

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 December 7 2022

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Jeff Erikson (Virtual), Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, and 2 guests. 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 Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Comnick 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 November 11, 2022, November 15, 2022, and November 28, 2022 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT:**
 - a. Treasurer Borndal stated that the annual service agreement with Hartel's was ready for the chairman's signature. Comnick will sign it following the meeting.
 - b. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, 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 # 21969—22006 and EFT2022-13. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pike Lake Golf Course and Club: R. Anderson stated that they land has started to be cleared for their housing development.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. PLANNING AND ZONING:** None.
- B. FIRE RELIEF:** Treasurer Borndal stated that the annual contribution will be wired directly to PERA.
- C. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
 - a. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve Resolution 2022-19 that supports the purchase of new packs for the fire department. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
 - b. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to allow the fire department to use the town hall for their annual appreciation dinner. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
 - c. Chief Stevens shared that the department had their CPR refresher and a speaker from MN Fire on firefighter cardiac issues.

| 2022 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES | | | |
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| Call Type | DECEMBER #'s | Notes | Total for 2022 |
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| EMS | 9 | | 133 |
| Medical MUA | 5 | GRAND LAKE AND HERMANTOWN | 33 |
| Twp Fire | 1 | | 22 |
| MUA Fire | 3 | RICE LAKE AND HERMANTOWN | 37 |
| Service | 0 | | 3 |
| TOTAL | 18 | | 228 |

- D. **ROADS:** None.
- E. **RECYCLE SHED:** There will be recycling meeting on 12.14.22 that Dieryck will attend on behalf of the township.
- F. **RECREATION AREA:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that the Proctor Baseball Club is intending on speaking at the January meeting. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the completion of electrical work at the rec area by Benson Electric for up to \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- G. **CEMETERY:** None.
- H. **PLAWCS:** Supervisor Comnick stated that the panel installation is complete on lift stations 1, 3, 4, and 5. He stated that there are still concerns about a substance in the man hole by the Tongue and Groove that they are working on resolving. Chief Stevens stated that it could be a part of the sprinkler system.
- I. **BUILDING MAINT:** None.
- J. **5293 LAVAQUE ROAD:** **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to accept the tax forfeited parcel at 5293 Lavaque Road. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- K. **ELECTION:** Candidate filing for the one open town supervisor position is January 3, 2023 until January 17, 2023.
- L. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to pause the December 7, 2022 board meeting until December 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

*MEETING PAUSED BY CHAIRMAN COMNICK TO BE RESUMED 12.8.22 AT 7:00 P.M. AT CANOSIA TOWN HALL.

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 December 8 2022**

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Bomdal, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Michael Orman, and 1 guest at Canosia Town Hall. Mayor Werner, Clerk Toni Blomdahl, Councilor Herstad, Councilor Quade, Councilor Hegstrom, Councilor Heim, and Michael Couri were present from their town hall.

Chair Comnick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **ANNEXATION DISCUSSION:** Supervisor Comnick introduced everyone present and Mayor Werner began his board meeting so that both entities were in session. Couri discussed the process for an Order of Annexation. He stated that there is a large development looking to build on a small portion of Canosia

Township. The City of Rice Lake will be providing the infrastructure for the development. The land is undeveloped, some of which is swamp. There are no residents or buildings on the parcels in question. He stated that in the agreement for annexation there will be a provision that Canosia Township will receive 50% of the property taxes of the parcels for 5 years once the development is built and tax abatement is over. He discussed the potential for appeals to the annexation and how that process would work. He discussed the importance of confidentiality. Mayor Werner stated that the discussion concerning the land began four years ago between the developer, Rice Lake, St. Louis County, and the City of Duluth. Canosia Township was not included in the discussions, even though the potential development would be occurring on township land. Mayor Werner reached out to Chairman Cornick in 2022 to discuss the project and engage Canosia Township in the discussions. Supervisor Cornick stated that he was disappointed that the township was not engaged earlier and was appreciative that the City of Rice Lake eventually notified them. He discussed his support of the annexation, in part, due to the desire to partner with the City of Rice Lake as they were the ones to inform the township of the potential annexation. Orman stated that the agreement is a good one for the township as it will allow and orderly annexation v. a forced annexation to occur and it allowed for new township revenue on land currently being unused. The board reviewed the maps related to the potential annexation, which include approximately 125 acres. Couri discussed how everyone would be notified and the publishing requirements for the annexation. Mayor Werner was clear during the meeting that the City of Rice Lake is not interested in annexing more of Canosia Township than the parcels being discussed at this meeting. They are simply interested in supporting the township in avoiding a forced annexation of the land by other entities. Board discussed further the process and timeline. **Motion** made by Kevin Cornick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to enter into a partial Orderly Annexation with the City of Rice Lake detailed in Resolution 2022-20. Motion carried unanimously. 3 – 0.


CORRESPONDENCE

Fredenberg Township Newsletter, Duluth Township Newsletter, Eklund, Letter Pinewood Letter, WLSSD Hearing Notice.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoll, Clerk
April 5, 2023

APPROVED:



Town Board Chair
April 5, 2023