

Canosia Township

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Town Board: Chair Daniel J. Golen, Supervisor Kevin L. Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2022

ATTENDING: Chair Dan Golen, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Bomdal, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, and Rec Director Mike Ellingson. The meeting was held in person at the Canosia Town Hall and virtually due to the pandemic. Seven guests attended the meeting.

Chair Golen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

AGENDA, MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS

- A. **AGENDA: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. **MINUTES: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Dan Golen to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/22 –1/31/22). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
 - a. Treasurer Borndal asked for clarification on if the rec area fence should be applied to the referendum. Connick stated that since it wasn't requested prior to installation, no.
 - b. Carlson Concrete is now Red Rock Aggregate and the files have been updated.
 - c. There was lost revenue in 2022 in the amount of \$1,479.
 - d. The board discussed the credit card's lack of balancing out a charge from FD PPE in Nov 2020. Treasurer Borndal stated that the invoice did not charge the full amount of the merchandise and that there were attempts to have a second invoice sent. However, the company in question believes that nothing else is owed. Connick recommended getting it in writing so that there was a paper trail.
- D. **PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick to pay bills # 21566–21599 and EFT2022-1. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Ellingson brought up a request for a donation to the Knights of Columbus. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the donation to the Knights of Columbus. After further discussion Connick withdrew his motion.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **PLANNING AND ZONING:** None
- B. **FIRE RELIEF:** Chief Stevens stated that PERA is complete. They are looking for an accountant. Connick stated that he would ask Donovan Frye if he was interested or knew of someone. Chief Stevens stated that the

calendars went out and that their next meeting is in April. He stated that the calendars bring in approximately 2K that is specific for the relief fund or fire prevention activities.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- a. Chief Stevens stated that there were 25 calls. They also had a refresher class on PPE use and a speaker from MNFIRE about Fire Fighter awareness.
- b. False Alarm Ordinance: REM Group Home, 4762 Midway Road has had additional false alarms and Chief Stevens has one from 1.30.22 that he will forward to Clerk Madoll so that she can send a False Alarm notice to the business.
- c. Budgeting: Comnick recommended that the FD put together a multi-year, documented budget request in order to update the FD packs.
- d. KC Pro East Snowmobile Racing: Chief Stevens is concerned that the organization did not reach out to the township prior to organizing their events on Pike Lake. He is concerned that FD support will be necessary and that it was not planned in advance. Comnick stated that these type of events should be presented to the board so that they are aware of their occurrence. He is also concerned about potential liability on the public landing. Chief Stevens will find out what type of permit they have. Their events are to occur on 2.19.22 and 2.26.22

2022 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES

Call Type	JANUARY #'s	Notes	Total for 2022
EMS	19		19
Medical MUA	0		0
Twp Fire	1		1
MUA Fire	5	Rice Lake, Grand Lake	5
Service	0		0
TOTAL	25		25

- D. **ROADS:** Comnick stated that costs are up due to increasing pricing and a lack of contractors. The SLC project to update Midway Rd from Hwy 53 to Kehtel has been put on hold til 2023. The county is interested in removing the entrance to the township parking lot that is closest to the intersection of Midway Road and Martin Rd, due to traffic flow. There has also been discussion about moving the entrance of the golf course. Dieryck stated that there are trees blocking the intersection of Samuelson Road and Ugstad Road. Oswell stated that they are probably in the right of way and that the county should be contacted. The board also discussed that the intersection by Casa Latte will be turned into a J-turn and the intersection of 194 and Midway Road will be turned into a round-a-bout.
- E. **RECYCLE SHED:** Treasurer Borndal stated that the grant is complete, signed and will be submitted following the meeting. The board discussed Bolos concern about the lids of the trash receptacles not closing because of the wind off of the lake now that the trees are cut down on the golf course. Golen stated that he has not heard back from WLSSD as of yet concerning the topic. Dieryck stated that when Bolos communicates with WLSSD the Clerk should be copied so that there is a record of the communication.
- F. **RECREATION AREA:** Dieryck stated that she would like to turn the back baseball field into a new accessible playground. The current playground would then be redone into new green space for families to gather. The board discussed the history of the field and how it is currently utilized. Comnick stated that if the

board chooses to move forward with renovating that area, the land belongs to the township to make such decisions. He recommended moving forward with the project and perhaps using some of the ARPA funding to cover the engineering and planning process. Golen stated that the newsletter would be a good way to get public input, as well. Dieryck stated that she will be contacting the UMD Rec Program to see if any of the students would like to do a feasibility study.

- G. **AIS/CD3:** Comnick stated that the grant was approved for 30K. He will need to hire 2-3 inspectors for the upcoming season.
- H. **TRAILS:** None
- I. **NOXIOUS WEEDS:** None
- J. **CEMETERY:** Dieryck stated that she was concerned about snowmobilers crossing through the cemetery. Oswell stated that Mr. Gamache passed away and he is working with his son to plan the burial for spring. Comnick stated that he is still working on the price estimates for the new mausoleum and he is estimating that they will be around 1K/each.
- K. **PLAWCS:** Comnick stated that Roger Anderson and WLSSD are discussing the availability of flow related to the development and that there are some differences in opinion of accessible flow. In addition, lift station two will need to be upgraded in 2022 which will be a rather large capital investment.
- L. **AIRPORT ZONING:** Comnick stated that there is a meeting tomorrow to approve the previous meeting's minutes and then they will decide if there will be future meetings.
- M. **BUILDING MAINTENANCE:** Chief Stevens stated that the rest of the gutter on the building needed to come out as it is rotted.
- N. **UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Besides the upcoming airport zoning meeting there will be a DAT meeting in March and an upcoming SLC Township meeting. The Annual Meeting for the township will be March 8, 2022 at 8:30 p.m.
- O. **MISC:** None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Pike Lake Run:** Chief Stevens stated that he is concerned that they should have reached out to schedule a meeting to review event plans. He is concerned about how large the event is and having enough time to prepare supportive resources. Comnick stated that they needed to appear before the board to discuss the event as the board advised them last year. Clerk Madoll will send the planners a request to contact Chief Stevens and to attend the March regular board meeting.
- B. **Spring Newsletter:** The board is in agreement that the newsletter can go to print.
- C. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Dan Golen to approve Penny Dieryck, Nancy Camerson, Laura Solem, and Barb Misgen as 2022 March Election Judges. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- D. Dieryck needs a subscription to Microsoft for the laptop. Clerk Madoll will ask Krasaway if there is an office plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Census Bureau Boundary and Annex Survey
- WLSSD recycle materials
- MN Public Utilities Commission Notice of Environmental Scoping Mtg

- MAT in person trainings notice
- Duluth Township Newsletter
- Town of Fredenberg Newsletter

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoll, Clerk

March 2, 2022

APPROVED:



Town Board Chair

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