

Canosia Township

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2023

ATTENDING: Chair Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Asst Fire Chief Clyde Mortinsen, and 9 guests. The meeting was held virtually and in person at the Canosia Town Hall.

Chair Dieryck 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 Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the agenda with the Lacross Raffle moved up under Public Comment. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor.
- B. **MINUTES: Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve August 2, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as written and August 14, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
 - a. Treasurer Borndal asked the board to pass a resolution to accept FEMA monies. **Motion** made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Kevin Comnick to approve Resolution 2023-14 that authorizes the treasurer to accept FEMA funds on behalf of the township. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor.
 - b. Treasurer Borndal stated that the recommended retention plan necessitates fire proof gun cabinets for office paperwork of value. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to authorize Clerk Madoll to purchase two fire proof cabinets for up to \$1,400.00 total for township use. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor.
 - c. **Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve the treasurer's report as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor.
- D. **PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to pay bills # 22287–22322 and EFT2023-8. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. 4968 Lorendale Road: Supervisor Comnick stated that he emailed WLSSD concerning the property and was advised that the county has a person that addresses blight but they are extremely back logged. He stated that he has also emailed other entities. He stated that Canosia Township cannot do anything as they do not have a blight policy nor manpower to hold one accountable for blight. However, the board will

continue to help push resolution with other agencies. One resident offered the township access to his property to view the blight of his neighbor. Wallace stated that it's severe enough that one could see it clearly from the road. A resident stated that they did talk to the MPCA as they are worried that the rubbish will leak into their wells. Another resident stated that the sheriff had been out multiple times to the property over concerns. Supervisor Comnick stated that he would follow up with the agencies tomorrow to help push for resolution. A resident asked if the township could pass a blight ordinance and Supervisor Comnick stated that it had been looked into in previous years but that the township does not have the manpower to enforce one and it's better left in the hands of the other agencies. Many of the residents shared that they have photos and Clerk Madoll asked if they would email them to her and she would forward them on to the board and WLSSD.

- B. Lacrosse Bingo: The representatives from the Lacrosse League stated that they would like to be able to hold bingo at the Pike Lake Golf and Beach Club. Anderson stated that he already offers pull tabs. Supervisor Comnick stated that the permit comes from the county and that the township is supportive if they want to seek a permit from the county. Supervisor Dieryck asked that they follow back up with the township board and give them an update once they have sought out the permit.

OLD BUSINESS

A. **PLANNING AND ZONING:** none.

B. **FIRE RELIEF:** none.

C. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- a. Fire Chief Stevens stated the response numbers for the month. He also stated that they cooked for National Night Out and sent three trucks to the Hoghead parade in Proctor. They did a training on ropes and knots, as well as, ventilation training. He also stated that they would be willing to participate in the Golf Club's Scareway on the Fairway event in October.

2023 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	SEPTEMBER #'s	Notes	Total for 2023
EMS	12		77
Medical MUA	5	GL FD; Hermantown FD	23
Twp Fire	1	Co Alarm	15
MUA Fire	6	GL FD; Hermantown FD	19
Service	0		0
TOTAL	16		134

- D. **ROADS: Motion** made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve Resolution 2023-13 that approves the contract with St. Louis County for road work striping in 2024. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor. **Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve Resolution 2023-15 that approves the 2023-24 winter snowplowing contract with St. Louis County. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor. Supervisor Comnick stated that he wanted the culvert policy discussion to stay on the agenda for next month.

E. **RECYCLE SHED:** None.

F. **RECREATION AREA:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that she is waiting to hear from Peterson Excavating on when the playground landscaping will be done. She stated that L. Erikson and Asst. Fire Chief

Mortinsen took down the batting cage. She also stated that she would like a formal policy on team rentals for the recreation area. Supervisor Comnick stated that he recommends 1K for the Proctor Baseball Club and Arrowhead Soccer Association. The Hermantown School District already pays a fee for the tennis courts. Supervisor Dieryck stated that she met with the Proctor School District superintendent and showed him the playgrounds and plans for the recreation area. She stated that he was in agreement that the school district should be contributing towards the maintenance and upkeep of the recreation area. Anderson offered to pay the fees for the sporting clubs. Supervisor Comnick stated that it's important that the clubs make the contributions themselves so that they feel vested in and a part of the recreation area. The board will continue to discuss the topic. Asst. Fire Chief Mortinsen stated that a resident put their junk mail into the recreation area trash. Supervisor Comnick stated that an article could be put in the newsletter reminding residents not to toss trash in the recreation area dumpsters. Supervisor Dieryck stated that she could also send them a letter. Wallace asked if she would write an article about the recreation area for the Pike Lake newsletter and she was in agreement.

- G. CEMETERY:** Supervisor Erikson stated that a new plaque will be completed by fall. Supervisor Dieryck stated that the man she saw last month at the cemetery was cleaning a stone.
- H. PLAWCS:** Supervisor Comnick stated that he is having the township lawyer review the by law and joint powers agreement recommendations from Grand Lake Township. He also explained the issue with the exposed pipe on the boundary between the Ogston and Versterstein properties and how they are reviewing options for repair.
- I. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:** Supervisor Comnick stated that the floors need to be redone in the townhall. He stated that it typically costs \$600-700. **Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to authorize the townhall floor to be refinished for up to \$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor.
- J. AIS:** Supervisor Comnick stated that the program is ending next week and that it went well.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. NEWSLETTER:** Clerk Madoll asked that a new newsletter be approved at the next meeting. Supervisor Dieryck agreed to write an article on the recreation and recycling areas. Fire Chief Stevens agreed to write an article on the fire department. Supervisor Comnick will write about PLAWCS and AIS.

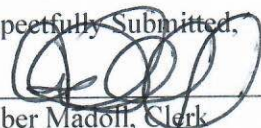
CORRESPONDENCE:

Fredenberg Newsletter, resident letters of concern about Lorendale Rd property, annual tax poster letter, and annual tax levy letter.

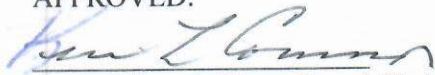
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Jeff Erikson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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 Madoff, Clerk
October 4, 2023

APPROVED:


Penny Dieryck, Town Board Chair
October 4, 2023