

## Canosia Township

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

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 5, 2023

**ATTENDING:** Chair Penny Dieryck (virtual), Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Asst Fire Chief Clyde Mortinsen, and 3 guests. The meeting was held virtually and in person at the Canosia Town Hall.

Vice Chair Connick called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

### AGENDA, MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS

- A. AGENDA: Motion** made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
- B. MINUTES: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve June 7th Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT:**
  - a. Treasurer Borndal stated that there was a change in the recycling grant agreement and the township will receive \$14,935.31 instead of \$15,237.00. Supervisor Dieryck will sign the revised agreement when she returns to town.
  - b. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve the treasurer's report as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
- D. PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to pay bills # 22213–22250 and EFT2023-6. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Mr. Wallace:** Wallace stated that he is the new president of the Pike Lake Association and is looking forward to working with the township in the upcoming year.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. PLANNING AND ZONING:** Supervisor Connick stated that he had heard that there were issues with Wastewood Recycling but had not heard back from the county.
- B. FIRE RELIEF:** None.
- C. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- a. Fire Chief Stevens stated the response numbers for the month. He also stated that they had a car extrication class and a car fire class. They held both classes at the old trailhead parking area. They also had all of their hoses pressure tested and then put back on the truck.
- b. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve Resolution 2023-11 to accept a donation from Prudential for \$47.50 on behalf of the fire department. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
- c. **Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve Resolution 2023-12 to accept a donation from Steve McGregor for \$50.00 on behalf of the fire department. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
- d. The board discussed the need for a trailer for the side by side. They discussed that there needed to be space in the garage if it was an open trailer. Otherwise, a closed trailer could be parked next to it. They were in agreement to get an open trailer and Fire Chief Stevens will bring prices to the next meeting.

2023 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	JULY #'s	Notes	Total for 2023
EMS	6		51
Medical MUA	5	GLFD, Hermantown	16
Twp Fire	3	Pike Lake School, Holiday Gas, and a basement filled with water	14
MUA Fire	2	Rice Lake and Fredenberg	12
Service	0		0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>93</b>

- D. **ROADS:** Supervisor Connick stated that Midway, Kehtel, and Sunny Lane have had their first layer completed. He stated that the township is not planning on doing striping this year. Clerk Madoll asked why Woodhill Lane was partially paved when it's a private gravel road. She is concerned that the homeowner's costs will go up over maintenance. The board was unsure as to why it was paved. There is currently work being done on Martin Road, as well.
- E. **RECYCLE SHED:** Supervisor Connick asked why the window to the garage was covered. Supervisor Dieryck stated that it might be due to the sunlight coming in but will ask staff.
- F. **RECREATION AREA:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that she did receive two quotes for the asphalt work around the play-ground. Asphalt of Duluth was the lower bid with \$8,935. Supervisor Connick asked her to send the quotes to the board. Supervisor Dieryck stated that the original fencing repairs should be completed between July 6-7 and requested that the fencing be unlocked. She stated that pickleball players are unhappy that the children at the school are drawing chalk on the courts so she asked the school coordinator to have them stop. She also thanked Asst Fire Chief Clyde Mortinsen and Laird Erikson for their assistance with the recreation area. Supervisor Connick stated that he would like for the recreation area to be renamed in honor of Gerhart Erikson, who donated the land to the township. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Erikson to approve Resolution 2023-10 which renames the Canosia Township Recreation Area the Gerhart Erikson Recreation Area. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
- G. **CEMETERY:** The board discussed upgrading the veteran plaque and how to confirm whether someone had completed military service. Supervisor Erikson stated that he would reach out to other cemeteries and report back to the board next month. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to

authorize weed treatment for the cemetery in 2024. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor.

- H. PLAWCS:** Supervisor Comnick stated that the state met the 100% threshold for FEMA aid and that the next step is for the president and governor to authorize the aid. Treasurer Borndal stated that there has been some confusion over how much each township should be paying to WLSSD on behalf of PLAWCS.
- I. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** The board and volunteer fire department leadership discussed what to serve at the event and what would occur. Clerk Madoll stated that she and the new Deputy Clerk would bring ipads to collect recreation area surveys. The event will be held August 1, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- J. RECREATION AREA SURVEY:** Clerk Madoll stated that there have been 22 responses to date. She also had the survey sent out to the school e-list and the Pike Lake Association's e-list.
- K. TRAILS:** Fire Chief Stevens stated that they are using the trail head for trainings.
- L. AIS:** Supervisor Comnick stated that the inspectors saw someone dumping in the garbage dumpster so they took their plates, which were turned over to the sheriff department. He also stated that signage had been added to deter individuals from camping at the lake access.
- M. NOXIOUS WEEDS:** Road Foreman Oswell stated there is some in the township, however, it's on private property.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rodde Property:** Supervisor Comnick stated that Ryan Rodda was collecting vehicles in the right of way on Tomak. The board requested that Clerk Madoll send Bob Rodda (the owner) a letter stating that if items are not moved out of the right of way on Tomak by 7.31.23 then the township would remove the items and send a bill back to Mr. Rodda.
- B. Deputy Clerk:** Clerk Madoll stated that she interviewed two individuals for the Deputy Clerk position and chose Jen Brunette, who is a Canosia Township resident.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

WLSSD Newsletter; Town of Fredenberg Newsletter; North Shore Bank Ltr with increase notice; WLSSD Notice of Public Comment Period for Regional Plan.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Kevin Comnick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Amber Madoll, Clerk

August 2, 2023

APPROVED:

  
Penny Dieryck, Town Board Chair

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