

# 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

March 4, 2020

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Dan Golen, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, 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 Golen, seconded by Brooks, 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 (2/5/2020). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/20 –2/29/20). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Additional Information from Treasurer:

- We received our \$990 refund from MATIT for raising our deductibles
  - The town board opted to decline group disability insurance
  - The board only wants Dedicated Fund reports on months when changes actually occur within those funds
- D. PAY BILLS: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to pay bills (Check #20378 - #20765 EFT-2020-3), except for claim #8635 (check #20750) to Election Systems & Software. *Discussion*: this check will be voided while the clerk finds out what the invoice is for. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Department Spending Authority Discussion: Brooks questioned why the FD's \$4,000 purchase of treads for the side by side was not brought before the board for discussion before purchasing. Chief Stevens said he has a long-standing \$10,000 between-meeting spending limit when necessary and the purchase was made with those guidelines in mind. Brooks wanted clarification on whether the board can actually delegate their spending authority to that extent. The clerk will reach out to the MAT attorney for clarification.

### PUBLIC INPUT

Pike Lake 10k: Clint Agar updated the board on plans for the Pike Lake 10k scheduled for the morning of May 16<sup>th</sup>. This year they have added a half-marathon option. The organizers have partnered with Roger Anderson so the race will finish within the Pike Lake Golf & Beach Club, and there will be a pancake breakfast there as well. The race permit from SLC has been issued; all roads along the course will remain open but one lane will be closed down for the runners. The organizers had discussions with Chief Stevens about traffic control and first aid support. They are expecting 400-700 people. If it gets much bigger, the Chief said they may need to consider a

formal medical tent, etc. Parking will be at the Golf Club and our rec area, but the town hall parking lot will remain open for recyclers.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. PLANNING & ZONING:** the board had no formal comment on the Tisdell variance application

**B. FIRE RELIEF**

- We are still waiting on the 2019 state fire aid
- The FIRE forms due this year have all been submitted to the accountant
- The association is still working on the updated bylaws

**C. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

2020 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	February #'s	Notes	Total for 2020
EMS	10		28
Medical MUA	2		2
Twp Fire	2		3
MUA Fire	1		2
Service	0		0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>35</b>

Training: scene size-up, personal protective equipment. Other: still trying to fix compressor. Key cards will be done this spring.

False Alarms: There were no new false alarm calls at the facility discussed last month; the letter was sent, but we did not hear anything back from Stepping Stones.

COVID-19: Chief Stevens will act as the township's contact person for the Minnesota Department of Health in case there is a local emergency/issue related to COVID-19 or important medical information distributed.

**D. ROADS:** Christianson Rd. was graded to chop up the ice. The Road Tour will be discussed next month

**E. RECYCLE SHED:** No news yet on our grant application

**F. RECREATION AREA**

We did not receive any feedback on our requests for rec area ideas; Golen and Ellingson will reach out directly to local families who may have suggestions and start putting together a priority list of ideas

**G. AIS/CD3:** Still waiting on confirmation that the SLC board approved our \$25k grant funding

**H. TRAILS**

The local Boy Scouts start planning their volunteer projects in March. Brooks will contact local Scout leader Brian Johnson to see if our Industrial Loop 1 trail can be added to their list. Potential projects at the site include wood chip distribution, parking lot maintenance, general trail cleanup, addressing the low spots, etc. The board will check out the site during the spring Road Tour.

**I. CEMETERY:** Oswell talked to SLC about the snow pile issues; next year things will be done differently

**J. TOWN HALL WELL**

The well permit application was sent in and accepted. The supervisors all agreed they would like to move ahead with the directional boring option; although it will cost an estimated \$1,000, it will be a cleaner job. The board agreed they should use the contractor recommended by Kent Well Co.; there was no need for an additional quote. Brooks will give them the go-ahead. He will also research whether the phone company has a recorded easement near the well site that we need to take into consideration.

**K. NOXIOUS WEEDS:** Grant contract has been signed; Borndal will handle the reimbursement procedures

**L. AIRPORT ZONING**

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to reappoint Connick to the JAZB Board of Adjustment. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

**M. MEETING/TRAINING RECAPS**

The board will let Borndal know later this month who is going to the MAT spring short course, so she can cut a check ahead of time for registration fees.

**N. BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

The board will set a date next month for the garage clean out. Ellingson will stain/paint the front porch this spring.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PIKE LAKE GOLF & BEACH CLUB**

The board agreed to send a letter to the SLC Planning Commission, stating their general support for getting the golf course and beach back open for public use. The letter will make it clear that we will give formal feedback on the planned housing units once the plans are finalized, and that we look forward to working with all parties throughout the process.

**B. ELECTION JUDGE APPOINTMENT**

Motion by Connick, seconded by Brooks, appointing Penny Dieryck as an election judge for the March 10 township election; Dieryck will replace Laura Solem who is unable to attend. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

**C. ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS:** Due to the clerk by mid-day on March 10

**D. REORGANIZATION MEETING:** Scheduled for April 1 at 5:30 p.m.

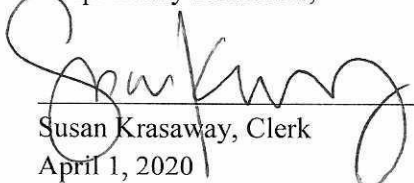
**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Fredenberg and Duluth Township newsletters
- Thank you note from the Proctor chem free grad party committee
- Donation request from the Proctor-Hermantown Excellence in Education Banquet

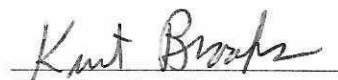
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Connick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Krasaway, Clerk  
April 1, 2020

APPROVED:

  
Kurt Brooks, Chair  
April 1, 2020