

Canosia Township

Annual Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020

The 2020 Canosia Township Annual Meeting was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 10. Twelve people were in attendance. Clerk Susan Krasaway called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

The clerk announced the election results: Kevin L. Connick was re-elected to the office of Supervisor (3-year term). There were 63 total votes: 58 for Connick, 3 write-in votes for Tammy Sundbom and two additional write-ins for fictional names/characters.

Kevin Connick nominated Kurt Brooks as moderator for the meeting. Millicent O'Connell seconded the nomination. After three calls, there were no additional nominations and Brooks was unanimously elected.

AGENDA, MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORTS

Agenda: Moderator Brooks read through the agenda; there were no requested changes

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion by Connick, seconded by Gene Stevens, to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: The clerk read the annual Board of Audit Report (attached to official minutes) prepared by Treasurer Cheryl Borndal. There were no comments or questions.

ANNUAL REPORTS

All reports are attached to the official meeting minutes

Canosia Volunteer Fire Department: Chief Gene Stevens said it was another record year for the Canosia Volunteer Fire Department: they responded to 189 calls in 2019; the majority were medical calls within the township. The FD members spend at least 6 hours per month training, in addition to responding to emergencies. There are 19 Fire Department members, plus one additional member joining soon. New members are always welcome.

Roads: Connick explained the upcoming road summer projects and the ongoing road improvement plans the township developed in partnership with St. Louis County. He thanked the FD for their willingness to work with the town board when determining the past two levy amounts; by temporarily reducing the FD levy, the township was able to increase road funding to accomplish some needed road projects.

Recreation Area: Rec Director Mike Ellingson summarized some recent rec area projects including repairs to the pavilion and addition of a practice wall at the tennis courts. Ellingson and Dan Golen said they are still looking for input on the ice rink (the township did not open it this past winter) as well as ideas for enhancing the rec area; there is still money left from a resident donation as well as Proctor Referendum funds.

Historical Society: Millicent O'Connell summarized the group's annual report. Of special note, the Historical Society is now working with the elementary school to educate students on the history of the area.

Planning & Zoning: St. Louis County provided the township with the number of permits, Conditional Use Permits and Variances issued last year (attached to official minutes); Brooks clarified that "subdivision permits" are not new subdivisions, but rather permits issued for work done within existing subdivisions. The estimated market value of Canosia Township is up to \$251,000,000, a 1% increase from 2019.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Proctor School District: Proctor School Board Member Amy Pocrnich gave an update on district projects, including enrollment numbers, career planning initiatives and communication enhancements.

Public Input: Rita O'Connell asked if the township would consider a noise ordinance given the concerns she has heard about the waste wood recycling facility and a related jake-braking incident at the intersection of Midway Rd and Martin Rd. The supervisors said they would look into it. They also plan to discuss sign options with St. Louis County to address both the braking issue as well as a potential "trucks entering" sign at the entrance to the waste wood facility.

COMMUNITY EXPENDITURES

Community Donations: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Stevens, recommending a \$300 donation to both Proctor and Hermantown's Chemical-Free Graduation Parties in 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

National Night Out: Motion by M. O'Connell, seconded by Comnick, recommending the board spend up to \$2,000 on National Night Out this August. *Discussion:* last year's event was a big success and cost roughly \$700. The board is hoping it will grow in popularity this year and plan to possibly get an additional bounce house, more food/drinks, etc. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Recognition Expenditures: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Stevens, to allow Community Recognition expenditures from the General Fund up to \$2,600 throughout the year to encompass the National Night Out, the chem-free grad party donations and any other minor community recognition activities. *Discussion:* Townships are required to get community approval in order to spend money on community celebration activities or recognition efforts. In the past, this amount has been set at \$1,000; however, with the National Night Out plans, those in attendance agreed it should be increased. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Dept. Recognition & Retention: Motion by Stevens, seconded by Comnick, to once again to allow recognition & retention expenditures from the Fire Department Fund to be used for volunteer firefighter recruitment/retention (e.g. awards dinner, special recognition, Fire Prevention Week Open House, etc.); up to \$1,000. *Discussion:* This would not change the levy and would only be used if needed. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 LEVY

For 2021, the Canosia Town Board recommended the following:

Fund	2020 Actual Levy	2021 Recommended Levy
General	\$117,200	\$117,200
Fire Department	\$82,00	\$102,000
Road & Bridge	\$98,000	\$78,000
TOTAL	\$297,200	\$297,200

General Fund Levy: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Stevens, to set the 2021 General Fund levy at \$117,200. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Levy: Motion by M. O'Connell, seconded by Brian Macallister, to set the 2021 Fire Department levy at \$102,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Road & Bridge Levy: Motion by Golen, seconded by M. O'Connell, to set the 2021 Road & Bridge Fund levy at \$78,000. *Discussion*: R. O'Connell questioned whether this decrease from previous years would still allow the township to take adequate care of the roads. Connick explained that we have planned and budgeted accordingly so it won't be a problem; there is also road funding from the state that is added to the Road & Bridge fund. Motion carried unanimously.

{Total 2020 Levy Amount = \$297,200. The levy has been at this amount since 2011}

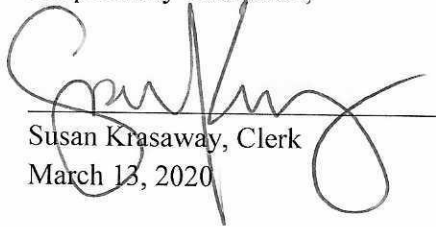
2021 ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION


Motion by Connick, seconded by Mortinsen, to hold the 2021 Election and Annual Meeting at the Canosia Town Hall on the second Tuesday in March. Voting will be from 12:00 noon to 8 p.m. with the Annual Meeting to follow at 8:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the Election and Annual Meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in March. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Macallister, seconded by Connick, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Susan Krasaway, Clerk
March 13, 2020


Kurt Brooks, Moderator
March 13, 2020