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Town Leadership: Chair Kevin L. Connick, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Neil Sample

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2024

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, and 1 guest. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the Canosia Town Hall.

Chair Connick called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

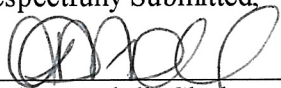
SUPERVISOR ROLL CALL: Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, and Supervisor Erikson were present. Supervisor Erikson attended virtually and was non-voting due to notice requirements.

- A. Supervisor Dieryck explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Town of Canosia's Volunteer Fire Department.
- B. Pension Fund: Chief Stevens stated that the report he provided to the board goes through October 2023. He stated that there are different levels of investment and that the department is at the \$1,600/year level right now. He stated that they can go up to the \$1,800/year level with no increase in contributions but then would need to invest more if wanted to go higher than that. He stated that the contribution level is locked in for 5 years and that they have 1 ½ years or so left on the level they are currently at. The board discussed the calendar sales that are going into the fund and how they are helping to increase the investment over time. Supervisor Dieryck asked Clerk Madoll to add a resolution for the fire department to the August calendar.
- C. Fire Relief: Chief Stevens stated that a board is no longer required and that they no longer need to meet.
- D. Calendar Fundraiser: The board discussed the calendar fundraiser and checks. Chief Stevens stated that they are written to Canosia Township Fire Department. He stated that they have Centricity account to collect them. Chairman Connick stated that any check written to the fire department not related to the fire relief needs to be approved by the township as the township has oversight of the fire department.
- E. FEMA Grant: The board discussed access to the SAM account. Clerk Madoll explained that anyone with access would then have access to submit, accept, and alter granting applications on behalf of the township. Supervisor Dieryck stated that the board needed to maintain control over access to the account. The board discussed the grant that the fire department wanted to apply for, which was for turn out gear and radios. They would need 5% matching. They discussed how equipment is determined to be expired or unusable. The board discussed making a motion in the following general board meeting to approve them applying for a grant of radios turn out gear for a total of approximately \$228,966.44.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick, to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 2 – 0. Penny Dieryck and Kevin Connick voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoll, Clerk
January 8, 2025

APPROVED:



Kevin L. Connick, Town Board Chair
January 8, 2025