

Canosia Township

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Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **November 6, 2019**

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Dan Golen, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Assistant Chief Clyde Mortinsen, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and five residents.

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

AGENDA, MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS

- A. **AGENDA:** Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. **MINUTES:** Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting (10/2/2019). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/18 –10/31/18). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Moving forward, Brooks has asked Borndal to provide a synopsis of our restricted funds each month; this will allow us to better gauge how much money is left in grant funding, community recognition funds, etc.

- D. **PAY BILLS:** Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to pay bills #20606 - 20640 – and EFT-2019-11. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

The treasurer explained that she accidentally overlooked one of the overdue credit card bill receipts the FD turned in this past month, resulting in a \$83 interest charge. Borndal felt responsible so she wrote a personal check to cover this amount.

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to reimburse the treasurer \$83 she paid to cover the credit card interest; they believed it was unnecessary for her to correct an honest mistake with her own money. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

PUBLIC INPUT

- A. Resident Jim Gilmore expressed his concern about the amount of glass still present at the Industrial Rd. Loop 1 trailhead. This is the old township dump site and it was not cleaned up properly before it was abandoned.
- B. Roger Anderson said the Minnesota Supreme Court will decide by December 1 if they will hear the case against AAA. He also showed those in attendance a preliminary plat map of his plans for the site.

OLD BUSINESS

A. PLANNING & ZONING

Brooks heard from 911 enforcement about their proposed solution to the Lavaque Rd. Cich property: since there are four livable structures on the property, SLC will establish four addresses and send three sets of four 911 address signs. Assuming the property owner complies with this suggestion, one set of signs will be installed on Lavaque Rd, one set will go at the appropriate places where the driveway forks, and the third set will go in front of each building. The P&Z concern (too many houses off one driveway) is likely still being reviewed by the SLC zoning department. We will follow up with them next month. We will also need to keep in mind census concerns about this property.

B. HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS ORDINANCE

SLC Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger responded to our hazardous building ordinance inquiry; at this time, he does not believe this is an ordinance amendment the county has any interest in pursuing.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to table the Hazardous Buildings Ordinance discussion until the June meeting. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

C. FIRE RELIEF

The relief association will meet again this month; the reports are overdue and need to be submitted this month. The association is planning to establish a regular meeting schedule which can be posted all at once (fourth Tuesday of January, April, July and October).

D. FIRE DEPARTMENT

2019 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	October #'s	Notes	Total for 2019
EMS	13		117
Medical MUA	1		8
Twp Fire	6		10
MUA Fire	2		14
Service	0		4
TOTAL	22		153

FD activities: Mayo Ambulance training, truck winter prep, FD open house/Fire Prevention Week events with Pike Lake Elementary.

E. ROADS

Asphalt of Duluth provided three quotes for striping, crack sealing and seal coating the town hall parking lot, the FD entrance and the rec area basketball court this coming spring/summer.

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to accept the quotes after subtracting the costs for striping the town hall parking lot lines: Totals = Town Hall: \$2,470, FD entrance \$480, basketball court \$1,550. *Discussion:* Brooks said WLSSD might contribute to the project as part of the construction/improvement grant, but we could not do the work until the grant was approved mid-summer; he also felt it was a good idea to get more quotes since we are in no real hurry. Comnick argued that Asphalt of Duluth always does good work and gives us fair prices. Motion carried 2 – 1, with Brooks voting against it.

F. RECYCLE SHED

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to use the recycling garage for storing summer maintenance equipment for the time being. *Discussion:* the shed is mainly empty since most of the recycling carts were replaced by dumpsters. WLSSD's Jim Aird told Comnick it was ok to use the shed for other purposes since we own the building, not WLSSD. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

The board also discussed the need to clean out the big township storage garage.

G. RECREATION AREA

Ellingson completed the winter prep work earlier today. The Potential Projects List is a work in progress.

H. AIS/CD3

2020 Grant Application: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, approving Resolution 2019-15: Authorizing the 2020 SLC AIS grant application and acceptance of any grant funding. *Discussion:* we will be asking for \$25,000 for next year's inspection program; there may be more competition for the funding this year, so there is no guarantee we will get the full amount. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

I. TRAILS

Brooks provided a Hiking & Biking Trail Update report (attached to minutes). Other discussion topics:

- The DNR suggested entering into a 20-year lease agreement, but the supervisors all agreed there is no appetite for this.
- Comnick will confirm with the Proctor Superintendent that our referendum money can be used to cover the costs incurred so far to develop the Loop 1 trail.
- This spring we will need to figure out options to deal with the glass issue in the trailhead parking lot (Grass? Black dirt? Gravel?)
- The trailhead is used as a school bus turnaround so it is partially plowed by the county. Comnick will ask if it is possible to plow a little further to fit a few cars as well. Oswell cautioned against this as there are some boulders frozen in place that could be a problem.

