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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2024

ATTENDING: Chair Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Chief Gene Stevens, 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. **SUPERVISOR ROLL CALL:** Chair Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Kevin Connick, and Supervisor Jeff Erikson were present.
- B. **AGENDA: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
- C. **MINUTES: Motion** made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve December 6, 2023 Closed Meeting Minutes as written and the December 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
- D. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Rep. Zeleznikar stated that she is going around her district and attending township, school, and other local board meetings. She stated that childcare is a big issue and that the schools will be able to increase their pre-school offerings, which will help some parents. However, she stated, it will not help the childcare facilities who depend on that income. She stated that ambulance services and non-emergency services are a concern. She stated that 911 is overwhelmed with non-emergency calls. She stated that there is not enough wheelchair accessible transportation, which is clogging up hospitals and other healthcare facilities that need to transport patients. She stated that hospitals are becoming a holding tank for patients that would be better served elsewhere due to a lack of facilities, such as regional behavioral health beds for kids. Fire Chief Stevens stated that group homes are a concern to the department as there are calls in which the facility should be handling the reason for the call, not the fire department. Rep. Zeleznikar stated that it is an example of where people may want community-based living, but have not looked at the consequences of it. She stated that she believes that a center-sized based living might be a better option. She said there had to be a balance between a person's rights and what is best for the community and that while it might seem like a good idea to give everyone a sucker, there are times where the sucker just needs to be taken away. Lastly, she stated that the paid school lunch program was a failure with it being 600 million over budget. She stated that there are children wasting food by accepting the lunches and then throwing the food away.
- E. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
 - a. Treasurer Borndal stated that there will be webcast on Monday concerning ARPA funds that she will attend.
 - b. Treasurer Borndal stated that the WLSSD forms for the annual grant will be coming out in January but that there was no December meeting. Supervisor Connick requested that she contact WLSSD and ask if sick and safe time can be paid for in the grant.

- c. Treasurer Borndal stated that AIS has \$8,300 left over from 2023, with \$1,300 from the Pike Lake Association.
 - d. Treasurer Borndal stated that the new mileage rate is 67 cents per mile.
 - e. The board discussed CD rates. Treasurer Borndal will research more.
 - f. Treasurer Borndal stated the checks were mailed following the December board meeting but that Credit Card Services stated that they did not receive theirs. Therefore, she wrote a new check and would like to request a stop payment on the original. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to stop payment on check #22449. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
 - g. Treasurer Borndal stated that CTAS is not updated yet to track sick and paid leave time so she is self tracking it until the update comes out.
 - h. Supervisor Dieryck stated that the board will hold a closed meeting on 1/11/24 at 1:00pm to discuss personnel and sick and paid leave time.
 - i. Fire Chief Stevens stated that his department does not use the amount of trash being billed and would like to request that their amount of contribution to the bill be reduced. The board was in agreement. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to have all trash be billed to the Town Hall account. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
 - j. **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.
- F. **PAY BILLS:** **Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to pay bills # 22437–22468 and EFT2023-12. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **PLANNING AND ZONING:** none.
- B. **FIRE RELIEF:** Fire Chief Stevens stated that the fund is resting at 105% for coverage.
- C. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
 - a. Chief Stevens stated that the fire department received a fire suppression pack for engine one and might consider purchasing one for engine three.
 - b. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve Resolution 2024-4 to accept a donation from the Pike Lake Pie, Resolution 2024-5 to accept a donation from Christopherson Advertising, Resolution 2024-6 to accept a donation from Duluth Running Co., and Resolution 2024-7 to accept a donation from Prudential all on behalf of the fire department. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
 - c. Chief Stevens stated that the trailer has been ordered for the ATV and that calendars are going out next week. He also stated that there are 22 fire fighters.

2023 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	DECEMBER #'s	Notes	Total for 2023
EMS	14		124

Medical MUA	1	GL FD	31
Twp Fire	1	Woodchips at Martin and Midway	22
MUA Fire	3	GL FD and Rice Lake FD	26
Service	0		0
TOTAL	19		203

- D. **ROADS:** Supervisor Cornnick stated that the roads are in good condition. He stated that the township culvert policy is in line with the county. He stated that when new homes are built, the home owner is responsible for the cost of the culvert. The township manages the used ones. He stated that 2024 road projects are set.
- E. **RECYCLE SHED:** None.
- F. **RECREATION AREA:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that she will work with Clerk Madoll on the DNR grant that is due 3/31/24. She stated that she is also talking with the Pike Lake Association and the Proctor School District for donations. Supervisor Cornnick stated that if donations come in, they should not be earmarked for specific recreation area projects. The township should be deciding how the funds are ultimately spent. Supervisor Dieryck stated that she is going to send the Proctor Baseball Club an email letting them know that their aglime is still there and see if a donation is needed this year since there is so much left over. She is also going to encourage them to come to a town board meeting to discuss 2024.
- G. **CEMETERY:** Supervisor Erikson stated that he will be looking for a new vendor to remake the memorial plaque.
- H. **PLAWCS: Motion** made by Kevin Cornnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve Resolution 2024-3 that supports PLAWCS purchasing hydromatic pumps. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Cornnick voted in favor. Supervisor Cornnick stated that PLAWCS’ FEMA reimbursement request is in process. The funds will be put back into the capital fund to help save for future infrastructure needs.
- I. **BUILDING MAINTENANCE:** Treasurer Borndal stated that the fire door to the fire hall was unlocked. Supervisor Erikson will look into it.
- J. **ELECTIONS: Motion** made by Kevin Cornnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve Resolution 2024-1 that approves the judges for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Nominations Primary. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Cornnick voted in favor. **Motion** made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Kevin Cornnick to approve Resolution 2024-2 that approves the judges and absentee board for the March 12, 2024 Township Election. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Cornnick voted in favor. Clerk Madoll stated that the candidacy filing period is now until January 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. She stated that she is purchasing election supplies and will first use the amount allotted for the PNP election and then what was sent by the county. She stated that the townhall will be reshaped to better protect voter privacy and that she’s considering ways in which to make sure the election machines have extra protection, such a ring in the zoning room.
- K. **ARPA:** Treasurer Borndal stated that there is about 20K left in the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 4968 Lorendale: Supervisor Cornnick stated that Supervisor Erikson is the point of contact for the Nelsondale Rd road acquisition.
- B. The board is in agreement that the board of audit and budget meetings will be held on February 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Town of Fredenberg Newsletter, MATIT Annual Information, Duluth Township Newsletter, Solway Newsletter

ADJOURNMENT

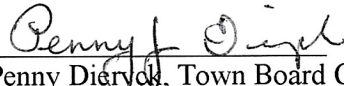
Motion made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoll, Clerk
February 7, 2024

APPROVED:


Penny Dieryck, Town Board Chair
February 7, 2024