

# Canosia Township

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Town Board: Chair Kevin L. Comnick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Daniel J. Golen  
Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**October 2, 2019**

**ATTENDING:** Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Dan Golen, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Assistant Chief Clyde Mortinsen, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and four residents.

Chair Comnick called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

### **AGENDA, MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS**

- A. **AGENDA:** Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. **MINUTES:** Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting (9/4/2019). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/18 –9/30/18). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- D. **PAY BILLS:** Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to pay bills #20569 – 20605 and EFT-2019-10, with three exceptions: check #20584 (two FD receipts still missing for credit card bill), check #20603 (will be voided, should be paid by PLAWCS, not the township), check #20600 (will likely be voided due to a double charge from Rick's Tree Service). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

- A. Resident Dan Jezierski questioned the road expenditures and choice of projects
- B. Resident Jim Gilmore asked what percentage of our road budget is paid to St. Louis County for grading, plowing, etc. The treasurer will research. The town board said they would look into Gilmore's suggestion of painting parking lines in the town hall parking lot.
- C. Roger Anderson said the appellate court has ruled in favor of AAA, allowing them to sell the golf course property. As long as there is no appeal to the state Supreme Court, the sale closing will take place November 1 and Anderson will plan to open the golf course in the spring.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **PLANNING & ZONING:** The County is reviewing our complaint about the Cich property on Lavaque Rd.
- B. **ANTI-BLIGHT:** The clerk will follow up on our letter sent to the County Administrator
- C. **FIRE RELIEF**

The planned meeting for this month was cancelled after some confusion regarding the posting requirements for relief meetings. Brooks did some research and it is in fact up to the Board of Trustees to determine where they want to post for their meetings; therefore their prior locations (indoor town hall bulletin board and door of

meeting room) are in compliance although they are not ideal for public notification. The trustees will discuss whether they want to post in the outdoor bulletin board as well; people are also allowed to request email notifications about upcoming meetings.

**D. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

2019 FIRE DEPT CALLS			
Call Type	September #'s	Notes	Total for 2019
EMS	17		104
Medical MUA	0		7
Twp Fire	0		4
MUA Fire	0		12
Service	1		4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>131</b>

In addition to Mayo clinic refresher training, the CVFD performed a succesful ALICE drill with the Pike Lake School.

**E. ROADS**

Snowplowing: Motion by Brooks, second by Golen, to accept Asphalt of Duluth’s 2019-2020 snowplowing quote for Holly Ln, Birchway Rd, Pike Lane, and the west side of Shady Ln. *Discussion*: the board felt the roughly 5% price increases were within reason. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

**F. RECYCLE SHED**

WLSSD replaced the individual recycling carts with two additional dumpsters; the paper/plastic/aluminum recycling streams are now combined as well, while the corrugated cardboard and plastic film streams will remain separate. The clerk will update the website to reflect these changes.

**G. RECREATION AREA**

Tennis Court Access Question: Pike Lake Elementary Principal Mark Hughes asked via email whether the board would consider restricting public use of the tennis courts during school recess hours. The request was made after an incident when a tennis player was using inappropriate language. The board did not feel comfortable at this time placing this type of restriction that would limit the community’s access to their own facility.

Potential Rec Area Projects: Brooks submitted a list of potential rec area projects for the board to consider. Golen and Ellingson will meet to discuss possibilities as well, including the potential formation of a community brainstorming committee.

**H. AIS/CD3**: The inspection season is complete and the CD3 station has been shut down for the year

**I. TRAILS**

The supervisors discussed the continued progress being made on the Industrial Rd. loop trail project. Comnick again expressed his concern about unanswered questions about trail maintenance costs and enforcement of usage rules. In the end, there was a board consensus that spending a few thousand dollars for trailhead gravel, signage, etc. would be a reasonable initial investment; however, we will need to reevaluate after the first year and determine exactly how much money it will take to maintain. The goal will be to pursue grant funding and volunteer support as much as possible. We also need to find a way to gauge the trail popularity. Brooks will also continue to work with the DNR on the CWMA connector trail signage recommendations.

## **J. CEMETERY**

Tree Removal: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to have Rick's Tree Service complete the tree removal at the cemetery at a cost not to exceed \$2,300. *Discussion*: some work on Seville Rd. has been done by the County already. Cemetery Administrator will work with Rick's to identify which projects still need to be done. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

## **K. PLAWCS**

Certify unpaid user fees to taxes: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to approve Resolution #2019-14: authorizing unpaid PLAWCS user fees to be certified to property taxes. *Discussion*: the PLAWCS accountant has provided a preliminary list of unpaid fees, but it will be the final list that will be attached to the resolution and sent to SLC before the November deadline. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Sewer Access Charge: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to approve Resolution #2019-12, authorizing the updated commercial and residential PLAWCS sewer access charges for new user connections. *Discussion*: the costs are detailed in a sheet attached to the official resolution. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

## **L. TOWN HALL WELL**

Given that our well grant application may be approved this month, the board passed the following motion:

MDH grant application and potential funding: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to accept the Minnesota Department of Health transient well grant funding if our application is approved. *Discussion*: the grant would cover our expenses up to \$10,000 with the township supplying the balance. If the approval and paperwork are done in time, there is a chance the well could be drilled this fall. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

**M. NOXIOUS WEEDS**: The clerk will complete the grant closeout form and new grant application

**N. AIRPORT ZONING**: The JAZB will meet with MNDOT about the proposed ordinance

**O. MEETING/TRAINING RECAPS**: Brooks and Comnick are now both re-certified for the Board of Appeal

**P. BUILDING MAINTENANCE**: Laird Erikson will find someone to fix the roof shingles

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. SUPER ONE LIQUOR LICENSE**

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to approve the November 2019-2020 Pike Lake Super One Liquor license, pending receipt of all necessary paperwork and \$500 license fee. *Discussion*: the clerk has electronic copies of the paperwork/check, but the hard copies should arrive in the mail later this week. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

### **B. 2020 CENSUS NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

The clerk will research what is required and submit the paperwork by the mid-October deadline

### **C. 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY GATHERING**

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to move forward with the birthday celebration for Millicent O'Connell, assuming she is in support of the idea. *Discussion*: the clerk will purchase a cake and a plaque; the gathering will take place before the November town board meeting if that evening works for Millicent. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

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**D. ST. RAPHAEL'S BINGO**

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to approve the St. Raphael's annual bingo event in November. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

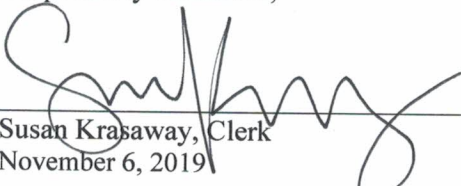
- MPCA notice of proposed amendments to rules governing water quality standards
- SLC notice of October hearing about short term rental standards
- SLC notice of proposed sale of tax forfeit land (Caribou Lake Tracts parcel #'s 280-0040-01015, #280-0040-01480)
- Fredenberg Township newsletter
- Duluth ISD Community Ed. magazine


**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

  
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Susan Krasaway, Clerk  
November 6, 2019

  
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Kevin L. Comnick, Chair  
November 6, 2019