

Canosia Township

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2021

ATTENDING: Chair Dan Golen, Supervisor Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, and Rec Director Mike Ellingson. The meeting was held in person at the Canosia Town Hall and virtually due to the pandemic. One guest attended the meeting.

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 Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the agenda with the adding Filing for Elections under New Business. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. **MINUTES: Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes with an address correction and corrected text from Golen. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/21 –10/31/21). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
 - a. ARPA: Treasurer Borndal stated that they received extra ARPA funds because not everyone applied for funds, so there was some left over. The amount was \$3,841.19.
 - b. Hartel's: Motion made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Dan Golen to approve authorizing Treasurer Borndal to sign the new annual contract with Hartel's. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Comnick stated that after the end of the year, residents kept dumping trash at the collectors by the landings. Hartel's did not charge extra but he would like to put a lock on the dumpsters for next year and will unlock them for inspectors, when needed.
- D. **PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Dan Golen to pay bills # 21499–21531 and EFT2021-11. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **PLANNING AND ZONING:** Comnick stated that there were some complaints about the VRBO's. Clerk Madoll stated that there are two in the township and supervisors were notified via the PLAWCS board because both reside in the sewer district. Dieryck asked the Clerk to have the county notify the township of any VRBO applications for the township. Clerk Madoll agreed. Comnick stated that he asked Clerk Madoll to have a second signature added to the approval forms for a supervisor sign off. Golen stated that the Clerk was already notifying the board of each application, as well as, if there were concerns. He is concerned that it will delay the approval process and is unnecessary and that there are measures in place for accountability.

Connick asked if Clerk Madoll could notify the board of any applications and give a two day window for a response of concern/questions. Clerk Madoll stated that she would.

B. FIRE RELIEF: Chief Stevens stated that the by-laws will be sent down to the cities once Percy signs them. Dieryck stated that the next fire relief meeting is the second Tuesday in January.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- a. Chief Stevens shared the number of monthly responses. He also stated that there are two new members. They finished their first responder refresher and had the 148 AirGuard present for a response and equipment refresher. They also winterized the truck.
- b. ARPA Funds: All of their needed items have been purchased.
- c. Holiday party will be December 18, 2021.
- d. Dieryck shared that the Red Cross is offering free smoke detectors for anyone interested.

2021 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	NOVEMBER #'s	Notes	Total for 2021
EMS	16		168
Medical MUA	0		19
Twp Fire	2		18
MUA Fire	0		21
Service	0		0
TOTAL	22		216

D. ROADS: Connick stated that the original contractor for winter plowing backed out of the contract and Jay Peterson stepped up to take over for the season. Motion made by Dan Golen, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve Jay Peterson as the winter snow removal contract for the township for the 2021-2022 snow season. Motion approved 2 – 0 – 1. Connick abstained. Oswald stated that there are three trees on Townline Road that had to come down. He also talked with Minnesota Power about a property on Tomak Road where they were putting the meter too close to the center line. The concern was resolved.

E. RECYCLE SHED: Golen contacted Lori at WLSSD regarding business use of the recycling center. She stated that it is okay, unless it becomes excessive, in which case they can be directed to Grand Lake or WLSSD material's center. Dieryck stated that Bob will assist Frank. Treasurer Borndal stated that the yearly recycling training will be coming up as it normally occurs in Dec/Jan.

F. RECREATION AREA: Ellingson stated that all of the winter materials have been put away for the year. The playground has been repaired. Dieryck stated that she is researching grant information for playground improvements. Connick stated that the MAT website should have recreational grant applications with a 50% match.

G. AIS/CD3: Connick stated that next season there will be the need to hire a couple of inspectors.

H. TRAILS: Connick talked with MAT. They stated that there is an increase in liability having a trail that is used by both walkers and hunters. He recommended looking at the area and the level of risk to see if maybe the trail should be closed or have limited access during hunting season(s.) Golen stated that he doesn't want to limit hunting. Connick stated that maybe a cable rope could be put up on the entrances from fall to spring. Golen stated that some snow shoe on the trail. Oswald stated that people should be encouraged to wear orange. Board will continue to consider options.

I. NOXIOUS WEEDS: Connick stated that he and Oswald will be finishing and submitting the annual report.

- J. CEMETERY:** Connick stated that the owner of the mausoleum company passed away. He stated that he will reach out in late Jan/Feb to follow up on the Spring delivery. He has worked out some tentative costs and will bring some options in the spring.
- K. PLAWCS: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Dan Golen to approve Resolution 2021-15 that increases the purchasing limit of the PLAWCS Joint Power's Board from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- L. AIRPORT ZONING:** Connick stated that there will be meetings in 2022, but have not been scheduled yet.
- M. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:** Connick stated that Laird fixed the Zoning Door and it is now locked. After the holidays he and Chief Stevens will obtain price quotes for improved door locks.
- N. UPCOMING MEETINGS:** The next DAT meeting will be in January.
- O. MISC:** Chief Stevens requested a color printer and the board agreed. Clerk Madoll still needs to purchase the TV for the main town hall.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 5779 SPLR:** Dieryck stated that she firmly believes that the township should complete the survey of the easement to know exactly where it is. Connick agreed and felt that it was a good investment. Golen asked if it would be the easement and property. Dieryck stated that she was only wanting the easement surveyed. Motion made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick to authorize Penny Dieryck to obtain an estimate for a survey be conducted of the easement that is next to 5779 SPLR with the intention of the township to complete a survey of the easement at the township's expense. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Clerk Madoll will notify Graen that a survey will be completed. Clerk Madoll stated that the county responded and the triangle piece of land at the end of the Graen driveway is indeed a right of way.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Duluth Township Newsletter
- Midway Township Nextdoor Invite
- Card from Denise Kaneski
- Proctor School District Superintendent Search Information
- 2021 Req for End of Yr Report on Noxious Weeds
- MN Power ROW Toman Road expansion notice
- VEGA-3 Grant Application for Elections Notice

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kevin Connick, seconded by Dan Golen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Amber Madoll, Clerk

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APPROVED:


Town Board Chair

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