

Canosia Township

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2022

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck (Virtual), Supervisor Jeff Erikson (Virtual), 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 Comnick 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 Jeff Erikson, seconded by Kevin Comnick to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. **MINUTES: Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve the October 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
 - a. **Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Comnick to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- D. **PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to pay bills # 21934-21968 and EFT2022-12. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **PLANNING AND ZONING:** Supervisor Comnick stated that they held a joint special meeting with St. Louis County and Grand Lake Township to discuss the township's VRBO concerns. He stated that PLAWCS chose to pass a policy that states VRBO's within the district can only have 2 people/bedroom plus 2 people. Ie. A two bedroom home can have 6 people. He stated that all VRBO's within the district will also be considered commercial and will pay a commercial rate for sewer use.
- B. **FIRE RELIEF:** Chief Stevens stated that the state aid of \$15,762.76 went to PERA correctly. Treasurer Borndal stated that she would process the township's commitment as a regular claim that will be approved at the December meeting. Once approved, then she will determine how to wire the transfer.
- C. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
 - a. Chief Stevens reviewed his report. The fire prevention week went well, as did the department's volunteering at the halloween event at the golf course. He stated that they had classes on sprinkler systems and fire alarms. For medical training they have a class on abdominal pain and chest trauma. They also had work done on engine 1 and 2 to try and finish up pump testing. He stated that he would like for the town board to consider investing in new equipment for the fire department. Supervisor Comnick recommended that a special meeting be held November 28, 2022 at 5:30pm at the Canosia Town Hall to discuss the subject.

- b. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve Resolution 2022-17 to accept a check for \$150 from the Joel Bullyan Trust on behalf of the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- c. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve Resolution 2022-18 to accept a check for \$2.33 from the Verizon on behalf of the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

2022 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	NOVEMBER #'s	Notes	Total for 2022
EMS	14		124
Medical MUA	0		28
Twp Fire	2		21
MUA Fire	3		34
Service	0		3
TOTAL	21		210

- D. **ROADS:** Supervisor Comnick stated that the roads have been graded and all brushing done. He stated that the county and Jay Peterson will be doing the snow plowing for the township. Supervisor Erikson asked what the determination was on Townline Road. Supervisor Comnick stated that the township and county were in agreement that they would manage the snow plowing and he sent an email to the mayor of Rice Lake advising them of such.
- E. **RECYCLE SHED:** Supervisor Comnick stated that he received a call from Hartel's stating that Bolos asked them to come out and empty a container on a different day than the designated one. He stated that any decisions related to trash removal should be made by a town supervisor. Treasurer Bomdal stated that the new application process for the recycling grant should open in December or early January.
- F. **RECREATION AREA:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that she contacted multiple places for quotes on upgrading the ground work around the current playground and will continue to work on the DNR grant proposal.
- G. **CEMETERY:** Road Foreman Oswell stated that there was a funeral held at the cemetery. He stated that he noted three plots that had a large rock in them and so he notified the clerk to remove them from the available spots. Rec Director Ellingson stated that the plaque will be ready this week.
- H. **PLAWCS:** **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to pass Resolution 2022-15 to certify to taxes \$18,925.06 in past due sewer bills to the associated parcels. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- I. **BUILDING MAINT:** Supervisor Comnick stated that there are new sensors in the toilets and LED lights in the townhall.
- J. **ELECTIONS:** **Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to pass Resolution 2022-16 that approves Canosia Town Hall 4896 Midway Road Duluth MN 55811 as the 2023 Polling Place. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. The general election will be held at the townhall from 7:00am-8:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **SUPER ONE:** Clerk Madoll stated that the paperwork to review the license for SuperOne did not arrive in time for the meeting. Clerk Madoll did contact SuperOne and notify them.
- B. **5293 Lavaque Road:** Supervisor Comnick stated that the land was tax forfeited and that the township could take over the property if it could define a specific purpose for the parcel. Each town supervisor will visit the property and then will discuss it at the December meeting.

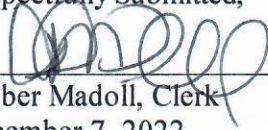
CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you from the 2023 PHA All Night Grad Party Committee, Fredenberg Newsletter, and Town of Midway Comp Plan Ltr

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Penny Dieryck, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoll, Clerk
December 7, 2022

APPROVED:



Town Board Chair
December 7, 2022