

# Canosia Township

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Town Board: Chair Daniel L. Golen, Supervisor Kevin L. Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck  
Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2021

ATTENDING: Chair Dan Golen, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and Roger Anderson. The meeting was held in person at the Canosia Town Hall and virtually due to the pandemic. All individuals were present in person at the town hall.

Chair Golen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

### AGENDA, MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS

- A. AGENDA: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. MINUTES: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Dan Golen, to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the March 9, 2021 Board of Canvas Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Dan Golen, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/21 – 3/30/21). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- a. Treasurer Borndal stated that the township received a check for \$25.51 from the A-1 Janitorial Lawsuit. **Motion** made by Dan Golen, seconded by Kevin Connick to deposit the check from A-1 Janitorial Lawsuit in the amount of \$25.51. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
  - b. The project related to the CARES funding is wrapping up.
  - c. The receipts for the credit card usage cover two credit card statements due to the late arrival of one statement. The Clerks will work on having any overcharges due to the late arrival of the statement removed.
  - d. Connick stated that St. Louis County requested the full amount for annual road work up front this year and that has been paid. He clarified that this has always been a part of the agreement but SLC is now enforcing it.
  - e. After the payment of the \$700 invoice from last month, the A&B Garbage billing is now up to date they are no longer vendors for the township.
  - f. Treasurer Borndal and former Clerk Krasaway reduced the insurance on the trailer to liability only due to its current worth.
- D. PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Dan Golen, seconded by Kevin Connick, to pay bills # 21210–21234 and EFT2021-3. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. PLANNING AND ZONING:** Connick stated that he had a conversation with the county about the Waste Wood Recycler's current conditional use permit (CUP). He stated that he would like the board do a quick review of the CUP and if the township does not feel that there are violations, then he would like for Canosia Township to be done with any planning and zoning concerns related to the CUP. He stated that during the Special Board Meeting on 11/4/20 the hours of the CUP were discussed. Minutes reflected the following *"The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) outlines the hours for the gravel pit operations and also limits crushing, grinding and stockpiling; Campbell adheres to these rules. However, there is also a logging operation that has no limitations on operating hours."* Connick said he reviewed the CUP and did not find any violations, though he was concerned that logging was not covered within the CUP. He stated that he would like to see the board send a letter to the county that states the following: 1) the board does not note any current violations with the limitations set up under the CUP 2) logging operations were not noted within the CUP and the board feels that any operations occurring on the property should be included within a permit 3) since the township found no violations within the original CUP, there is no need for the township to be further involved with the subject. Golen stated that he also reviewed all of the documentation and believed that this review would cover the review requirements listed within the CUP that originally were going to be handled by the PZ Director prior to planning and zoning being moved to the county. Connick agreed. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck for Clerk Madoll to write a letter to St. Louis County Planning and Zoning Department stating that the Canosia Town Board reviewed the Conditional Use Permit for Waste Wood Recyclers and determined 1) that they did not note violations within the CUP 2) that since the review is complete, the township no longer needs to be involved in the CUP process 3) that logging is occurring on the Waste Wood property, does not fall within the current CUP, and should be reviewed. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Golen will sign the letter.
- B. FIRE RELIEF:** Chief Stevens said they are waiting for the evaluation before scheduling to meeting. Treasurer Borndal stated that she needs the 2020 audit paperwork. Chief Stevens stated that he will get the paperwork to her.
- C. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
- a. Chief Stevens stated that training occurred during the month and they will be setting up the burn trailer between now and June. He stated that they are still researching a trailer for the side-by-side and have decided to purchase an enclosed one, which will better protect gear. He is checking with the DNR to see if they have anything.
  - b. Hall Maintenance: The water softener is installed and running. One of the toilets caused the well to run dry but is now working again.
  - c. Equipment: The department will be ordering some equipment as part of the DNR grant, which is a 50/50 match.
  - d. Future Truck Purchase: They are putting together a committee to assist in purchasing a new tanker. There will be a future bid to replace the 1997 tanker that the township currently owns. Chief Stevens stated that they will be choosing one similar in style to the '97.
  - e. Training Boxes: The fire department would like to purchase a couple of training boxes to be placed up at the trail head on Industrial Road for training. It would take about 300' x 300' space and would off to the side of the parking lot. The only thing that might be needed is some fill. Having a

permanent spot for them would help greatly with training and their presence would help improve the parking lot. Chief Stevens will get together with the supervisors to look at the parking lot and discuss options.

