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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2025

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Supervisor Dieryck, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Neil Sample, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Asst Fire Chief Clyde Mortinsen, Road Foreman Gary Oswell and five guests. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the Canosia Town Hall.

Chair Connick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

AGENDA, MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS

- A. SUPERVISOR ROLL CALL:** Chairman Connick, Supervisor Dieryck, and Supervisor Erikson were present. Supervisor Erikson attended virtually and was non-voting due to posting regulations.
- B. AGENDA: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 2-0. Kevin Connick and Penny Dieryck voted in favor.
- C. MINUTES: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick to approve the May 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously, 2-0. Kevin Connick and Penny Dieryck voted in favor.
- D. TREASURER'S REPORT:**
 - a.** Treasurer Sample stated the claims and deposits for the month, as well as the cash balance.
 - b.** Motion made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to authorize Treasurer Sample to invest \$168,000 into a North Shore Bank CD for 7 months at 4.5% and \$56,000 into a Members Cooperative Credit Union CD for 13 months at 4%. Motion carried unanimously, 2-0. Kevin Connick and Penny Dieryck voted in favor.
 - c.** Chairman Connick stated that the fine sharing program has been an asset to the township and is going well.
 - d.** **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously, 2-0. Kevin Connick and Penny Dieryck voted in favor.
- E. PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick to pay bills # 23129-23172 and EFT2025-11, EFT2025-12. Motion carried unanimously, 2-0. Kevin Connick and Penny Dieryck voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lakewood Township: Mr. Rich stated that Lakewood Township is considering turning over their planning and zoning to the county and wanted the input of the Town of Canosia on how the process went and if they were happy with their decision. Chairman Connick stated that managing planning and zoning cost the township approximately 4-7K a year in staff and attorney fees. He stated that he felt that the county had the education and resources to do a better job and that the town zoning regulations were extremely similar to that of the county. He stated that he initiated the transfer with the board's support and that the transition went smoothly. He thinks that it was the best decision for the town. Supervisor Dieryck stated that the only concern they have had is concerning

was the best decision for the town. Supervisor Dieryck stated that the only concern they have had is concerning VRBO's and commercial properties. Chairman Comnick stated that when the town does have concerns, the county is receptive. Ms. O'Connell stated that as a resident she did not like that the zoning was turned over because of the loss of local control over zoning and how management of it- hearings, etc.- are now based in Virginia.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **PLANNING AND ZONING:** Chairman Comnick stated that the town received a response from the county concerning the Kaski property and that the fire chief would take the next steps to address the township's concerns.
- B. **FIRE RELIEF:** Supervisor Dieryck shared the account balance and that they are still waiting on their annual report.
- C. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
 - a. Chief Stevens stated they had a speaker from the DNR talk about billing for grass fires. They also had a very successful active shooter training at Pike Lake School with 60 participants and 9 different fire departments, along with the St. Louis County rescue squad and the county Sheriff's office.
 - b. Chief Stevens stated that he sent some trucks up to the Camphouse fires. There will be two firefighters that will need to be paid for their time at \$21.50/hr.

2025 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	MAY #'s	Notes	Total for 2025
EMS	10		52
Medical MUA	4	GL FD	6
Twp Fire	2	Outside Fire, new furnace smoking	4
MUA Fire	4	Solway FD, Hermantown FD, and Camphouse fires	13
Service	0		0
TOTAL	20		76

- D. **ROADS:** Chairman Comnick stated that they completed the road review and will be doing crack sealing, gradings, and culvert changes, as needed. He stated that he and Supervisor Erikson attended the county planning meeting concerning the changes to the four corners intersection, Midway/Martin Rd intersection, and the Rice Lake turn around. He stated that changes to the township area will occur 2028-29.
- E. **RECYCLE SHED:** Chairman Comnick stated that he did not think that the recycling staff should be paid for the 15 minutes before and after their shift. **Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to have the recycling attendants paid for their exact shift times. Motion carried unanimously, 2 – 0. Kevin Comnick and Penny Dieryck voted in favor.
- F. **RECREATION AREA:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that the fields were sprayed and that Proctor Baseball should be invoiced for \$500, which is their portion of the cost. She stated that she will be working with Duluth Asphalt to make the tennis court repairs and with Jay Peterson to address any necessary erosion work at the recreation area. The board briefly discussed purchasing new picnic tables for the recreation area.

- G. CEMETERY:** The board discussed the potentiality of purchasing a bench for the cemetery to go in front of the columbarium. The board also discussed the veteran's plaque and whether names should only be of veterans buried in the cemetery or if it should be veterans who lived in the township. Chairman Connick advised those with concerns to contact Supervisor Erikson who would determine who should be placed on the plaque.
- H. PLAWCS:** Chairman Connick stated that the board will be holding a special meeting on June 9, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. to further review the agreement with PLAWCS and the Pike Lake Golf and Beach Club.
- I. MAINTENANCE:** None.
- J. AIS:** Chairman Connick stated that there are concerns about possible state fund cuts to the program and that representatives are working to try and make sure the funding isn't cut.
- K. RECORD RETENTION:** The Clerk and Treasurer did not have a destruction report for this month. The board discussed the Town of Canosia's Historical Society's request for a formal donation to be made between the township and the historical society for the green benches that sat in the townhall. Chairman Connick explained that the historical society is not its own separate entity. It is a part of the township. Therefore, there wouldn't be a formal donation made. Ms. O'Connell stated that the historical society has its own bank account separate from the township. Treasurer Sample stated that he is concerned about checking accounts holding township funds that the town is unaware of. Chairman Connick stated that any donation to the historical society has to be approved by the town board as the historical society is a part of the township. Chairman Connick requested that Supervisor Erikson look into the situation.
- L. RENTAL POLICY:** Motion made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve renting the townhall to community residents, which would include access to the main town hall room and bathrooms with the rates and details to be determined later. Motion carried unanimously, 2 – 0. Kevin Connick and Penny Dieryck voted in favor.
- M. NOXIOUS WEEDS:** Road Foreman Oswell stated that he would look for them over the next month.

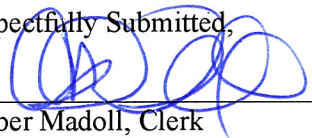
NEW BUSINESS

- A. CPR Training:** Chairman Connick stated that it will be held August 7, 2025 at 5pm and that the training is free. Registration is required.
- B. Newsletter:** The board requested that National Night Out be added to the newsletter. Otherwise, the board was in agreement that the newsletter can go to print.
- C. Digital Board:** The board also requested that the school digital board be updated with National Night Out, the CPR Training, and the upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive.

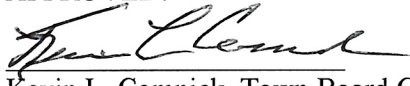
COORESPONDENCE: 2024 MN state demographics reflecting that the Town of Canosia had a population of 2,196 individuals with 848 households; Orman's newsletter, FEMA letter notifying the board of their Risk Mapping Project for Floodplains, SLC Land and Zoning notification for a hearing on updating their zoning ordinance

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 2-0. Kevin Connick and Penny Dieryck voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,


Amber Madoll, Clerk
July 2, 2025

APPROVED:


Kevin L. Connick, Town Board Chair
July 2, 2025