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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
August 6, 2025

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

Chair Connick called the meeting to order at 6:59 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.
- B. AGENDA: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve the agenda as written with moving SCI Broadband up on the agenda. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.
- C. MINUTES: Motion** made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the July 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, July 28, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes (Historical Society), and July 28, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes (Recreation Area) as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.
- D. TREASURER'S REPORT:**
 - a. Treasurer Sample shared the cash balance, monthly receipts total, and monthly disbursements total with the board.
 - b. Treasurer Sample stated that the final bill came in for PERA concerning L. Erikson and C. Mortinsen's PERA contribution. He stated that it was less than expected.
 - c. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.
- E. PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Penny Dieryck to pay bills # 23213-23253 and EFT2025-15, EFT2025-16, and EFT2025-17. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

SCI Broadband: Savage stated gave a review of the work SCI Broadband has accomplished over the past years and explained that they are merging with MIDCO. He stated that they will be retaining all of the employees. They will also be expanding into new communities over the next three years, expanding programming, and offering new levels of service. Chairman Connick asked if the agreement previously agreed upon between the Town and SCI Broadband would be honored and was advised that it would be. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, Seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve Resolution 2025-10 which updates the agreement between with SCI Broadband and the Town to MIDCO and the Town. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor. Clerk Madoll typed up the resolution and it was signed at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. PLANNING AND ZONING:** None.
- B. FIRE RELIEF:** Fire Chief Stevens stated that they received their annual evaluation and will be holding a meeting in the next month to discuss it.
- C. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
- Chief Stevens shared his report stating that they had a training on firefighter and EMS scene safety - what to do and what not to do. They also trained with the new landing zone lights they ordered.
 - Chief Stevens stated that they are looking into getting dash cameras for the trucks. The board is in agreement that it's a safety issue and were in agreement that it should come from the general fund. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to have the Canosia Volunteer Fire Department purchase dash cameras for the trucks with the funds coming from the general fund. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.
 - The board discussed the tracking of medical calls.
 - Chief Stevens stated that Percy's retirement party is at the Cast Iron on August 22, 2025 at 5:30pm. He's been a member of the department for 53 years.

2025 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	JULY #'s	Notes	Total for 2025
EMS	21		110
Medical MUA	3	GL FD	11
Twp Fire	2	CO2 Alarm, gas smell	11
MUA Fire	2	Rice Lake FD, GL FD	18
Service	0		0
TOTAL	28		150

- D. ROADS:** None.
- E. RECYCLE SHED:** Treasurer Sample stated that the grant was approved.
- F. RECREATION AREA:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that the Town would apply for the Twins Community Fund when the docket opens to help pay for baseball field upgrades. Wojtysiak stated that the Proctor Baseball Club would be taking down their banners and doing a fall cleanup. Treasurer Sample stated that they did pay their portion of the spraying. Supervisor Erikson stated that concerning the drainage issues at the baseball field, the first step will be to widen the ditch along the back soccer field to improve flow. Chairman Connick stated that the picnic tables were ordered. He stated that the board will need to eventually decide what to do with the old ones. He recommended maybe purchasing post grills for residents to use. Supervisor Dieryck stated that Wastewood will be installing the wood chips soon and Chairman Connick stated that Peterson Excavating would be working on the brick path up to the pavilion.
- G. CEMETERY:** None.
- H. PLAWCS:** None.
- I. MAINTENANCE:** Chairman Connick stated that the rec field and township signs were repainted and that the landscaping will also be worked on. He also stated that the new furnace/air conditioner install is complete.

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- J. AIS:** Chairman Connick stated that he and Ershman met with SLC AIS staff. He stated that they are planning on reducing their budget by 50% in 2027. He stated that he agreed to have an electrician look at the CD3 station to see if it could be repaired with the goal of having the air compressor and vacuum working.
- K. RECORD RETENTION:** None.
- L. RENTAL POLICY:** Clerk Madoll provided a draft rental policy. Supervisor Dieryck stated to remove the masking tape on walls on the policy. Chairman Connick stated that the rocking chair and some other items will need to be removed from the town hall. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to approve the proposed townhall rental policy. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.
- M. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** Chairman Connick stated that the event went well and thanked the fire department for helping make the event happen. He stated that there were a lot of younger people there.
- N. NOXIOUS WEEDS:** None.

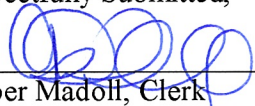
NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2025 Maintenance Road Agreement:** Chairman Connick stated that they do not need the program for this upcoming year.
- B. VRBO:** The board discussed the concern over fire department access with VRBO's during an emergency. Clerk Madoll stated that the county is willing to provide a monthly report on VRBOs in the township, if the board is interested.

COORESPONDENCE: Duluth Township Newsletter, Midway Township Newsletter, Solway NNO Invite, Fredenberg Township Newsletter, Midco Letter, 2025 Election Manual, 4971 Nelsondale Underground Power request, 4759 Lavaque Road blight concern, final JPA agreement

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoll, Clerk
September 3, 2025

APPROVED:



Kevin L. Connick, Town Board Chair
September 3, 2025