

# Canosia Township

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

## REGULAR JUNE MEETING MINUTES May 30 & June 5, 2019

*Note: The majority of the June meeting was held on May 30 to accommodate a scheduling conflict for one of the supervisors; as planned, it was then recessed/reconvened on June 5 briefly to pay bills and review the month-end financial reports.*

Attending on May 30: Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Dan Golen, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell and Assistant Fire Chief Clyde Mortinsen. Chair Connick 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 as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. MINUTES: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting (5/1/2019). Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. PLANNING & ZONING

SLC Zoning Applications: The Parsons Martin Rd. CUP (establishing a residential use in a commercial zone) was approved. We are still waiting on additional information re: the CUP application for the old Pike Lake Motel site; it's unclear whether the sale/application is still moving forward.

#### B. HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS ORDINANCE

Letter to SLC: Motion by Golen, seconded by Connick, to send a letter to the St. Louis County Planning Commission to gauge their interest in adding hazardous buildings mitigation into the county zoning ordinance. *Discussion:* this was township attorney Michael Orman's suggestion after reviewing our draft ordinance; it would relieve us of having to enforce the ordinance and it would help other townships struggling with hazardous buildings as well. Brooks will draft the letter which we will also send to Commissioners Olson, Jewell and Nelson. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

#### C. FIRE DEPARTMENT

2019 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	May #'s	Notes	Total for 2019
EMS	13		53
Medical MUA	1	Grand Lake	4
Twp Fire	0		0
MUA Fire	1		6
Service	1		2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>64</b>

The FD had an NTSB training class at the Duluth airport; they also did hose maintenance. The truck has been repaired. They are still waiting on the doors for the key card installation and they will schedule the Cich property visit soon. Assistant Chief Mortinsen also mentioned they are considering a switch from the IAMResponding alert system to Everbridge; he encouraged the board to look on YouTube for a better understanding of Everbridge's capabilities.

#### **D. FIRE RELIEF**

Reminder that the bylaws need to be updated and posting laws followed for their upcoming meeting (date: TBD)

#### **E. ROADS**

Road Plans: The board will review/discuss the tentative 2020-2022 asphalt road maintenance plan at the end of the summer. Comnick reiterated that the plan is not set in stone and can be adjusted each year if there are any budget issues. The county will begin grading soon in the most-needed areas.

North Pike Lake Road Water Backup: resident Mark Holmes contacted the board re: an ongoing issue with water backing up due to recent changes to his neighbor (Kyle Anderson's) property on Pike Lake Place. Comnick directed Holmes to St. Louis County P&Z; the county directed him back to us since as they think is a driveway/road problem, not a land use issue. Since the water issue is not damaging the road, the supervisors believe the township does not have the authority to do anything. When the issue was brought up in years past, the township had also contacted RC Boheim with the water conservation district; Boheim felt this was a neighbor dispute.

Calcium Chloride: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, confirming that we will not purchase calcium chloride through St. Louis County this year. *Discussion*: typically, we do not need any dust control at all; however, if we decide we need it later in the summer, we have the option of using Jake's Grading at a \$1/gallon price; this is higher than the county's \$0.935/gallon, but allows us the flexibility to gauge our needs later in the year. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

#### **F. RECYCLE SHED**

Cade Johnson is being trained by Recycle Attendant Frank Bolos to cover the dates Frank will be gone in June.

#### **G. RECREATION AREA**

There is no news about the tennis court crack repairs; Comnick will talk with Laird about trimming at the rec area. If Laird is unable to do it, he will reach out to others to see who might be interested in doing the work at the hourly lawn maintenance rate.

#### **H. AIS/CD3**

Inspections are going well; the inspectors have caught four zebra mussel violations. Comnick may ask to put a blurb in the Pike Lake Association newsletter, reminding lake residents they cannot put their boats back in the water with zebra mussels attached. Comnick also sent a response to Tom Marchand who asked for an inspection update for the Caribou Lake newsletter.

CD3: The clerk received some training on the CD3 software so we can now monitor usage

#### **I. TRAILS**

St. Louis County's Kelly Anderson reviewed the Industrial Rd. trail loop. She is fine with the current flagging, but pointed out some lower spots that are very wet. Brooks will meet with Garrett Campbell to re-flag/discuss these spots before they begin roughing in the trail.

Brooks will also fill out the trail application for our potential secondary project: there is an existing snowmobile and ATV trail connecting Industrial, Lindahl and Christianson Rds., mostly all of which is on county land. Brooks

is looking to getting this trail permitted as multi-use for hikers and bikers. He will fill out the application for the board to review next month.

