

# Canosia Township

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

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 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, Assistant Fire Chief Gene Mortenson, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, Clint Agar, 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 7:01 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 moving the Pike Lake Run up to Public Comment. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. MINUTES: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the April 7, 2021 Re-Organization Meeting minutes with one change. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Concerning the spending limits altered during the Re-Organization meeting, Golen stated that he sent the Clerk a letter from MAT with spending limit recommendations for consideration at next year's Re-Organization Meeting.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Dan Golen, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/21 –4/31/21). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- a. Treasurer Borndal stated that there was a new bank signature card for everyone to sign, along with new insurance beneficiary forms.
  - b. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to void check # 21252 and decline the purchase of the CD3 software for 2021. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Connick stated that CD3 will still have the data if the township or someone else wants it down the road.
  - c. Golen asked about the GMR invoice for \$111. Chief Stevens stated that it was for the ductwork for the furnace.
  - d. There was a discussion concerning the increase in flow volume for the sewer, however, the township is still paying the base monthly PLAWCS fee with no access charges.
- D. PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to pay bills # 21235–21274 and EFT2021-4. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. PIKE LAKE RUN:** Agar from Duluth Running Company gave an overview of the event's plans. He stated that in 2020 there were approximately 500 runners and the event was held in the fall, instead of spring. In 2021, there are a bit less registrants and the event was moved back to the spring. He explained that there

were staggered starts, masks until race start and masks on all volunteers, a limitation on watchers, etc. He explained the road signage, traffic support from SLC Sherriff Dept, and parking. The kid's race will be held on the golf course, which is also where the race starts. Connick and Dieryck stated that moving forward that the Duluth Running Company needed to contact both Canosia Township and Grand Lake Township by the beginning of the year with solid information on the event and details. There was also a discussion on the fact that the event fell on fishing opener and the concerns related to that. Golen concluded by reminding Agar to send a thank you to both townships, and anyone else involved with the event in order to preserve good relationships. Agar agreed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. PLANNING AND ZONING:** Connick stated that a letter was sent to St. Louis County Planning and Land Dev with the board's review of Waste Wood Recycler's CUP. He stated that he received a response from the department that they are reviewing the CUP and would let Canosia Township know of any decisions made.
- B. FIRE RELIEF:** Chief Stevens stated that they met last night. The audit is not completed as of yet. They will have another meeting around July.
- C. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
  - a. Training Boxes:** Chief Stevens stated that the boxes will be along the tree line on the east side and pushed back as far as possible. Golen stated that it would be good if they would blend in as much as possible. Dieryck stated that hopefully their presence would help reduce trash tossing and misuse of trails. Chief Stevens stated that the training will be 2-3 times a month. Clerk Madoll stated that if she had a heads up, she can post the trainings on the website to notify residents. Chief Stevens stated that they are still getting price quotes together for the board and reviewing property lines.
  - b. Burn Unit:** The Cloquet burn unit will be at the playground on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May around 5:00 p.m. There will be smoke and trucks present.
  - c. False Alarm: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick to send Stepping Stones a warning letter concerning the false alarm call on 4/23/21 at 5231 Wilderness Trail Duluth MN 55811. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

2021 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	FEBRUARY #'s	Notes	Total for 2021
EMS	11		31
Medical MUA	3		4
Twp Fire	2		12
MUA Fire	1	Grand Lake	9
Service	0		0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>56</b>

- D. ROADS:** Connick stated that the roads are in good shape. Clerk Madoll will update the website with the 2021 road plan and compile a resolution to approve the annual crack repairs.
- E. RECYCLE SHED: Motion** made by Dan Golen, seconded by Penny Dieryck to accept the 2021 WLSSD Recycling Grant for \$12,398.16. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

