

Canosia Township

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2022

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and 1 guest. The meeting was held virtually and in person at the Canosia Town Hall.

Chair Connick 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 Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. **MINUTES: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve the April 6, 2022 Re-Organization Meeting minutes, the April 6, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes and the April 27, 2022 LBAE Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
 - a. Treasurer Borndal requested clarification on how the invoices from MSA Engineering and Sy/Com would be handled. Supervisor Connick stated that the township has direct agreements with those vendors and the invoices should be under the 69K approved amount. He stated that the township can pay up to the 69K amount and if there are additional costs, those can be forwarded to Donovan Frye.
 - b. Treasurer Borndal stated that the township received payment from the Hermantown School District for the 2021-22 use of the tennis courts.
- D. **PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick to pay bills # 21666–21706 and EFT2022-4. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **PLANNING AND ZONING:** Supervisor Connick stated that he notified the county of concerns on Vaux Road. They stated that they would handle the concerns.
- B. **FIRE RELIEF:** Chief Stevens stated that the auditor is out of Hibbing and is working on the audit. Supervisor Dieryck stated that the next meeting is July 22, 2022.
- C. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
 - a. Chief Stevens stated that they had MNFire present a class on fire fighter mental health awareness. Mayo ambulance also trained on the new IGel airways. They also held a class on fire behavior. He also stated that they will be ordering some new uniforms and jackets for the new volunteers. Truck parts were ordered during the month.
 - b. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to accept a donation of \$45.60 made out to the volunteer fire department. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

- c. Chief Stevens stated that on May 24, 2022 a helicopter will be landing on the rec fields for a training. Supervisor Dieryck and Rec. Director Ellingson stated that would be fine.

2022 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	MAY #'s	Notes	Total for 2022
EMS	13		52
Medical MUA	4	Grand Lake and Hermantown	7
Twp Fire	1		5
MUA Fire	0		14
Service	0		0
TOTAL	18		78

- D. ROADS:** Supervisor Connick stated that some of the roads need grading and the rest will be done later. He also stated that culvert repairs will be made using ARPA funds.
- E. RECYCLE SHED:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that recycling is going well. She informed Bolos that when he has recycling questions he can contact her and when he has building/maintenance concerns he can contact Erikson.
- F. RECREATION AREA:** Supervisor Dieryck stated she has met with multiple entities concerning the development of a new playground including the Pike Lake Elementary School PTA, the Superintendent of the Pike Lake School District, the DSCAF, the Red Cross, etc. There was a discussion about at one point putting together a new fund for tracking the incoming donations. There was also a discussion concerning online donations. Supervisor Dieryck will work on a letter and an article for the upcoming newsletter. Rec. Director Ellingson asked if there should be a post and new put up on the pickleball field. The board was in agreement that it should be done. Supervisor Connick recommended that he talk with Roger Anderson about the posts. Treasurer Borndal asked if the pay scale for the Rec. Director position was going to stay the same for the 2022-23 year. The board was in agreement that it would stay the same.
- G. CEMETERY:** Supervisor Connick stated that the mausoleum is shipping soon. The ground is too soft. They plan on installing it in June. The estimation for the truck fees is \$3,500-\$3,800. The board discussed participation in Memorial Day activities.
- H. PLAWCS:** Supervisor Connick stated that PLAWCS agreed on a bid from a Grand Rapids business for approximately \$220K for repairing Lift Station 2. The capital budget for each lift station upgrade was only \$50K. In addition, the required televising of lines has also significantly increased from what was budgeted and the PLAWCS Joint Powers Board will need to discuss how to address the capital fund. Chief Stevens stated that he will need to be notified when the repairs start as they use the landing as a water source.
- I. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:** Supervisor Erikson stated that the front sign is crooked. R. Anderson stated that he can take a look at the sign and see if he can help straighten it. The sewer cap was damaged, maybe by the snow plow. Road Foreman Oswell stated that it could be repaired and buried a bit so that it doesn't happen again. The miniature town hall is in need of repair. The gas line work done at the corner of Midway Rd and Martin Road did not finish repairing the land. The cemetery could use seal coating. Supervisor Connick stated that it could be done in collaboration with the townhall and fire department lots. The cemetery columns are cracked and peeling and could use repair. The gutters need to be repaired with down spouts, which would cost approximately \$1,500 - \$2,000. **Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve the following suggested repairs: repair of front town hall sign, repair of sewer cap and burying it, repair or removal of miniature town hall replica, seal coating of the cemetery, townhall lot, and fire department lot, repair of gas line work area, and gutter and downspout repairs. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

- J. AIS: Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to temporarily hire Allyssa Hagemeyer as AIS Manager and Cole Johnson, Chris Roach, Caleb Voss, Sarah Magnuson, Ellie Erikson, Larry Ehresman, and Nicole Ehresman as AIS Inspectors for the 2022 AIS season. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Supervisor Comnick stated that the in-person training has occurred and that they will start the weekend of fishing opener. He also stated that the CDC station would be open starting next week.
- K. MISC:** None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Townline Road: The City of Rice Lake sent a letter to the township requesting the ability to maintain Townline Road as there is only one Canosia Township resident on the road and five City of Rice Lake residents. **Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erickson to permit the City of Rice Lake to maintain Townline Road with Canosia Township maintaining ownership of Townline Road. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- B. Grant Matching: Supervisor Dieryck requested that Treasurer Borndal look into any restrictions with ARPA fund usage for grant matching.
- C. Summer Newsletter: It will go to print in July. Board members should begin to collect what they would like printed in the new issue.
- D. Grill Purchase: The board is in agreement that the township purchase a new grill for National Night Out.
- E. Chainsaw Purchase: **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the township purchase of a chainsaw for the approximate cost of \$411. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- F. 5779 SPLR: Supervisor Dieryck stated that the survey is in process for the property and the township should watch for an invoice.

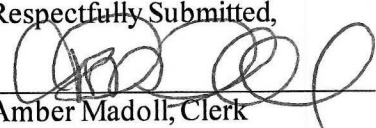
CORRESPONDENCE

City of Rice Like Request, SLC Valuation Notice, Fredenberg Newsletter, five letters and one email for LBAE meeting and two letters that arrived after the meeting, one dog tag application, genealogy queries.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Comnick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Amber Madoll, Clerk
June 1, 2022

APPROVED:


Town Board Chair
June 1, 2022