

Canosia Township

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Town Board: Chair Kevin L. Comnick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Daniel J. Golen
Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 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 nine 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 Golen, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting (3/6/2019) and Board of Canvass (3/12/2019) with one minor correction. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/18 –3/31/18). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

The treasurer also reported:

- The CD's have been purchased from North Shore Bank. The board's monthly financial report will now include a new form (the CTAS Schedule 1) to indicate that \$200,000 is invested in CD's; the Cash Balance Statement does not include the investment funds
 - We received \$49 in fine sharing revenue last month
- D. **PAY BILLS:** Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to pay bills check #20297 - 20333 – and EFT-2019-4, with the exception of claim #8364 which will not be sent until a missing FD receipt can be located. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

PUBLIC INPUT

- A. Wayne Boucher is a candidate in the St. Louis County Board commissioner race. He discussed his background as a police officer, City Councilor and Mayor for Hermantown as well as his plans to prepare himself to serve on the county board.
- B. Ryan Rodda presented the board with a petition from six properties on Tomak Rd. asking the township to replace the Dead-End sign and add a Children at Play sign.
- C. Dan Jeziarski again asked for a Dead-End sign and Stop Sign Ahead sign be placed on his road as well. He also questioned the town board's mileage reimbursement policies.
- D. South Pike Lake Rd. Question: The residents of 5823 (Barry), 5825 (Butler) and 5827 (Bluedorn) S. Pike Lake Rd. questioned whether their portion of the road would be scrub sealed this summer. Comnick explained that he had discussed their question with St. Louis County Resident Engineer Steve Krasaway: the official

maps indicate that their portion of the road is platted, but is not owned by either the township or the county. Road Foreman Gary Oswell confirmed that the township has not maintained it in his 30 years with Canosia. Given this information, plus the fact that the road is very narrow and ends in a garage, the county does not feel they or the township should scrub seal it. The town board agrees with that as well, but did offer to look at the situation in person on their road tour later this month.

SPECIAL TOPIC: PIKE LAKE 10K RACE

Canosia resident Clint Agar updated the board on the plans for the second annual Pike Lake 10k race scheduled for Saturday, May 25 at 6 p.m. The course starts at the town hall and circles Pike Lake. No roads will be completely closed during this time.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to approve the following race-day requests from the organizers:

1. Use of the Canosia Fire Hall for race day packet pick up and late registration (4-6 p.m.)
2. Assistance from the Canosia FD for traffic support
3. Use of the Canosia Rec Area from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a kids' race and after-race awards celebration
4. Use of the Pike Lake boat landing from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the finish line

Discussion: the FD is willing and able to help with traffic control and safety. The boat launch will be temporarily closed during this time. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

A. PLANNING & ZONING

Sundbom Noise Complaint Follow Up: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to draft a letter to the Sundboms updating them on our research on this issue: there was never a CUP issued for the JL Carlson business on Martin Rd.; therefore, there are no conditions in place regarding operating hours, etc. There are also no noise ordinances in place at the county or state level that could help. *Discussion:* the township will offer to write a letter to the business if the Sundboms would like us to. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

County CUP/Variance Applications: On April 11, there is a CUP hearing for the Peterson borrow pit application and a hearing for the Broman Shady Ln. variance request. The board is certain the county will be thorough in evaluating these applications and did not feel a need to offer additional township input.

B. HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS ORDINANCE

The board and fire chief/asst. chief will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1 to work on the draft. The supervisors feel that FD input will be crucial in evaluating any properties that might be deemed “hazardous.” The board also discussed lowering potential fines from \$50/day to \$100/month.

C. FIRE RELIEF: Brooks has a copy of the Annual Report on Fire Relief Association investments.

D. FIRE DEPARTMENT

2019 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	March #'s	Notes	Total for 2019
EMS	7		33
Medical MUA	0		2
Twp Fire	0		1
MUA Fire	1	Rice Lake	4
Service	0		1
TOTAL	8		41

Fire Chief Gene Stevens said they have ordered parts for the truck that was damaged when they hit a deer. They are still working on the key card door access project (waiting on the doors). They also plan to paint the inside of the fire hall. The FD members had six hours of driving, pumping and water shuttle class this month.

E. ROADS

Comnick reported that the County has steamed a few frozen culverts for us; resident Ken Wallace thanked the township for having the county thaw the one on Daniels Rd. The annual Road Tour is scheduled for Friday, April 26, at 9 a.m. (*Note: this was later rescheduled for 10 a.m.*)

F. RECYCLE SHED

Ellingson may not be able to act as the backup attendant in June. We may need to ask Grand Lake to borrow one of their attendants.