- F. RECREATION AREA: Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Dan Golen to have Mike Ellingson or Penny Dieryck secure fencing repair quotes for the recreational area. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. The board discussed what could be done to enhance the recreational area. Golen stated that he had pulled together multiple improvement suggestions for the rec area in previous years including swings, ADA considerations, etc. He will forward the list on to Dieryck. Dieryck and Ellingson will work together to bring suggestions to the board. Ellingson stated that the lacrosse teams wanted to use the back field for practice. He also stated that he ordered the center straps for the tennis court and is setting up the basketball hoop. Dieryck asked if the potholes would be repaired. Comnick stated that they would be graded. Dieryck will look into repairing the big nets out back.
- G. AIS/CD3:** Comnick stated that he has five of the seven AIS staff onboarded. He is reviewing inventory to see if anything needs to be updated. They may need to invest in new sun shelters. The dumpsters did arrive and the biffs are on their way.
- H. TRAILS:** Dieryck stated that there is a young man who is working on his eagle scout status and will be creating a project on cleaning up the trails.
- I. NOXIOUS WEEDS:** Oswell stated that the knotweed is good in the right of way, but still present in the back woods and private homeowners do not seem to be doing much about it.
- J. CEMETERY:** Comnick stated that the Memorial Day gathering will be around 12-1pm. Dieryck and Golen might be able to attend. Oswell and Golen will meet to tour the cemetery. Mortenson asked about the mausoleum project. Comnick stated that he is still in support of building one. Due to the passing of time, he and Oswell will seek new quotes to present to the board for consideration.
- K. PLAWCS:** Comnick stated that there will be a delay in televising laterals due to Covid limitations and that WLSSD has extended the deadlines for completion. Golen stated that if the Sewer Access Charge is going to be updated, then Canosia Township needs to complete a resolution. Comnick stated that as PLAWCS chair, he chose to pull the motion made at the last PLAWCS meeting concerning the SAC deposits so that commercial properties could be included in the review and proposal. He stated that PLAWCS is not ready to request a resolution until the new commercial constructions are discussed. Golen asked why there was such urgency to pass a resolution that a special meeting was considered, and now there is the request to wait. Comnick stated that through discussions with others he felt it was better to wait until the commercial properties were discussed. Golen stated that open meeting laws restrict township supervisors from talking to one another about township business outside of the meetings. Comnick stated that PLAWCS allows more flexibility with discussions because it is a larger board and two townships together. Golen stated that the discussion over whether a resolution would be or would not be needed would fall under township dialogue, not PLAWCS. As such, town supervisors should refrain from talking about township business outside of the town hall meetings.
- L. AIRPORT AUTHORITY:** Comnick stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow.
- M. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:** Golen stated that there are still running toilet issues. Chief Stevens fixed the issue by adjusting a valve and replacing batteries.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **4895 EPLR- PIKE LAKE GOLF CLUB:** Anderson explained how the volleyball court has one corner at 72’ away from the shore and another corner 50’ from the shore. He stated that one can put a wall along the water front, but if it is something that is considered a “use” then a permit is needed. He did not secure the permit in advance and was advised that his after the fact variance was denied. He is concerned about moving the courts because it would delay access to residents, take away public space by relocating it, etc. Anderson requested a resolution from the board in support of his appeal of the SLC Planning and Community Development Director’s denial of the after the fact variance. There was a discussion on how the resolution might be worded. **Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Comnick to write Resolution 2021-3 stating that the Board of Supervisors of Canosia Township support Mr. Anderson’s administrative appeal of the St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director’s decision to deny an after- the- fact variance. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Clerk Madoll will type up the resolution and leave it in the office for the supervisors to sign over the weekend. Anderson stated that the storage units are still in process. New fencing will also be going up, with old fencing going down. He stated that some of the boat landing was being used to help support the building. The volleyball courts are on hold. A model home will be built eventually.
- B. **HOLLY LANE LANDING:** Comnick stated that the DNR requires that the landing be present, however, does not provide funding to keep it operational. Dieryck will contact the DNR to see what can be done to make improvements on the landing.

**CORRESPONDENCE**


- Pipeline Comm. Awareness Energy Ltr.
- MN Ppower Loop Reliability Ltr
- Fredenberg Newsletter
- Solway Newsletter
- TY 2021 PHS All Night Grad Party
- Lakewood Newsletter
- Duluth Township Newsletter
- Menards Rebate

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Comnick, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

  
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Amber Madoll, Clerk  
June 2, 2021

  
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Town Board Chair  
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