

# *Canosia Township*

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## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

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# Canosia Volunteer Fire Department

January 2, 2020

## TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES FOR 2019

Medical EMS Calls:	149
Medical MUA - EMS Calls	8
Fire Calls:	12
Fire Calls MUA:	16
Service Calls:	4

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Total calls in 2019:	189
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There are 19 highly devoted Canosia Fire Department members at this time. Each member puts in many hours away from their families each year to provide our Township with exceptional service. Training is conducted 2 days a month 3 hours each night. Training consists of medical and fire emergencies. This has been a record breaking year for us for calls with 189.

We were given a grant from Yamaha and RJ Sport and Cycle for the use of side by side for the year. We put tracks on it and also got a rescue sled to pull behind it. In the first couple days it was used on Pike Lake for an emergency call. It is a great addition for our Department allowing us better access lakes, snowmobile, and walking trails.

We are looking for new members! If interested, come to our monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

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## Roads: A Look Ahead to 2020

Canosia again has partnered with St. Louis County to perform our upcoming road projects.

- **Scrub Seal: Kehtel Rd.**
- **Route & Seal, Crack Repair Special: Carmen's Way**
- **Crack Repair Special: S. Pike Lake Rd., Shady Lane, Spruce Lane**

The 2020 projects are part of the next three-year Road Project Pro-gram we have decided on, with the assistance of the St Louis County Public Works Department. Working with St Louis County has been extremely beneficial to Canosia in keeping our costs lower, as well as working within our budgets. In addition, we will continue our ongoing Gravel Road Maintenance Program.

In response to complaints about snow plowing, Canosia contracts with St. Louis County on the vast majority of Township Roads. Canosia contracts with Asphalt of Duluth for Holly Lane, Birchway Road, Pike Lane, and a portion of Kehtel Road. These are roads the County no longer plows. The County has assured me that they plow our roads in accordance with the procedures outlined by them. The procedure is one that maximizes equipment, manpower, and determined needs. If anyone has a concern, they can contact a County Road Superintendent and they will be happy to review their procedures.

We will be seal coating the Town Hall Parking Lot, along with the Fire Department Entry this summer as well. We will be painting Handicapped Parking Spots in Front of Town Hall Side Entrance. We have also scheduled the Basketball Court to be Seal Coated and new lines put down. I look forward to seeing these upgrades take place this summer and we will keep our residents posted as we are notified of potential time lines.

## 2019 Canosia Township Recreational Area Report

The Canosia Township Recreational Area had a good year in 2019. There weren't a lot of improvements but a lot of catching up on some of the smaller projects. The bricks were repaired in the pavilion along with some additions to the dugout recently built the previous year. There was also a lot of time spent on the practice court of the tennis court.

Baseball had a good year with steady activity on the front and back fields. The front field where the bases are 60 feet apart is used primarily for the young kids. The back field where the bases are 75 feet apart is used for the intermediate age group of kids. Both fields used the score boards which were put up and wired the previous year. This project was funded by the Canosia Twp. Board which has received money from the Proctor School Board.

The soccer season had a lot of activities. The season primarily got started in August for the younger kids with the older kids starting early in the year. The fields are primarily used for the lower division with a lot of kids in the upper division using the fields for practice earlier in the year.

The tennis courts have had some repairs during the year. There were a lot of cuts in the surface of the tennis court. They were repaired but we will have to watch to see how the repairs hold up. There was also a lot of time spent on the practice tennis court. The line was drawn and they are ready to use.

The basketball courts had some repairs to the rims and the nets. They were new and definitely in need of repair. They were used quite extensively and finished the year in good shape.

The playground has seen some usage throughout the year. Even with the snow we had earlier in the year the kids trudged through the snow which made the usage very popular.

The posts in the pavilion were repaired this past year. With the pavilion lifting a little bit every year, the bricks on the posts are being put out of place. They were repaired on the north side of the building.

The skating rink didn't have any ice placed on it this past year. We will wait to see if there is any demand and decide what we are going to do in the future.

The volleyball court had some usage this past year but we would like to see more. The pickle ball court had some limited use but we would definitely like to see some more usage.

If you have any suggestions please call Mike Ellingson at (218)260-5599.

## 2019 Canosia Township Historical Society Report

- We had an Open House in conjunction with Canosia Township's celebration of National Night Out on August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- We collaborated with the Pike Lake Elementary School to present Canosia Township history to Fifth Grade students.
- We submitted various history articles that appeared in the Canosia Township newsletter, as well as the Pike Lake Association newsletter.
- We received donations of articles and artifacts from various individuals.
- We participated in Work Days held occasionally throughout the year to record, inventory, organize, label, and display historical items in the Town Hall. Work Days are the second Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon, January through October.
- Several CDs of the Pike Lake and Canosia Township Pictorial History Book were sold. We still have CDs of the books available for purchase.
- A Historical Society member attended the Memorial Day Service by the Proctor American Legion at the Canosia Township Cemetery, which is always at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome!
- We meet at 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month, and new members are always welcomed.

NOTE: Please contact Wilson Spence at (218) 729-7746 before coming to a Work Day or Regular Meeting in case there is a cancellation. Wilson can also be contacted if you would like to purchase a CD of the Pike Lake and Canosia Township Pictorial History Book.

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## 2019 Planning & Zoning Recap from St. Louis County

- Land use permits issued: 25
- Variances approved: 2 (**Broman, Carlberg**)
- Variances denied: 0
- Conditional use permits approved: 3 (**Peterson Landscaping, Geoff Parsons, Aaron Lewis**)
- Conditional use permits denied: 0
- Subdivision permits: 9
- Performance standard permit: 1

Value Added to Canosia Township Taxable Market in **2019**: \$2,498,848

**2020** Taxable Market Value: \$251,936,097

**2020** Market Value Increase (compared to 2019): 1%