

# Canosia Township

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

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 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 4 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. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor.
- B. MINUTES: Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve July 5, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as written; July 25, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes with the date of the August Special Meeting added; and July 31, 2023 Emergency 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 stated that the WLSSD grant has been received.
  - b. Treasurer Borndal stated that there are receipts not received for the cardmember invoice so she would like check number 22305 withheld for payment until the receipts are received. The board is in agreement.
  - c. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck 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 # 22250–22286 and EFT2023-7. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor.

### PUBLIC COMMENT- None

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. PLANNING AND ZONING:** Supervisor Comnick stated that the SLC Land and Zoning Department is undergoing changes and for right now the intern director is Donald Rigley.
- B. FIRE RELIEF:** Supervisor Dieryck asked that the Chief provide an update by the September board meeting.
- C. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
  - a. Fire Chief Stevens stated the response numbers for the month. He also stated that they had drivers training and a pumping and relay class. They also held a Fire Department family night and participated in National Night Out. The board stated that the department did an excellent job with National Night Out.

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2023 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	AUGUST #'s	Notes	Total for 2023
EMS	14		65
Medical MUA	2	GL FD; Hermantown FD	18
Twp Fire	0		14
MUA Fire	1	GL FD	13
Service	0		0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>110</b>

- D. ROADS:** Supervisor Connick stated that gravel was added to two of the township roads and a donation enabled the cracks to be filled in and a seal coat completed in front of the fire department.
- E. RECYCLE SHED:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that the garage door was covered due to direct sunlight. She also stated that she reminded the staff not to help people get items out of their vehicles. Asst Fire Chief Mortinsen asked her to have them stop collecting books.
- F. RECREATION AREA:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that she received bids to level the ground under the playground, swing quote, and bids for new fencing. She stated that Step One of the plan to fix the fencing around the little league field has been completed. She also ordered an additional portable bathroom. There is a meeting to discuss the recreation area long range plans on August 14, 2023 at 8:00am at the Canosia Township Town Hall.
- G. CEMETERY:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that she saw a man at the cemetery and it looked like he was digging. Road Foreman Oswell stated that he would look into it.
- H. PLAWCS:** Supervisor Connick stated that explained the situation on South Pike Lake Road where there is line exposure on the property line adjoining two properties. He stated that the PLAWCS board intends on meeting on site to discuss the issue and determine an appropriate resolution. He also stated that there is a FEMA meeting on Tuesday to discuss next steps and to set up the applicants with portals. He stated that Supervisor Johnson (Grand Lake Township) and Donovan Frye (Duluth Accounting and Tax Service) will be present to help set up accounts for PLAWCS and the Town of Canosia. Supervisor Connick also explained the MATIT Insurance currently purchased by PLAWCS and its limitations. He stated that the board will be discussing if the insurance levels need to be revised.
- I. AIS:** Supervisor Connick stated that they held an end of year pizza party for the inspectors. Wallace asked if there were inspectors at Caribou Lake. Supervisor Connick stated that they were only at the Pike Lake public access through Labor Day. He also stated that next Tuesday the AIS Program will be reviewed, which is done annually.
- J. NOXIOUS WEEDS:** Road Foreman stated that there are some weeds. L. Erikson asked if a roller could be rented to aerate the back fields. Supervisor Connick stated that he would ask R. Anderson if they could use his.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Road Signage on South Pike Lake Road/Daniels and Old Miller Trunk Highway/Daniels:** Clerk Madoll stated that K. Graen contacted her concerned that the signage was hard to see due to overgrown vegetation.

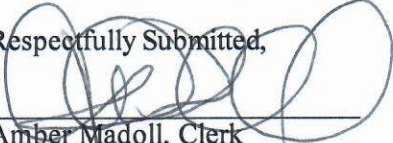
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Regular Meeting Minutes

MATIT Notice of upcoming District 10 Meeting and Election; MN Dept of Health Water Report; MATIT Property Appraisal Report; Solway Township National Night Out; Minnesota Energy Rebate Information; Couri & Ruppe Law Office Township Legal Seminar Flyer; Duluth Township Newsletter; MATIT; Fredenberg Newsletter.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Kevin Cornick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Cornick voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Amber Madoll, Clerk  
September 6, 2023

APPROVED:

  
Penny Dieryck, Town Board Chair  
September 6, 2023