

Town of Canosia Newsletter

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TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY & ANNUAL MEETING

The Canosia Town Board is once again recommending **NO INCREASE** to the township tax levy.

The Canosia levy has held steady at \$297,200 for well over a decade, meaning the township portion of your property taxes has held steady as well. The town board, in partnership with the Canosia Volunteer Fire Department, believes the recommended break down (on the right) will best serve the township's needs in 2022.

The General Fund includes the Parks & Recreation account which currently has a healthy balance due to a resident donation and funding from the past Proctor School District Referendum. Therefore, the board's recommendation reflects their proposed plan to budget no additional funds for Parks & Rec next year and instead use that \$10,000 to help fund upcoming road projects and continued maintenance.

	2021 Tax Levy	2022 Recommended
General Fund	\$117,200	\$107,200
Road & Bridge	\$78,000	\$88,000
Fire Department	\$102,000	\$102,000
(Total)	(\$297,200)	(\$297,200)

The actual 2022 levy amounts will be determined by the residents attending the **Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 8:30 p.m.** Like most events of the past year, this one will be slightly different than usual due to the pandemic.

The meeting will be held in-person at the town hall (4896 Midway Rd.) and special care will be taken to ensure a safe, sanitized and socially-distant event. The agenda will also be streamlined for a faster meeting. For those who do not feel comfortable attending in-person, there will be an opportunity to participate remotely. Please bear with us as we navigate the logistics of conducting a meeting this way. We will have to conduct "roll call" voting where each participant (in-person and remote) states their vote, one at a time, on each necessary agenda item.

ANNUAL MEETING REMOTE OPTION

- **Computer, Tablet or Smartphone Log-In:**
<https://www.gotomeet.me/SusanKrasaway/canosia-township-annual-meeting>
- **You can also dial in using your phone.**
+1 (872) 240-3212; Access Code: 475-100-557

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TOWN BOARD ELECTION



WHEN: Tue., March 9. Polls Open **NOON** to 8 p.m. **WHERE:** Canosia Town Hall (4896 Midway Rd).

WHO: Candidates **PENNY DIERYCK & JIM GILMORE** are running for one open town board seat

EARLY VOTING: If you can't make it to the polls on the 9th, you can vote absentee. The town hall will be open for absentee voting on Saturday, March 6 (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.) and Monday, March 8 (4 p.m. to 5 p.m.). You can also contact the clerk to arrange a time or to start the process of having a ballot mailed to you. (Clerk: 590-6746). In the case of severely inclement weather, the town board election, Board of Canvass and Annual Meeting will be rescheduled for Tuesday, March 16.

Town Board Supervisor **KURT BROOKS** opted not to run for re-election this year. Kurt served on the board for 6 years and made a huge impact. During his two terms, he has taken the lead on several projects including the modernization of our township cemetery records, the installation of the new town hall well and the creation of our long-term trail plan and new hiking/biking trail loop on Industrial Road. Kurt has also been instrumental in standardizing and organizing many of our township administrative/financial processes, resulting in greater transparency, effectiveness and value for our residents. Thank you, Kurt, for your kindness and leadership!

**THANK
YOU.
KURT!**

COVID RELIEF FUNDING

The Township received funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act which enabled us to purchase Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and make many upgrades to the town hall and fire hall to ensure the safety of our firefighters, employees and residents who visit the facility. In consultation with the Fire Chief and St. Louis County, we were able to acquire:

- FD Ty Vex suits and protective set of gear
- N95 respirator face masks
- Safety glasses, face shields and goggles
- Touchless hand sanitizers
- Professional grade first aid kits
- Cleaning/sanitizing supplies
- FD Emergency eye wash station
- Storage cabinets for the PPE supplies
- Acrylic shields for elections, meetings
- Touchless toilets, towel dispensers, faucets

The Town Board would like to thank the Fire Department for their assistance in making these determinations. Also, a big thank you to Laird Erikson for his help and expertise in upgrades to our restrooms in the Town Hall.



ROAD WORK AHEAD

This summer will be another busy year for road improvement projects in our Township. In our continuing partnership with St Louis County, we will be doing various types of crack repair treatments (Crack Repair Specials & “Blow & Go’s”) on the Township asphalt roads listed on the right.

We have also scheduled a Township Wide Culvert Inspection to determine potential replacements as well as road ditching and brush cutting throughout the township. We will do our best to post estimated project dates on our website to keep you informed.

Our road maintenance and upgrade program also includes ensuring our gravel roads are maintained properly and remain in good driving condition. Again, we are able to continue this road improvement program without any levy increase.