- f. False Alarm Ordinance: No Update.

| 2021 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES |              |                       |                |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Call Type                 | FEBRUARY #'s | Notes                 | Total for 2021 |
| EMS                       | 6            |                       | 20             |
| Medical MUA               | 0            |                       | 1              |
| Twp Fire                  | 6            |                       | 10             |
| MUA Fire                  | 4            | Hermantown, Rice Lake | 8              |
| Service                   | 0            |                       | 0              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>16</b>    |                       | <b>39</b>      |

- D. **ROADS:** Golen asked if Oswell was going to do a road tour this year. Oswell stated that there might be an informal one, but that there are no planned big projects. Anderson mentioned that maybe some of the trail end parking lot upgrade for the fire department could go into roads funding, if there were no big projects.
- E. **RECYCLE SHED:** No Update.
- F. **RECREATION AREA:** Ellingson stated that a tennis coach contacted him and wanted to know when the nets were going up. He will put them up this weekend. He is also continuing to clean the playground every couple of weeks.
- G. **AIS/CD3:** Comnick stated that AIS for 2021 is set up although they do need 1-2 more inspectors. The CD3 costs \$950/year. The fee provides Canosia Township with monthly data usage. He stated that he does not believe that the cost is worth the data. The machine is owned by the township. There is grant funding for the data, however, the funding could be used for other AIS activities. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to hold check # 21252 that pays the annual fee for the CD3 data service. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Comnick also received donated wash rags for boaters that will be given out this year.
- H. **TRAILS:** No Update.
- I. **NOXIOUS WEEDS:** No Update.
- J. **CEMETERY:** Oswell stated that he would like to meet with Golen and walk him through the cemetery and the township process. The board discussed who would represent the township at the cemetery on Memorial Day. Golen will try to attend as Comnick stated that he will not be in town and Dieryck stated that she normally presents at a different event.
- K. **PLAWCS:** There might be funding for system upgrades through the American Rescue Plan. There are no details as of yet.
- L. **AIRPORT AUTHORITY:** Comnick stated that there was an MNDOT meeting that reviewed the draft. Hermantown and Rice Lake had some concerns about protecting vulnerable populations. The draft is being

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updated and then MNDOT will have 78 days to respond.

**M. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:** Connick stated that Laird Erikson is back and will be changing the oil in the generator and checking equipment.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. 4895 EPLR- PIKE LAKE GOLF CLUB:** Anderson presented a liquor license renewal form from St. Louis County that asked whether the township supports the renewal or not. Super One Liquor has the one allotted township liquor license that the township annually approves. The Golf Club's second license comes from the county. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to authorize Clerk Madoll to sign the annual liquor renewal license form provided by St. Louis County in favor of Pike Lake Golf Club continuing its liquor license. Motion approved unanimously, 3 – 0. Anderson stated that he is considering hosting fire works for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Connick stated that he will need a permit from the county. Anderson wanted to know if the board would be supportive. The board stated yes.
- B. PIKE LAKE RUN:** Chief Stevens stated that he is concerned that no one has heard from the Duluth Running Co. concerning the Pike Lake Run. Connick stated that the race manager(s) need to notify Grand Lake and Canosia townships of their plan with more notice and they should attend the next town board meetings. The board requested that Clerk Madoll contact Clint at the Duluth Running Co. and request an update and for him to attend the next board meeting in person.
- C. 4759 Lavaque Bypass Rd:** Dieryck stated that Big Lake Construction has removed a significant number of trees and is concerned about the locations of their driveways and where they enter the road.
- D. SNOW MOBILE TRAILS:** Dieryck stated that there are many signs down.

### CORRESPONDENCE

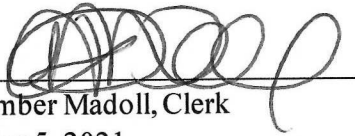
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### ADJOURNMENT

The supervisors welcomed Dieryck to the board.

Motion by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Amber Madoll, Clerk  
May 5, 2021

APPROVED:

  
Town Board Chair  
May 5, 2021