#### **J. CEMETERY**

Cemetery Administrator Gary Oswell confirmed that the Mackareth bench has been placed and spans the family's four spots; Glenn & Shirley Mackareth have a smaller marker in place as well.

#### **K. NEWSLETTER**

Topics: National Night Out, mausoleum interest, double-sided 911 address signs, rec area, roads, I/I ordinance, St. Germain's, WLSSD blurb, noxious weeds insert. The board will review/approve the articles next month with the goal of sending it out mid-July.

#### **L. PLAWCS**

I/I Ordinance: Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, approving the publishing of an ordinance summary (instead of the entire ordinance) and approving the official summary drafted by the clerk. *Discussion*: the ordinance was approved at Tuesday's public hearing after there were no comments/concerns from the residents. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Rate Increase Resolution: the clerk will confirm the exact rates in the PLAWCS rate increase resolution for approval next month.

#### **M. TOWN HALL WELL ISSUE**

The UV Filter option approved last month was nixed after Golen learned from the MDH that UV filters cannot be used for public water supplies. He is planning to chlorinate the well/flush the lines again and re-test. The clerk will put new signs up indicating that the water should not be used for drinking or cooking and will notify the Pike Lake Association so they can plan accordingly.

New Well Research: Motion by Cornick, seconded by Brooks, authorizing Brooks to move forward with researching well-drilling options. *Discussion*: Brooks will plan on contacting 3 or 4 companies for pricing and availability. He will get at least a few quotes. The board is leaning towards drilling a new well since it is the town's responsibility to have a town hall with clean water available for our employees, the fire department, meetings, emergencies, events, etc. Golen will also ask about grant options. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

**N. NOXIOUS WEED**: Insert will be in next newsletter

#### **O. AIRPORT ZONING**

Cornick mentioned a letter that the JAZB is monitoring re: noise pollution from the airport. Cornick will serve as our representative on the Master Plan Advisory Committee

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. AAA CLUB RESPONSE LETTER**

The Pike Lake Advisory Committee, through their attorney Mark L. Knutson, sent a response letter to the township re: the AAA club sale and litigation. The board asked the clerk to read the letter in its entirety for those in attendance. The letter summarized the advisory board's history and purpose and emphasized that AAA (not the advisory board) is the one responsible for closing the facility and not re-opening it. Knutson said they also hope that the facility will eventually be owned by a non-profit successor trustee. A copy of the letter is available to anyone who requests to see it.

#### **B. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PLANNING**

The board is planning to keep our first National Night Out simple by serving hot dogs, chips and brownies. We will ask MATIT about any insurance problems with renting a bounce house for the event. We'll also have the fire

trucks out and music playing (possibly Steve Oswell on accordion). Connick will reach out to the Superintendent to see if we can use the school if necessary.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Notice that Orman's law firm has merged to become Beaumier, Trogon, Orman, Hurd & Viegas. The new office is located downtown
- Caribou Lake Association newsletter
- 2020 Census Construction Program invitation (we have already signed up)
- Duluth and Fredenberg Township Newsletters
- An introduction letter from Kory Deadrick, an Edward Jones Financial Advisor. The board requested we keep the information on file since they have a savings account that is paying 2.45%

### RECESS

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Connick, to recess the meeting until June 5 at 7 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

### RECONVENE

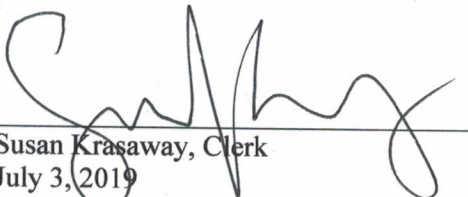
Vice-Chair Kurt Brooks reconvened the meeting at 7 p.m. on June 5. Attending: Supervisor Brooks and Golen, Treasurer Borndal, Clerk Krasaway, Rec Director Mike Ellingson and two residents. Supervisor Connick listened in via phone but did not vote.

- A. Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/19 – 5/31/19). Motion carried unanimously, 2 – 0.
- B. Pay Bills:** Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, to pay bills #20362 – 20409 and EFT-2019-6. Motion carried unanimously, 2 – 0.
- C. Recycling Grant:** Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, to approve the WLSSD recycling grant acceptance letter just received; our grant for 2019 is 11,656.22. Motion carried unanimously, 2 – 0.
- D. Follow Up Items**
  - We received two well drilling quotes in the last week; one more is expected. The board will review them in July
  - Brooks will attend the WLSSD election at the St. Louis County Courthouse; the clerk will confirm the date


### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 2 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Krasaway, Clerk  
July 3, 2019

APPROVED:

  
Kevin L. Connick, Chair  
July 3, 2019