

Canosia Township

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES November 4, 2020

ATTENDING: Chair Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Dan Golen, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Assistant Chief Clyde Mortinsen, and Rec Director Mike Ellingson. Chair Brooks 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 Golen, seconded by Comnick, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. MINUTES: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting (10/7/2020) with one minor typo fix. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/20 –10/31/20). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- D. PAY BILLS: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to pay bills #21050– 21085 and EFT-2020-12.
Discussion: these checks include all purchases approved at Monday's special CARES meeting. The treasurer will make the final calculations and cut an additional check to transfer the remaining funds to SLC; this will be approved at the end of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

A. PLANNING & ZONING

The board had no formal comments on either the mini-storage CUP application on Midway Rd. or Pike Lake Elementary's variance application to place an "outdoor classroom" (pavilion) on their property behind the school.

The board also recapped the meeting with the Kukowskis, Jim Gilmore and Garret Campbell from Waste Wood Recycling. The general consensus is that we succeeded in at least opening the lines of communication (see Special Meeting Minutes for additional details).

B. FIRE RELIEF

The Relief Association is looking into PERA as an investment option. The fund is currently down about 10%.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT

2020 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	October #'s	Notes	Total for 2020
EMS	9		123
Medical MUA	1	Hermantown	13
Twp Fire	0		20
MUA Fire	3	Rice Lake, Hermantown	22
Service	0		1
TOTAL	13		166

Training: Certified driving course from Central Lakes College. Other training was cancelled due to COVID issues. Fire Prevention Week activities were held outside; poster contest is ongoing.

Air Card: The Chief is looking into getting rid of the unreliable Verizon Air Card (\$35.01/month) and replacing it with a T-Mobile hot spot (est. \$50/month). The hot spot device coupled with a new tablet would give them the WiFi access they need when responding to calls and when they are in the town hall (the SCI internet is not great in the fire hall, even with the WiFi booster).

False Alarms: We received no response to our letter to Stepping Stones. The supervisors all agreed that for us to collect fees legally and successfully for false alarm calls, we will need an ordinance in place. Brooks will draft an ordinance for review next month which will then be sent to township attorney Michael Orman.

D. ROADS

Snowplowing: Shortly before the October snowstorm, Asphalt of Duluth informed us they would not be plowing Holly Ln., Birchway Rd. Pike Lane, and Kehtel Rd. this winter; these are the township roads that cannot accommodate the larger St. Louis County plows so we must hire a private contractor.

Due to the short notice, Road Foreman Gary Oswell plowed the roads after the October storm. Prior to the November meeting, Connick solicited quotes and presented two to the board (Jake's Companies and Peterson Excavating and Landscaping).

Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to accept the quote from Jake's Companies to plow Holly Ln., Birchway Rd., Pike Ln., and Kehtel Rd. during the 2020-2021 winter season. *Discussion:* Jake's pricing is similar to what we had paid Asphalt of Duluth in recent years and was significantly less expensive than the quote from Peterson. Both quotes are attached to the official meeting minutes.

Ropes in right-of-way on Kehtel Rd.: the resident placed these ropes in the ROW to prevent dirt bikes and snowmobilers from going on his property. However, this is a liability issue for the resident and the township. Connick will ask the resident to move the ropes at least 33 feet from the center line or we will need to move it ourselves.

Upcoming road projects: Midway Rd. (from 53 to Kehtel Rd.) will be resurfaced in 2022; this project will include W. Industrial Rd. as well. The clerk will add this information to the website and future newsletter along with our other planned road projects for 2021.

The Nelsondale culvert and tree removal project is complete.

E. RECYCLE SHED: nothing to report

F. RECREATION AREA

Nets are all down for the season. Ellingson will ask the school district their plans for disinfecting their other playgrounds during the winter; we will likely follow suit.

G. AIS/CD3

Motion by Connick, seconded by Brooks, to approve Resolution #2020-14: authorizing the township to apply for and accept (if granted) a \$30,000 grant for the 2021 AIS Inspection Program from St. Louis County. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

H. CEMETERY

The stakes are in place. Laird Erikson will grab any remaining baskets and place them to the side for pick up.

I. PLAWCS

The board reviewed and ok'd the final list of PLAWCS unpaid user fees sent from accountant Donovan Frye. This list will be added to the resolution approved last month and sent to SLC to certify these unpaid fees and penalties to property taxes.

J. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE

The next newsletter will be sent out in February, ahead of the Annual Meeting and township election. A local business is interested in advertising in the newsletter. The board decided to allow ads again if we keep it simple: payment (perhaps \$30/ad?) must be upfront, and we will only do business card sized ads. We will not spend time/energy soliciting ads, but we will mention in the newsletter itself that businesses can contact us if they want to participate.

K. AIRPORT ZONING

The attorneys for the surrounding municipalities are still debating some components of the draft ordinance. The draft will be sent to MnDOT for comment, followed by additional public hearings. Eventually each community (including Canosia) will need to approve the ordinance via resolution.

L. BUILDING MAINTENANCE: bathrooms will be soon upgraded with automatic toilets/faucets

NEW BUSINESS

A. DUMPSTERS

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to accept the quote from Hartel's for a dumpster at the town hall (year-round, \$97/month) and landing (May thru October, \$73/month). *Discussion:* The township has not been satisfied with the service from A&B and Hartel's is less expensive. The dumpsters will be emptied every other week. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

B. ELECTION RECAP

The election went smoothly and the clerk thanked the FD and supervisors for their support and help setting up. 966 Canosia residents voted in-person on Election Day; another est. 500+ voted absentee through St. Louis County.

Motion by Golen, seconded by Comnick, to send official thank you letters to our election judges. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

C. PIKE LAKE DOCK: The DNR has moved the dock out of the way of the PLAWCS lift station

D. CARES FUNDING FINALIZATION

Remaining CARES funds check: motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to approve check #21086 (\$3,382.13) in unused CARES funding) and send it to St. Louis County. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Transfer Certification Form: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, authorizing Brooks to sign the certification form required by SLC before we transfer the remaining CARES funds. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Resolution to Transfer Funds: motion by Golen, seconded by Comnick, approving Resolution #2020-13 authorizing the transfer of the excess CARES funds to SLC. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

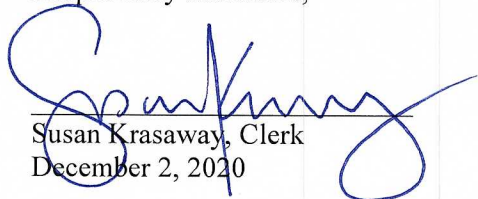
CORRESPONDENCE

- Fredenberg, Lakewood and Midway Township newsletters

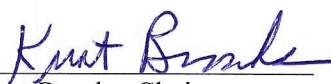
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cornick, seconded by Golen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Krasaway, Clerk
December 2, 2020

APPROVED:


Kurt Brooks, Chair
December 2, 2020

Snowplowing Quotes

2020-2021

Awarded to Jake 11/6/2020



Date: October 21, 2020

To: Canosia Township
Attn: Susan Krasaway
4896 Midway Road
Duluth MN 55811

RE: 2020/2021 Winter maintenance, plowing, sanding and salting of Holly Lane, Birchway Road, Pike Lane, Kehtel Road - West side of Shady Lane

Description	Unit Price
Sanding Event - sanding only	\$175.00
Level 1 Event - up to 2" - includes sanding	\$250.00
Level 2 Event - 2" - 4" - includes sanding	\$250.00
Level 3 Event - 4" - 8" - includes sanding	\$325.00
Level 4 Event - 8" - 12" - includes sanding	\$370.00
Above 12" Event	Hourly as directed

Hourly Rates:

Grader - \$135/hour
Truck and salted sand - \$125/hour

Thank you,

Jakes Companies
5323 Highway 33
Saginaw MN 55779
218-348-0417 - Jake
218-316-0077 - Rick

Peterson Excavating and Landscaping

Estimate

5797 Kehtel Rd
 Duluth, MN 55811
 (218) 729-6943

Date	Estimate #
10/22/2020	2756

Name / Address
Canosia Township Attn: Road Supervisor 4896 Midway Road Duluth, Minnesota 55811

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Plowing Quotes for 2020/ 2021 season			
Holly Lane			
Plow \$75.00 per time			
salt/sand \$85.00 per time			
Birchway Rd			
plow \$75.00 per time			
slat/sand \$85.00 per time			
Pike Lane			
plow \$75.00 per time			
salt/sand \$85.00 per time			
Kehtel Road			
plow \$75.00 per time			
salt/sand \$85.00 per time			
Loader \$140.00 per hour			

Acceptance of proposal - The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified.
 *10% down is needed along with signed estimate.

Signature _____

Total

\$0.00