

Canosia Township

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES December 2, 2020

The Canosia December Town Board Meeting was held virtually due to the pandemic. All decisions were made via roll call vote. ATTENDING: Chair Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Kevin Connick, 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 two residents.

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 Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the agenda with one addition under Public Comment. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Connick: aye, Golen: aye)
- B. **MINUTES:** Motion by Golen, seconded by Connick, to approve the minutes from the CARES Funding Meeting (11/2/2020) as written, Waste Wood Recycling Discussion (11/4/2020) with one clarification, and Regular Meeting (11/4/2020) as written. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Connick: aye, Golen: aye)
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/20 –11/30/20) with the understanding that the Treasurer will adjust the reports to show that FD CARES Act purchases will come out of CARES funding, not the FD fund. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Connick: aye, Golen: aye)
 - Our second half levy will be deposited this week
 - The Treasurer will research the township requirements for IC-134 forms (contractor affidavits)
 - The Treasurer is working with the PLAWCS accountant on the PFA requirements
- D. **PAY BILLS:** Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to pay bills #21087 - 21126 – and EFT-2020-13. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Connick: aye, Golen: aye)

PUBLIC INPUT

- A. **NERCC Notification Process:** resident Amber Madoll submitted a letter of concern regarding recent inmate escapes from the North East Regional Correctional Center and the lack of resident notification. Mr. & Mrs. Moen joined the call to express their similar concern.

Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen to contact Wally Kostich from NERCC to determine their current notification processes and limitations, and contact Grand Lake Township and SLC to determine how we can best join forces with them on this issue. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Connick: aye, Golen: aye)

OLD BUSINESS

A. PLANNING & ZONING

The board noted that long-term P&Z Commission Member Dan Jezierski passed away at the age of 90. The township expressed their condolences with a card to the family.

B. FIRE RELIEF: the association sent paperwork to the State to learn more about PERA investment options

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT

2020 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	NOVEMBER #'s	Notes	Total for 2020
EMS	10		133
Medical MUA	0		13
Twp Fire	2		22
MUA Fire	2	Rice Lake & Hermantown	24
Service	0		0
TOTAL	14		193

193 calls = a new record for our FD! Thank you to all our volunteers!

Training: Refresher on COVID call procedures; remaining training for the year is cancelled to limit in-person interactions between the first responders

The CARES Act purchases are being shipped, installed, etc. The eyewash/shower/toilets are a work in progress and the storage cabinets are backordered. The Chief and Cornick followed up with the Deputy County Administrator to see if AED's could be purchased using the county's remaining funds, but the county determined they would not be covered by CARES.

False Alarm Ordinance: Motion by Cornick, seconded by Golen, authorizing Brooks to make the agreed upon changes to the draft ordinance and resolution and send it to township attorney Michael Orman for review. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Cornick: aye, Golen: aye)

D. ROADS

Snowplowing: the new contractor for snowplowing (Jake's Companies) is working out well. Brooks asked that the road foreman ask SLC about plowing a few car lengths in at our trailhead on Industrial Rd.

E. RECYCLE SHED: Brooks and Borndal will attend a virtual meeting on Dec. 10 to discuss grant procedures

F. RECREATION AREA

Cornick will contact the Proctor Superintendent re: their plans for disinfecting their other playgrounds during the winter.

G. AIS/CD3: grant submitted

H. NOXIOUS WEEDS: The Treasurer submitted the necessary grant closeout documents

I. CEMETERY

Cemetery Administrator Oswell received an inquiry about whether a person can have a monument/gravestone without burying anything. He confirmed that a plot must be purchased either way, but it is the purchaser's choice whether to leave it empty.

J. NEWSLETTER: will send out in February before the election/annual meeting

K. AIRPORT ZONING: the draft ordinance has been submitted to MnDOT. Next meeting in February.

L. BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Toilets/sinks will be installed by the end of the month

NEW BUSINESS

A. POLLING PLACE DESIGNATION

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, approving Resolution 2020-15 designating the township polling place as the town hall. *Discussion:* this is a required resolution that must be done annually. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Comnick: aye, Golen: aye)

B. CANDIDATE FILING

Those interested in running for town board must file between December 29, 2020, and January 12, 2021, at 5 p.m.

C. FUTURE MEETINGS

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to conduct all meetings virtually until the public health crisis improves enough to return to in-person meetings. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

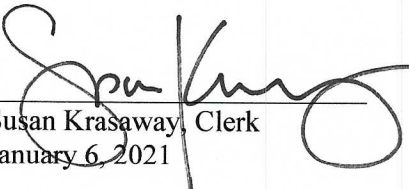
CORRESPONDENCE

- Fredenberg township newsletter
- Fundraising requests from the Union Gospel Mission and Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank


ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Comnick: aye, Golen: aye)

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Krasaway, Clerk
January 6, 2021

APPROVED:


Kurt Brooks, Chair
January 6, 2021