

Canosia Township

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Town Board: Chair Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Dan Golen
Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2018

ATTENDING: Chair Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Dan Golen, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Assistant Chief Clyde Mortinsen, P&Z Director Tim Walburg, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and four residents.

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. **AGENDA:** Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. **MINUTES:** Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting (2/7/2018). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the minutes Special Newsletter Content Meeting (2/14/2018). Motion carried 2 - 0, with Brooks abstaining since he did not attend the meeting.

- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/18 –2/28/18). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

The treasurer also reported that Eagle Accounting successfully submitted the PFA reports on behalf of the townships. We also received our SCI franchise check a few days ago.

PUBLIC INPUT

- A. **Resident Jim Gilmore** asked for clarification on the 60-day rule: does it apply to his list of proposed text changes for the P&Z ordinance? The board believes the rule only applies to permits or licenses, but they will confirm this.

The board also discussed the three documents Gilmore submitted last month. The supervisors all agreed that the removal of P&Z members was unwarranted. They also discussed and defended their decision to keep our attorney/client correspondence confidential. Golen said he went back and forth about whether to share future legal opinions, but agreed it would set a potentially troubling precedent; Connick stood by the board's decision to keep all legal opinions confidential.

In Gilmore's documents, one of his main points was the confusion in Section 5.6 about what is and is not allowed. Chair Brooks agreed they will need greater clarity and will add this to the list of potential ordinance text changes. The P&Z commission is currently reviewing their list of potential edits and plan to talk with the county about their revision plans as well. The board is considering updating the ordinance this spring.

Gilmore also asked about restricting "jake" braking on Midway Rd.; Supervisor Comnick believes this would be a county issue; he will ask SLC Traffic Engineer Vic Lund for clarification.

OLD BUSINESS

A. PLANNING & ZONING: P&Z Director Tim Walburg has issued one permit for the year.

B. ANTI-BLIGHT ORDINANCE

This month the board researched the correct procedure for adopting ordinances like the anti-blight ordinance which fall under the township's General Welfare Authority. The first step is to get the electorate's approval for pursuing regulation of this issue. In other words, the townspeople, at the Annual Meeting or a Special Town Meeting would need to vote on whether to move forward with pursuing an ordinance of this type. If they give their go-ahead, the board could then finalize the draft. If the majority of the electorate present decided not to move forward with an anti-blight ordinance, the board could not pursue it.

Since the Annual Meeting is less than a week away, the board did not think it was fair to present the idea to the public in such a rushed manner. Rather, they would like to present the idea in a future newsletter and give everyone time to process the information before coming together to vote at either a Special Town Meeting or next year's Annual Meeting.

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to table this topic until next month at which point they can further discuss the timeline for moving forward. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

2018 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	February #'s	Notes	Total for 2018
EMS	7		22
Medical MUA	1		1
Twp Fire	1		2
MUA Fire	1	Structure fire in Hermantown	5
Service	0		0
TOTAL	10		30

The FD did medical skills training this month (EPI pends, aspirin for heart issues, blood sugar testing). The Chief says they are also looking to replace the fire hall door and are considering installing a key card access; they will keep the board in the loop on this in case it makes more sense to do this for the whole building.

D. ROADS

Road Supervisor Comnick is planning to meet with Asphalt of Duluth to get a better idea of projected costs for the snowplowing turnaround discussion. For the Kehtel ROW issue, he will talk soon with the residents regarding a potential easement.

E. RECYCLE SHED

We will probably learn next month about next year's grant.

Close early for Pike Lake 10K: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to close the recycle shed at 4 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 to avoid conflict with the Pike Lake 10k race. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

F. RECREATION AREA

Rec Director Mike Ellingson reported:

- There has been a decent amount of skaters this winter
- Pike Lake Elementary will be hosting a school/family campout at the rec area on May 18; they will bring in extra toilets

Rec Supervisor Golen sent the letter to Sinnott regarding the tennis court cracks.

G. AIS

St. Louis County approved our \$22,500 grant request. Comnick reported that our Landing Manager from last year will return this year; she will contact the remaining inspectors to see who else is interested in coming back. We will have the job posting ready for next month if necessary.

Comnick said the CD3 station will have a few new tools attached; there may also be a CD3 user survey.

The SeaGrant grant request was denied, so the township partnership with them will not happen this year.

H. TRAILS: The clerk will get a status update for MIC Planner Chris Belden

I. CEMETERY

The cemetery pillars and lettering are falling apart. Brooks will work with Sign Decisions to price out three different options for repair or replacement. Roger Anderson said the masonry apprentice programs are always looking for projects which could be a cost-saving option.

J. RSPT: Golen suggested discussing chloride content issues with our sanding provider next winter.

K. FINE SHARING: The clerk will ask Orman's office about what the next steps are, if any

L. AIRPORT ZONING: Comnick said it looks favorable that the JAZB legislation will be heard

M. MEETING RECAPS

Chair Brooks attended a LUCA training session: this summer, we will receive a list of the Canosia addresses on record. Our job will be to fix any known errors, add any additional homes/trailers/shacks, etc. At the very least we will need to compare the LUCA list to the new homes on our P&Z permit list. All records are confidential and paperwork must be shredded when done.

N. BUILDING MAINTENANCE: the man door on the garage needs fixing

{Nothing to report on PLAWCS, PFC, Newsletter, Noxious Weeds or Fire Relief}

NEW BUSINESS

A. TAX FORFEIT LAND

The board took no action on the tax forfeit list provided by the county, indicating they have no issues with the county's classification of the following parcels: 280-105-20 (Sathers Rangeway), 280-14-180, 280-31-163.

B. REORGANIZATION MEETING: Scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4.

C. MAT TRAINING ON APRIL 6: Supervisor Golen and Clerk Krasaway plan to attend.

D. AAA CLUB/PIKE LAKE BEACH & GOLF CLUB

Roger Anderson said legal proceedings have delayed the April 1 closing date on the AAA club property. However, there is a possibility that he will be allowed to lease the property for a year and get the club open this spring.

Letter of Support: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, authorizing the clerk to draft a letter (if needed) indicating the township's support of having Roger Anderson lease the AAA property for 2018.
Discussion: by pursuing the leasing option, Anderson would be able to preserve the grounds and get the property open for our residents to use. Anderson will let us know if /when the letter is needed; Chair Brooks will sign it. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Newsletters from Midway, Fredenberg, Lakewood, and Duluth Townships; Campaign flyer for Jim Aird from Midway Township
- SLC clarification letter about their beaver control program; townships are not eligible to participate
- Pipeline safety information for public officials
- Fundraising request from Proctor-Hermantown Excellence in Education Banquet

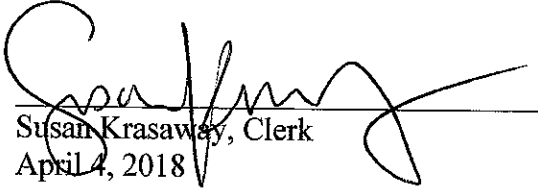
MOTIONS TO PAY BILLS/ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to pay bills #19736-19770 & MA-2018-3. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

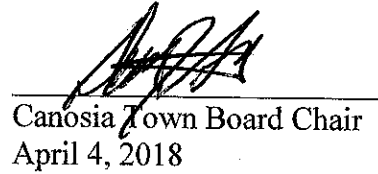
Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:



Susan Krasaway, Clerk
April 4, 2018



Canosia Town Board Chair
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