J. CEMETERY: trees have been successfully removed

K. PLAWCS

The board reviewed the final list of unpaid user fees that will be certified to property taxes. The resolution to this effect was approved last month.

L. TOWN HALL WELL GRANT

The clerk will check in on the status of our grant paperwork; we can only move forward once the paperwork is signed and the plan has been officially evaluated.

M. NOXIOUS WEEDS

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to apply for \$2,500 in 2020 noxious weed grant funding; the application is due later this month. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

We are still waiting on the revised invoice from Rick's Tree Service re: the first application to the knotweed patch in our ROW.

N. AIRPORT ZONING: Meeting tomorrow

O. BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Laird will repair roof in the spring; the floors are done.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ANNUAL POLLING PLACE DESIGNATION

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Connick, to approve Resolution #2019-16 designating the town hall as the official polling place of Canosia Township. *Discussion:* this resolution is required annually. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

B. FINE SHARING INFO

Gnesen Township is interested in pursuing fine sharing revenue; the clerk will provide them with all the relevant information we have on the process, etc.

C. CENSUS: The clerk will add the Census job posting information to the website.

D. ESSENTIA HERMANTOWN WELLNESS CENTER

Brooks attended the ribbon cutting and was impressed with the facility. The FD will investigate whether they get free or discounted rates as local first responders; this was mentioned as a possibility a while back.

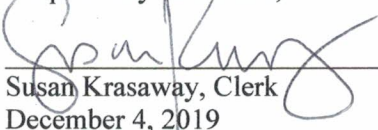
CORRESPONDENCE

- WLSSD 2020 District-wide allocation information: Canosia's portion is \$7,329 in 2020 (up from \$7,254 in 2019)
- Notice of an additional public hearing re: the SLC short-term rental ordinance amendments.
- Notice from the Carlton County Soil Improvement Program that Rick Larson of 4851 Schultz Rd. will be applying wood ash or lime to raise the soil pH on 9 acres.
- Brochure from U of M re: onsite sewer treatment programs
- Hallet Dock Company advertisement for pothole fill
- Fredenberg Township newsletter
- Connick distributed info about the Sun Country Airlines Landline bus routes from the Duluth airport to MSP

ADJOURNMENT


Motion by Brooks, seconded by Connick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Krasaway, Clerk
December 4, 2019

APPROVED:



Kevin L. Connick, Chair
December 4, 2019

Trailhead & Loop Trail

- Gravel hauled and spread on driveway, parking area for 2-3 cars and turnaround
- Signs, posts and material for mapboard purchased. Mapboard was fabricated. Signs and Mapboard were installed.
- Huge thank you to Garrett Campbell and his crews for generously donating equipment and time for windfall cleanup, trail rough in, dirt work, driveway and parking area development. He is also providing gravel and wood pads at or below cost. He will be spanning the low spot south of the trailhead with 4'x 20' wood pads as soon as conditions will support the equipment.
- Huge thank you to Mike Ellingson for help on the trail picking up debris, installing signs, installing the mapboard and picking up a trailer load of scrap metal for disposal at WLSSD
- The Boy Scouts are interested in helping on the trail next spring or summer. Call in March to let them know what help is needed.
- Gopher State One was called and the 911 sign was installed
- A 48" ATV pull behind mower can be rented at Proctor Builder for \$100 for 4hrs or \$150 per day
- The trailhead driveway is regularly used as the school bus turnaround & the county snow plow keeps an area by the road clear for a bus turnaround in winter. Should we check with the county to plow the driveway just a little further for parking 2 cars for winter trail use?
- Costs are still in the \$2-3K range. Trail leveling in some areas is needed.
- Will the board be submitting the trail development costs, once they all come in, to the Proctor School Recreation Grant for reimbursement?

Connector Trail

- Trail rough in is complete
- Signs have not been installed yet
- DNR discussing bike use in CWMA and are supportive of complementary uses of their trail system. They proposed the idea of a 20 year lease for town board discussion and feedback.

Phase 2 Trail

- County discussed the Multi-Use Trail application that we submitted to connect to the Lindal Road and or the Christianson Road.
- SLC walked the proposed trail and developed a GPS map to show the location and ownership
- SLC proposes two options:
 1. Follow the process with the DNR for making a Grant-In-Aid trail so maintenance costs would be covered by the GIA trail program. May need wetland delineation.
 2. Resubmit the permit application for a hiking and biking trail only and follow the same process that we used for Phase 1