

Canosia Township

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2022

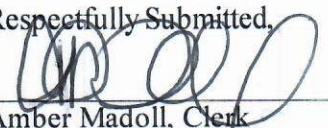
ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Chief Gene Stevens, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Sandstedt, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, and Clerk Amber Madoll. The meeting was held in person at the Canosia Town Hall. Chair Connick called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET: Connick stated that that Treasurer Borndal put together a report that reflected the amount of funds in the Fire Department Operations Budget, the Fire Department Truck Replacement Fund, and the Township's ARPA Budget. Chief Stevens stated that the current packs were bought close to two decades ago with a FEMA grant. They normally last approximately 15 years. There are no longer updates available. They carry 45lb bottles and have multiple battery packs. Connick stated that he was concerned with the department using packs that were beyond their normal shelf life and that it could endanger the fire fighters, as well as, be a liability to the township. He and Chief Stevens discussed that if new packs were purchased the old ones could be donated. Chief Stevens stated that there are some good bottles that could be used with new packs. He also discussed how new packs would contain amplifiers, which would help significantly with communication. Right now only some of the current packs have amplifiers. The new packs are adjustable and would fit the volunteers better, reducing physical exhaustion and potential injury. They also have less batteries and the ones they would have a 15 year warranty that would match the tanks. Chief Stevens stated that currently there are 22 current fire fighters, though they may lose two at the end of the month. He went on to state that the packs have thermal vision ability and the plan would be to purchase three thermal units, one for each truck. They can be attached to the packs instead of being held. The packs would also have the capacity for GPS and additional technology, which can be downloaded to the packs as needed. Lastly, the packs would also have rescue hoses attached, making it safer if someone's pack fails while on site. The township board discussed these topics in depth, the quote from MacQueen Emergency Group, and the amount of funds in each account. (Quote attached) **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to utilize \$50K of the Fire Department's Operations Budget, \$100K of the Fire Department's Truck Replacement Fund, and the remainder of the funds needed to come out of the township's ARPA funds to purchase new packs listed in the MacQueen Emergency Group's quote for the Canosia Township Fire Department. Motion passed unanimously, 3 – 0. The board also discussed the status of bunker gear, trucks, and radios.

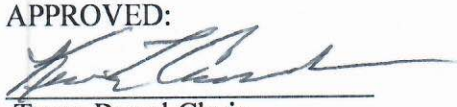
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:03p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Amber Madoll, Clerk
December 7, 2022

APPROVED:


Town Board Chair
December 7, 2022