G. RECREATION AREA

Rec Director Mike Ellingson reported that one tennis net is up; he will likely buy new rims for the basketball hoops and finish up some minor work on the dugouts soon. Golen explained that Rec Area project planning has been added to our Goals & Priorities list for 2019.

H. AIS/CD3

AIS Inspector Interviews: The AIS Inspector job postings will be open until April 15. The board decided that Comnick and the clerk can determine the criteria for filtering the applicants and decide who to interview. The board will conduct the interviews on the late afternoon/early evening of Friday, April 26.

SLC Grant Contract: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to approve the AIS grant contract from St. Louis County. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Sea Grant Support Letter: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to draft and send a letter of support for the Minnesota Sea Grant's proposed AIS research project. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

I. TRAILS

Supervisor Brooks plans to meet with SLC's Kelly Anderson later this month (weather permitting) to get our flagged trail route approved on the Industrial Rd Loop 1.

J. PLAWCS

I/I Ordinance Summary: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to approve the official summary of the PLAWCS I/I ordinance as written except for one minor change (change the Canosia Township meeting date). *Discussion*: the hearing will take place at the Canosia Town Hall on May 28 at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

K. CEMETERY

The board noted that the refurbished pillars survived the winter. Cemetery stakes will be pulled up this month, weather permitting. Mausoleum research is ongoing.

L. TOWN HALL WELL ISSUE

The Minnesota Department of Health tested the well and there is still coliform in the water. Golen will contact A1 to chlorinate the system again. The board will begin researching options for installing a new well.

M. PFC: Major Blazevic sent information saying they are moving ahead with additional testing and sampling

N. AIRPORT ZONING: Meeting tomorrow to work on the JAZB ordinance update

O. NOXIOUS WEEDS

Noxious Weed Inspector Gary Oswell and Supervisor Comnick will begin planning how to spend our \$2,500 noxious weed grant money in accordance with the grant parameters. There will likely be an insert about Japanese Knotweed in the next newsletter to meet the education/outreach component.

NEW BUSINESS

A. AAA CLUB DRAFT LETTER

At the Annual Meeting, the residents in attendance requested that the board send a letter to the Pike Lake Advisory Board asking them to stop their lawsuit opposing the sale of the AAA Club Property to Roger Anderson.

Motion by Comnick to send the version of the letter he drafted. No second. Motion dies.

Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, to send Brooks' edited version of Comnick's letter. *Discussion*; Brooks had removed a reference to knowing Anderson's plans for the property and also made a few other minor wording changes. Comnick took issue with the fact that Brooks felt the original letter needed editing at all. Motion carried 2 to 1, with Comnick voting against it.

B. RAMS BROADBAND UPDATE

Our resolution of support for rural broadband initiatives was presented with several others to the County Board last month. RAMS' Steve Giorgi reported that the concept was moderately well-received, but no promises were made.

C. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR PROCTOR ISD

Proctor Mayor Chad Ward had approached the township asking for a letter of support to present to the Proctor School District asking for the addition of a district-wide School Resource Police Officer. Superintendent Engelking has said he is not opposed to the idea, but indicated there is some debate about who should finance the project (the city or the school district).

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to send a letter in support of adding a school resource officer, in concept, to the district. *Discussion*: this does not commit us to either side of the project financing debate. Motion carried 2 - 1, with Golen voting against it since he wanted more information about the role/purpose of SRO's.

D. SUPERONE GROCERY 3.2% LIQUOR LICENSE

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to approve the 3.2% off-sale liquor license for the Pike Lake SuperOne Grocery Store. *Discussion*: this is a St. Louis County license, but they need the township to sign off on it as well. Motion carried unanimously, 3 - 0.

E. 2020 CENSUS NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, authorizing the township to participate in the 2020 Census New Construction Program. *Discussion*: essentially, we will be tasked with reporting to the Census Bureau any new residential properties constructed between March of 2018 and April of 2020. Motion carried unanimously, 3 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

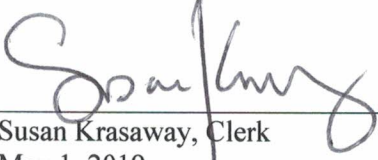
- MAT Town Law Review Course brochure
- Duluth Community Education brochure
- SLCAT notice/minutes
- Fredenberg Township newsletter

ADJOURNMENT


Motion by Brooks, seconded by Connick, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:



Susan Krasaway, Clerk
May 1, 2019



Kevin L. Connick, Chair
May 1, 2019