

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 September 2, 2020

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 one resident.

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 Connick, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. MINUTES: Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the minutes from the Regular August Meeting (8/5/2020) with one addition under the Pike Lake 10k discussion. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/20 –8/31/20). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- The Treasurer will submit the necessary paperwork to the MN Dept. of Health to receive our \$10,000 grant funding reimbursement for the new well. The total cost of the well was roughly \$29,000; the township's out of pocket cost will be around \$19,000.
 - The Treasurer is handling the monthly CARES act reporting requirements. Through August we have spent roughly \$5,900 of our \$50,000+. She will also include related payroll costs.
 - The Treasurer will confirm WLSSD has all they need regarding the site improvement grant.
- D. PAY BILLS: Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to pay bills (check #20956 –21004) and EFT-2020-9. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

A. PLANNING & ZONING

Waste Wood Recycling: the resident complaint form and supporting documentation were sent to the county P&Z office. The SLC Attorney's Office is now reviewing the situation to decipher what the county's decision should be moving forward.

Variance Application: SLC received a variance application for a residence on Shady Ln. (Caribou Lake). Connick expressed concern about lake density problems; Brooks noted that the variance will likely not be approved unless the residents' can prove hardship.

- B. FIRE RELIEF: Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 22 at 6 p.m.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT

2020 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	August #'s	Notes	Total for 2020
EMS	13		102
Medical MUA	1	Grand Lake Township	11
Twp Fire	2		19
MUA Fire	1		14
Service	0		1
TOTAL	17		147

Upcoming Events: This month the FD will be cutting open junk cars to practice using the Jaws of Life. Plans for Fire Prevention Week are up in the air; they may still visit the school if allowed. A few FD members will be on hand for the race if needed. Many racers have opted to do a virtual race; there will be roughly 200 racers on site.

Fire Hall Maintenance: The floors are refinished, new stove purchased, lights replaced. The new fire hall doors are almost ready to install.

PPE & Cleaning Supplies: the FD has purchased several hand sanitizer dispensers for the hall and trucks, cases of disinfecting wipes, soap dispensers, etc. from EcoLab. Because Comnick has a relative who works at EcoLab, extra steps were taken to ensure that the pricing was comparable to avoid any apparent conflict of interest. The township has purchased many Covid-related cleaning supplies from other providers as well including Dalco Amazon, Grainger, Target, etc. Currently, EcoLab is the only available supplier of disinfecting wipes that we can find. The goal is to use our CARES funding to ensure we are well stocked for at least a year as recommended by the County.

False Alarm Calls Ordinance: There has not been a problem at the Stepping Stones house in quite a while; however the FD would still like to pursue an ordinance as they feel it is a systemic problem that recurs throughout the year at many township locations. Chief Stevens will get a copy of an ordinance from another municipality that we can consider. Brooks reiterated that MAT said we can charge for calls, but we cannot discriminate about who we charge.

D. ROADS

Brush cutting: Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, to approve Jake’s Mowing \$3,200 fixed rate quote for brush cutting our township roads. *Discussion:* Comnick had already given Jake the go-ahead for this project, which launched a lengthy discussion on supervisor spending authority. Golen and Brooks reiterated that they are not trying to micromanage (as Comnick believed), but standard procedure is for any significant projects/purchases to come before the board first if possible. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

2021 SLC Road Projects: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to approve Resolution 2020-9: authorizing our 2021 road projects (the crack sealing and “blow & go” of several township roads) as well as the cooperative agreement between the township and county to complete these projects. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

E. RECYCLING SHED

WLSSD said some of our recent recycling has been contaminated. Recycling Attendant Frank Bolos believes part of the problem is that Waste Management has not yet provided locks for two of the dumpsters. He will also talk with recyclers about emptying the shredded paper out of the plastic bags before putting it in the dumpsters. We will reiterate this point in our next newsletter.

F. RECREATION AREA: Rec Director Mike Ellingson is sanitizing the rec area weekly.

G. PIKE LAKE

AIS Inspections: It was a great season which will be wrapping up soon.

Dogs on Leash Request: a citizen requested that the township add a “Dogs must be on leash” sign at the landing after an incident with an aggressive dog. The board agreed they could not put up a sign since we have no ordinance to back it up and no way to enforce it. Golen reached out the DNR and they too would not be willing or able to enforce it.

CD3 usage: the board reviewed a usage report (e.g., the vacuum tool was used 75 times in July and August, the compressor was used 59 times, and the air button was 47).

H. TRAILS

Scrap metal has been collected. Connick and Brooks continue to debate whether money should be spent on trails.

I. CEMETERY

The clerk will update the records with recent stone additions. The memorial has new mulch around it. The cemetery road work is complete.

J. TOWN HALL WELL

The arsenic levels are now well within acceptable levels and will likely continue to decrease as the ground rock goes through the system. The board would like to test again in six months; ideally this will coincide with MDH’s periodic testing. We might not need our water softener anymore either; we will evaluate in a few months.

K. NOXIOUS WEEDS

The township will use our grant funds to spray again this year. We will not apply for additional funds next year, as we have currently done all we can do for the Japanese Knotweed within our ROW’s.

L. AIRPORT ZONING

JAZB meets tomorrow; they are well into the ordinance review process. There will be two public hearings later this year. Township Attorney Michael Orman will attend one on our behalf. Once the ordinance is in place, Connick is going to recommend that JAZB disband as it has served its purpose. Canosia will no longer be on the airport zoning Board of Adjustment either as we no longer administer our own zoning.

M. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Clyde Mortinsen and Laird Erikson painted the porch and community bookshelf; they are also repairing the little model of the town hall out front.

The town hall toilets are not flushing properly. Canosia plumber Jamie Fossum will be asked to snake the pipes and replace the toilets if necessary. The board also ~~discussed whether we should~~ remove the second toilet in the women's bathroom for better ADA accessibility. ~~discussed whether we should~~ **decided to**

NEW BUSINESS

A. SAFE CRACKING UPDATE

The clerk found the code to open the old safe and shared pictures with the board. She will reach out to the historical society to see what they know about the safe and to let them know the code.

B. ELECTION RECAP AND PREP

The August primary went well. The clerk will need the supervisors' help to set up for November, especially as it relates to parking and traffic outside. The recycling shed will be closed on Election Day (November 3) to avoid additional traffic problems. The clerk also requested that someone help smooth the ADA entrance into the hall; there is currently a little bump that would be difficult to navigate with a walker or wheelchair.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, authorizing the clerk to send another mailer to our residents reminding them that the voting process will be slow in November and they will likely be waiting outside. She will also reiterate how to vote absentee. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

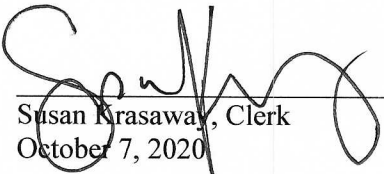
- Notice of WLSSD annual hearings
- Newsletters from Fredenberg and Duluth Townships

ADJOURNMENT


Motion by Comnick seconded by Golen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:



Susan Krasaway, Clerk
October 7, 2020



Kurt Brooks, Chair
October 7, 2020