Kevin L. Cornick; Canosia Town Board

2021 Crack Repairs

- Birchway Dr.
- Daniels Rd.
- Dunaiski Rd.
- Holly Ln.
- Kehtel Rd.
- Lakeway Dr.
- Lindahl Rd.
- Lockwood Ln.
- Pike Ln.
- Pike Lake Pl.
- S. Pike Lake Rd.
- Shady Ln.
- Spruce Ln.
- Vaux Rd.
- Wilderness Trl.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

211 TOTAL CALLS

In 2020, our volunteer fire fighters responded to

- 148 medical calls within Canosia
- 13 medical mutual aid calls
- 23 Canosia fire calls
- 26 mutual aid fire calls

211 is a record number of calls for our volunteers! Their commitment to helping their neighbors is greatly appreciated!

NEW FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE

Canosia Township will now be charging \$500 for repeated false alarm medical calls. This has been a growing problem in the township that zaps the time and energy of our volunteer firefighters and misuses the township resources. The \$500 service charge will be applied after the second false alarm medical call made within 6 months. If not paid, the charge will be assessed to their property taxes.

The full ordinance can be viewed at www.canosiatownship.org.

EMERGENCY ALERTS

You can now sign up to receive local emergency notifications such as police activity in your area, severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, community news and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. To subscribe visit:

NORTHLANDALERT.COM

You can choose what types of alerts you wish to receive and from what participating agencies in St. Louis County, Duluth, Hermantown, Hibbing and Virginia. You can also choose how to receive the alerts (text, email, or automated phone call).



RECYCLING PLASTIC BAGS & FILM

Plastic bags can be recycled – but NOT with your other recyclables. At the township recycling site, look for our orange barrels to deposit your plastic bags.

Please, please, please do not put them in the big recycling bins with the rest of your items! Bags can clog the sorting equipment and invalidate the efforts of all our recyclers. Plastic bags and film must be clean and dry. Remove any receipts or other items from bags. To tell if plastic bags or film is recyclable, you should be able to stretch the plastic when pressing a thumb into it. Common acceptable and unacceptable items are listed below.



- ⊕ Retail, grocery or carry-out bags
- ⊕ Produce bags, fresh and frozen
- ⊕ Air pillows for shipping (deflate)
- ⊕ Food storage bags
- ⊕ Newspaper sleeves
- ⊕ Dry cleaning/garment bags
- ⊕ **Wrap** from products like
 - Cases of pop or water
 - Toilet paper, disposable diapers, sanitary products
 - Napkins, paper towels, disposable cups
 - Furniture, mattresses, electronics



- ⊗ Black plastic garbage bags
- ⊗ Dirty or wet plastic film
- ⊗ Woven plastic bags
- ⊗ Bags or plastic film with a lot of sticky paper labels that won't come off.
- ⊗ Just throw these items in the trash.

Questions about recycling?
 Contact WLSSD
 218-722-0761 or wlssd.com

Township Recycling Hours
Tuesday & Thursday:
 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Plastic bags can also be recycled at Super One, Cub Foods, WalMart, Target & Kohls



Free Community Event!

FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT THIS SPRING

The J.S. Realty Community Shred Event is scheduled for May 22nd from 11 am to 2 p.m. in the Canosia Town Hall parking lot. Bring all your documents and watch while they're shredded! For free!! Paper clips and staples are fine, large binder clips must be removed.

TRY OUT THE TRAILS!

Please don't forget about our new 1-mile loop trail. Bring your snowshoes, fat tire bike or cross country skis to the trailhead located at 5594 Industrial Road (about ½ mile east of the Midway Road). This is a great spot for some exercise and it's just down the road from an access point to the Canosia Wildlife Management Area's existing trails.



Since this project is new and ongoing, we need to hear from you! Are you using the trail? Do you have any improvement ideas? Are you willing to help with additional clearing, mowing, etc.? Please drop us a note to let us know!

Pike Lake 10k & Half-Marathon

Saturday, May 15, 2021

- The race will start and end at the Pike Lake Golf & Beach Club
- Long-sleeve t-shirts for all racers
- Virtual participation option also available!
- Free quarter mile kids race with DQ Dilly Bar prizes



Visit

duluthrunning.com

for more information

RECREATION AREA: WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

Despite the pandemic, the recreation area saw some use this summer once it was able to re-open. Playground equipment was periodically disinfected, and the baseball and soccer fields were used during the summer.

We hoped for input from residents to help come up with ideas and prioritize improvements for town board discussion and approval, however input and participation didn't materialize in large part due to the pandemic. We still want to obtain suggestions for improvement and identify people who are interested in working toward upgrades so we can continue to improve the recreation area once meetings can take place safely.

