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

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2024

**ATTENDING:** Chair Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, and 1 guest. The meeting was held 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 Penny Dieryck 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 Kevin Connick to approve the February 7, 2024 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
- D. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
  - a. Treasurer Borndal stated that the township received the franchise fee from SCI for \$4,314.54.
  - b. Treasurer Borndal stated that some of the election judges received two checks in order to keep separate what hours were being paid for by the township and what would be reimbursed by the county.
  - 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 Connick voted in favor.
- E. **PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to pay bills # 22503–22544 and EFT2024-2. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.
- F. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. **PLANNING AND ZONING:** None.
- B. **FIRE RELIEF:** None.
- C. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
  - a. Supervisor Dieryck shared the department's monthly report and stated that they checked all medical bags for outdated materials and had everyone check their gear for broken or missing equipment.

2024 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	FEBRUARY #'s	Notes	Total for 2024
EMS	10		33
Medical MUA	1	GL FD	2
Twp Fire	1	Permit Burn	1
MUA Fire	3	Rice Lake FD, Solway FD, and Gnesen FD	4
Service	0		0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>40</b>

- D. ROADS:** Supervisor Connick stated that gravel work would begin in the spring and that the township would piggyback on county's dust contract in order to save funds. He stated that he and Road Foreman Oswell will do an annual drive around the township in order to review roads for any needed summer maintenance. Supervisor Erikson stated that the recommendation from Orman is to leave Nelsondale Rd as is. The township can maintain the road itself due to the PLAWCS easement, but no ditchwork nor brushing. Road Foreman Oswell stated that he was concerned about drainage issues of the ditchwork wasn't done. Supervisor Erikson stated that the county is involved concerning the resident's driveway at the end of the road and the size/location of their culvert in connection to the nearby wetlands. Supervisor Dieryck stated that the county was going to look into the wetland issue in the spring.
- E. RECYCLE SHED:** Treasurer Borndal stated that the recycling grant was submitted.
- F. RECREATION AREA:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that the Pike Lake Run will be June 2, 2024. She stated that the Proctor Futbol Club is having a summer camp and put it in the community ed newsletter with the township as the location. She stated that the PLA offered 1.5K in exchange for a plaque and offered to help fundraise for the rec area. Supervisor Connick stated that he was not in support of a plaque because if the township did one for every donation, then it would become an issue with space. The board was in agreement. Supervisor Dieryck stated that the school is still working on a 1.5K annual donation for the rec area. She stated that she is looking into the energy company grant opportunities with MP and LCP. The board discussed the dugouts and rec area repairs. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to spend up to \$2,800.00 remove the back field dugouts. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor. Lastly, she requested a special meeting to discuss the rec area and DNR grant for March 13, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the townhall. The board was in agreement.
- G. CEMETERY:** Supervisor Erikson stated that the original plaque plan won't work. Granite would hold up better and stated that the cost for one in that material was approximately \$2,200.00. The board was in agreement.
- H. PLAWCS:** None.
- I. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:** None.
- J. ELECTIONS:** Clerk Madoll gave an update on the March 5, 2024 PNP election and an updated plan for the township election scheduled March 12, 2024.
- K. TRAILS:** Supervisor Erikson stated that the snowmobile club is looking at moving the trail a bit and improving the parking. He stated that the club would be working with the township and county to make those improvements.

**NEW BUSINESS**



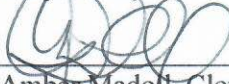
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- A. **RE-ORG MEETING:** The board was in agreement that the township re-organization meeting should be 4/3/2024 at 6:30pm at the townhall.
  - B. **UPCOMING MEETINGS:** The board and staff discussed who would be attending township capitol days and the upcoming MAT spring courses. They also discussed the upcoming DAC meeting and clerk attendance.

**Coorespondence:** PHS Chem Free thank you letter, Town of Fredenberg Newsletter, Trails Newsletter, Duluth Township Newsletter, Town of Lakewood Newsletter, Township Insider

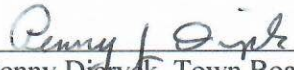
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Amber Madoli, Clerk  
April 3, 2024

APPROVED:

  
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Penny Dieryck, Town Board Chair  
April 3, 2024