

# Canosia Township

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

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2022

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Assistant Fire Chief Clyde Mortinsen, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and 6 guests. The meeting was held virtually and in person at the Canosia Town Hall.

Chair Connick 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 Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. **MINUTES: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick to approve the May 4, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
  - a. Treasurer Borndal stated that a couple of receipts were missing. She, the Asst Fire Chief and the Clerk will locate them before the checks are paid.
  - b. Treasurer Borndal stated that the recycling grant was approved in full for \$13,754.62. Supervisor Connick and Clerk Madoll will sign it after the meeting.
  - c. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- D. **PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to pay bills# 21707–21741 and EFT2022-5 once all receipts are accounted for. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. **Caribou Lake Tract Plat Concern:** Supervisor Connick stated that he contacted the township lawyer, Mr. Orman, concerning the matter and then he read the lawyer's response (attached.) The neighbors present during the meeting Trudy and Dan Beckwith, Joe Austin, and Ian Lewandowski discussed the situation and came to an agreement that the access would be made on the south side of the property. Clerk Madoll will send a copy of Mr. Orman's letter to all of the parties.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. **PLANNING AND ZONING:** No updates.
- B. **FIRE RELIEF:** Asst. Fire Chief Mortinsen stated that the auditor is working on completing the audit by the 6.30.22 due date.
- C. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
  - a. Asst. Fire Chief Mortinsen stated that they had training on forcible entry and conducted a live fire burn as LSC. They provided medical support for the Pike Lake Race and they completed maintenance on the trucks.

2022 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	JUNE #'s	Notes	Total for 2022
EMS	12		64
Medical MUA	8	Grand Lake and Hermantown	15
Twp Fire	8		13
MUA Fire	8		22
Service	1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>		<b>115</b>

- D. ROADS:** Supervisor Comnick stated they are in good condition. He stated that it would be good if an asphalt pad could be placed in the rec area by the entrance. Supervisor Erikson will get some quotes. Chairman Comnick stated that the City of Rice Lake would like to take complete ownership of Townline Road, not just maintain it. He will contact Mr. Orman to research whether the road can be given to the city or if the ownership needs to stay with the township. Supervisor Comnick stated that Mr. Dunaiski wants a dead end sign at his road as he is concerned about kids playing in the street. Supervisor Comnick reached out to Vic Lund, who is the traffic engineer for St. Louis County. He read during the meeting Mr. Lund's response (attached) which states a sign should not be added. Supervisor Comnick stated that the townhall, fire department, and cemetery needed seal coating. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to accept the Asphalt of Duluth quote to seal coat the town hall parking lot, town hall fire department slab, and the cemetery in the amount of \$5,195. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- E. RECYCLE SHED:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that Rec Area Director Ellingson is going to work a shift this upcoming week and the time will need to slightly change. Bolos will make signs notifying residents of the time change.
- F. RECREATION AREA:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that she would like for there to be an option for online donations for the playground. Supervisor Erikson stated that the lawyer should be consulted. Supervisor Comnick stated that he is concerned that residents will ask why a new playground is being built when their roads are not black topped. He stated that instead, the ARPA funds that would be used for the playground, should go to adding electrical under the rec area. Supervisor Erikson stated that residents might like a dog park or adult fitness area. Supervisor Comnick stated that the playground is worthwhile but where it goes should be discussed further. He recommended that Benson Electric be contacted for putting electric underground. Supervisor Dieryck will look into getting quotes. Rec Area Director Ellingson stated that the fields need to be fertilized. L. Erikson stated that whoever did the work last year missed a lot of spots. Rec Area Director Ellingson stated that he would talk with them and would also make sure that the fences were sprayed. The board discussed that the pickleball court shouldn't be reserved for entities to then charge residents for use. Supervisor Comnick stated that businesses wanting to reserve any portion of the rec area should be reviewed by the board to make sure that they are not charging residents, and that if they are, then they are also paying the township for usage. Supervisor Erikson stated that the board needs a fee schedule for the rec area to make sure it is equitable for group use. Supervisor Dieryck will notify community education to contact the board for future group usage. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to have the little league and soccer fields fertilized. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- G. CEMETERY:** Supervisor Comnick stated that the mausoleum is arriving. The final bill for freight and delivery will then be sent to the treasurer for processing.
- H. PLAWCS:** No update.
- I. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:** Supervisor Erikson stated that the gutters were fixed. Supervisor Comnick stated that the township and fire department doors are still on track. He asked about the veteran name plates at the cemetery and if they could be made into something nicer, like a gold plaque. Rec Area Director Ellingson will look into the upgrade.

- J. Newsletter:** Supervisor Comnick will provide articles on roads and PLAWCS, Supervisor Erikson on the cemetery and building updates, Supervisor Dieryck on the rec area, and recycling, Clerk Madoll on elections and National Night Out, Treasurer Borndal on the WLSSD grant, and the Asst Fire Chief on the fire department.
- K. AIS:** Supervisor Comnick stated that the Pike Lake Association has offered to donate pay for inspectors to stay on board longer, if needed.
- L. National Night Out:** Will be held on August 2, 2022 from 5pm-7pm. There will be hotdogs, brats, chips, pop, etc. Supervisor Comnick stated that the fire department should purchase a grill up to 1K for the event. He will look into entertainment.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Pike Lake Elementary School Wi-Fi Access Point:** Motion made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to allow Pike Lake Elementary School the ability to put up wifi access points across the rec area as long as any needed wiring goes underground. Motion carried 3 – 0.
- B. Township Parking Lot:** The board is concerned about liability related to non-township business parking in the lot. They decided to hold on the topic until they see if it is an issue.
- C. Misc:** Supervisor Erikson stated that R. Anderson is going to repair the township sign at not cost to the township. Supervisor Comnick stated that any donations from the Pike Lake Run need to be approved by the board. Clerk Madoll will contact MN Energy Resources about their work at the corner of Midway Road and Martin Road. The board was in agreement that the moveable cement lot markers should be removed from the public landing.

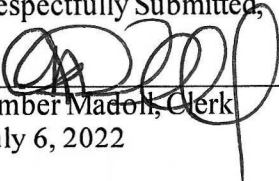
#### CORRESPONDENCE

Duluth Township Newsletter, Fredenberg Township newsletter, Driveway Application Across from 4790 Vaux Rd, Pike Lake Run Reminder, Dunaiski Rd Signage concern, MN Power Line Req for Public Access, Community Ed Pickleball Use Questions, Old Cabin Rd road maintenance questions, PLA annual mtg req

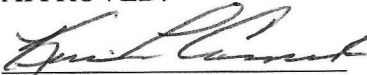
#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Amber Madoll, Clerk  
July 6, 2022

APPROVED:

  
Town Board Chair  
July 6, 2022