If you have ideas or want to participate, please contact the township at canosiatownship@yahoo.com.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canosia Township Historical Society has submitted the following article as a reminder of how much can change in 101 years. The content was originally published in the *Duluth News Tribune* in 1920.

DULUTH WOMAN NAMED CARRIER; FIRST IN STATE

**Mrs. Mary Sarff Receives Notice of
Appointment to Rural Mail Route**

Mrs. Mary L. Sarff, 9p7 Fourth avenue East, yesterday received from Washington, D.C., her formal appointment as a rural mail carrier at a salary of \$1,800 a year. She is the first woman to pass the examination in the state of Minnesota, Col. W. F. Henry, acting postmasters, says, and is one of only a half dozen women rural carriers in the United States. Mrs. Sarff is married and has two children. Her husband is employed in Duluth.

She has already demonstrated her ability to carry Uncle Sam's mail, as she has covered the 27 miles included in route No. 1, on the Pike Lake road, for more than a year while acting as a substitute.

Likes the Work.

"I am glad to know that I passed the examination all right," Mrs. Sarff said yesterday as she busied herself sorting and tying the bun-

dles which she will distribute along her route today. "I like the work fine. Even in muddy weather, when it is sometimes doubtful whether a 'flivver' is going to remain in the road or take to the ditch, I enjoy the job just the same."

During the winter months, when the deep snows make it impossible to cover the route with a car, Mrs. Sarff uses a horse and buggy. She has never missed a day, Colonel Henry says, although there have been days during heavy snowstorms, when the roads were considered impassable.

Women Are Efficient.

"Mrs. Sarff is probably the last woman who will be appointed in this district," Col. Henry said. "Since the war the shortage of men has not been felt so keenly and a great number of ex-soldiers, who must receive first consideration, have taken the examinations for positions in the postal department. "Our experience with women who have entered the department during the war period has demonstrated that they can be fully as efficient as the men."

Reproduction of a April 1920 *Duluth News Tribune* article/retyped for easier reading.

Our township is grateful to have such a knowledgeable and active historical society, with members dedicated to maintaining Canosia's historical artifacts and records. If you are interested in joining the society, please contact Wilson Spence at 729- 7746. They are always looking for new members.

UPCOMING EVENTS SUMMARY

MARCH 3

March Town Board meeting, 7 p.m. Virtual and in-person option will be available. See township website for details the week of the meeting. The town board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

MARCH 9

Town Board Election, Polls Open **NOON** to 8 p.m. at the Canosia Town Hall! Candidates are Penny Dieryck and Jim Gilmore. **Annual Meeting** at 8:30 p.m. (In-person and virtual options available. See Page 1 for details)

APRIL 28

Local Board of Appeal & Equalization. **ONLY WRITTEN APPEALS** will be accepted, but residents are encouraged to contact the County Assessor's office to talk through their concerns prior to submitting an appeal. Your valuation notice (coming soon in the mail) will have additional details.

MAY 15

Pike Lake 10k & Half-Marathon. Visit duluthrunning.com for details.

MAY 22

Sathers' free community paper shredding event. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Town Hall parking lot

**Now
Advertising!**

If you're interested in advertising in the Canosia Township newsletter, we are now accepting business card size ads for \$35 each (payment up front). To place an ad, contact canosiatownship@yahoo.com

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CONTACT INFORMATION

TOWN HALL

4896 Midway Rd, Duluth MN 55811

Phone/Fax: 218-729-9833 or 590-6746 (Clerk)

Website: canosiatownship.org

Email: canosiatownship@yahoo.com

Official Posting Places

Town Hall and the Intersection of Lavaque & Martin Rds.

PLANNING & ZONING

Administered by St. Louis County

Phone: 725-5000

Email: landuseinfo@stlouiscountymn.gov

Website: www.stlouiscountymn.gov

FIRE DEPARTMENT & BURNING PERMITS

Emergencies: 911

Gene Stevens, Chief: 729-6211

Burning Permits: Tom Amendola 393-5533

TOWN BOARD

Regular Meeting: 1st Wed. of each month at 7 p.m.

Kevin Comnick, Chair: 590-6473

Kurt Brooks, Supervisor: 393-0304

Dan Golen, Supervisor: 464-2365

Susan Krasaway, Clerk: 590-6746

Cheryl Borndal, Treasurer: 729-9833

VARIOUS

Rec Area: Director Mike Ellingson 260-5599

Recycling: Tues/Thu 5-8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. – 5p.m

Historical Society: Wilson Spence 729-7746

PLAWCS

Phone: 451-3310 (general questions)

590-5911 (system emergencies or operating concerns)

Email: plawcsclerk@gmail.com **Website:** PLAWCS.com