

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

June 7, 2023

ATTENDING: Chair Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Asst Fire Chief Clyde Mortinsen, and 3 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 Jeff Erikson to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. **MINUTES: Motion** made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve May 3, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes, May 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, and May 18, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
 - a. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the treasurer's report as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- D. **PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to pay bills # 22179–22212 and EFT2023-5. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. **Ms. Fontaine-Gayle:** Resident stated that there are residents driving dirt bikes, four wheelers, and cars going 40-50 mph along Kehtel Rd and Shady Ln. She stated that she is very concerned that someone is going to be injured and would like a speed sign posted on the road. She understands that this won't stop some people from speeding, but is hoping that it might at least stop some. Supervisor Dieryck stated that others have asked in the past for speed signage on side roads and that the board policy has been against adding them based on feedback from the county road engineer. Supervisor Comnick stated that there is also concern that if signage starts to be approved, then the township could become flooded with requests, which would then defeat the purpose of the original signage. He stated that he would contact the county road engineer and ask his thoughts. If he thinks that the township should place a sign, then the board will take the request into consideration.
- B. **Mr. Jorgenson:** Resident stated that he lives on Lindahl Road and is involved with the Proctor Baseball Club. He stated that he would like to know what the township's plans are for the back baseball field. Supervisor Dieryck stated that the board agreed to pay ½ the aglime for the front field; that they recommended that the Club put the batting cage in a new location to better improve safety; that the dug out room needed to be kept neater than previous years, and that the Club needed to fix the signs. She also stated that the Club asked for the township to do chalking and the township declined due to a lack of staffing. She went on to state that the back field this year is being used for practice and that the township

is not committed to keeping that field long term. Supervisor Comnick stated that the front field, however, will continue to be supported by the township. He went on to state that over time residents have different interests. When the back field was first installed the Club was heavily involved in maintaining and supporting it. However, that has changed over time and the township has to balance the needs of the entire community. He stated that the plan is for the front field to be supported by the township and the back field there is no decision on future use. He then explained that the board will be releasing a community survey for input on the recreation area to help guide the board. He stated that the board is open to ideas and that the survey needs to be completed first. He also recommended that Mr. Jorgenson go back to the Club and talk with them about his concerns. Supervisor Erikson stated that in the end, they have to consider the actual use of a back baseball field v. the space it is taking up from other uses.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. PLANNING AND ZONING:** None.
- B. PLAWCS:** Supervisor Comnick recapped the water damage from the spring thaw and the impact on the PLAWCS system. He stated that the board is currently reviewing policies related to pump damage and cap removals. Supervisor Dieryck stated that Clerk Madoll will be returning as the PLAWCS Clerk. Supervisor Erikson stated that ruts were left by the trucks at the property next to the lift station 3 and that they need to be fixed.
- C. FIRE RELIEF:** None.
- D. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
 - a. Asst Chief Mortinsen stated their monthly numbers and stated that they did a live burn by the playground, attended a class from CN railroad, and participated in water rescue training.

2023 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	JUNE #'s	Notes	Total for 2023
EMS	11		45
Medical MUA	3		11
Twp Fire	5	CO2, False alarm, 1 camper fire, and 2 structural fires	11
MUA Fire	2	Rice Lake and Proctor	10
Service	0		0
TOTAL	12		77

- E. ROADS:** Supervisor Comnick stated that signage is up concerning the Midway construction project and work has begun. There will be some traffic delays but no road closures. He stated that the township replaced culverts related to the melt/flood and that the hope is that some, if not all, of the funds will be reimbursed through FEMA funding.
- F. RECYCLE SHED:** None.
- G. RECREATION AREA:** Supervisor Dieryck stated the hood for the slide will be delivered soon and fencing will be fixed over the 4th of July week. She stated that she is still working on quotes for upgrades. Supervisor Comnick stated that he is concerned about the cost for the ground work necessary to make the playground ADA complaint. He also stated that the township will need multiple quotes per bid to review. Supervisor Erikson stated that camera signage needed to be added to the rec area. Asst. Fire Chief

Mortinsen stated that he put signage up on the pavilion. Supervisor Comnick also requested that an additional camera be added. L. Erikson and Asst. Fire Chief Mortinsen will make sure it gets installed.

- H. CEMETERY:** Road Foreman Oswell stated that the niche dimensions are 10 x 10 x 9 and that one had been sold thus far. Supervisor Comnick asked that the Clerk send letters to the funeral homes to make sure they know what the dimensions are. He also stated that the niche funds should go into a special fund to track income v. expense. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to create a cemetery niche fund to track the columbarium deposits. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Road Foreman Oswell and Asst. Fire Chief Mortinsen briefly discussed how the silk flowers left at the cemetery are picked up during mowing. They do their best to protect them, but cannot guarantee they won't be damaged during regular cemetery maintenance.
- I. BUILDING MAINT:** None.
- J. AIS:** Supervisor Comnick stated that the AIS inspectors is going well and that the dumpster down at Pike Lake is now only open during AIS hours.
- K. NOXIOUS WEEDS:** Road Foreman Oswell stated there is some in the township, however, it's on private property.
- L. ARPA:** Supervisor Comnick stated that the township now has until June 2024 to allocate the funds. Treasurer Borndal stated that she would look into that and plan accordingly.
- M. NEWSLETTER:** **Motion** made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Kevin Comnick to approve the Summer 2023 newsletter as written. Motion carried unanimously.
- N. REC AREA SURVEY:** **Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Comnick to approve the 2023 Google Rec Area Survey. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. National Night Out:** The board discussed the plans for the event.

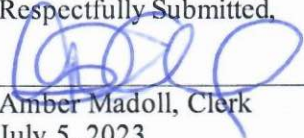
CORRESPONDENCE:

Township Insider, Duluth Township Newsletter, MN Demographic Center letter on Township pop/household estimates for 2023, MAT Member Cards, Credit Card Letter stating that the limit is 8K, letter from Mr. Lavone requesting a land classification change (forward to county,) Solway Township Newsletter, Fredenberg Township Newsletter, Midway Township Newsletter, Orman Newsletter

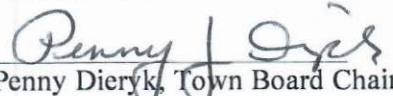
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by 14, seconded by Penny Dieryck, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Amber Madoll, Clerk
July 5, 2023

APPROVED:


Penny Dieryck, Town Board Chair
July 5, 2023