for March Elections?

There are several ways to vote absentee early. Contact the township clerk (320-284-6110). You can vote through the mail, or in person at the Town Hall which is open on Saturday March 9th 10AM- 12PM before the election.

## Pine County Offers Well Water Testing

Pine County has resumed well water testing. Residents and business owners desiring well water analysis are invited to pickup a sampling kit at the Pine County Planning and Zoning office during business hours (M-F 8AM-4:30PM).

## Pine County Recycling Centers

Recycling centers are located in Sandstone, Willow River and Pine City. Staff is on-site during hours of operations to assist with any questions on recycling and disposal.

## Winter Snowplowing

A winter reminder to not push snow across the road when plowing your driveway. It is unlawful in the State of Minnesota and property owners can be held liable for any damage or injuries.

## Township Happenings

In 2021 and 2022, Ogema received \$38,358 in funding from the **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**. Those funds help cover many general government expenses during the pandemic. With those funds Ogema was able to cover payroll, purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) device, now mounted in the town hall, and take care of much needed town hall and cemetery renovations.

Did you know that the Ogema township is a member of the **Pine County Area Hospital** district? Hospital districts were created by the state legislature in 1986 with the idea that townships and cities could form a district to provide access to quality healthcare in rural Minnesota. The Gateway clinic in Hinckley is currently being renovated and is expected to reopen in mid-2024.

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