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

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2025

**ATTENDING:** Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Neil Sample, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, and 2 guests. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the Canosia Town Hall.

Chair Comnick 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:** Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, and Supervisor Erikson were present.
- B. **AGENDA: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Comnick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.
- C. **MINUTES: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Comnick to approve the January 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Comnick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.
- D. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
  - a. Treasurer Sample stated that there are three outstanding payroll checks that have not been cleared. He would like to know if the board would like to stop payment on them and reissue them to the employees. Chairman Comnick stated that the board should discuss at some point the issue and consider who absorbs the stop payment fee or if the checks should be reissued as it is a cost to the township. Supervisor Erikson stated the checks should be reissued in March if they are not located.
  - b. **Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Comnick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.
- E. **PAY BILLS: Motion** made by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to pay bills # 23000-23034 and EFT2025-1, EFT2025-2, EFT2025-3. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Comnick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. **Pike Lake Area Association:** Wallace stated that they are having a Winterfest coming up with an open skating rink. Chairman Comnick reminded him that they cannot park at the public landing as it's needed for those ice fishing. Wallace stated the only thing in the public landing area will be portable restrooms for the event.
- B. **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that there will be a blood drive on 2.17.25 at the Pike Lake Golf and Beach Club from 11am-6pm.

- C. **CPR Training:** Chairman Connick stated that the township is going to be hosting a free CPR clinic in the Spring for residents.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **PLANNING AND ZONING:** none

- B. **FIRE RELIEF:** none

- C. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- a. Chief Stevens stated that they had a refresher on the SCBA packs and rescue breathing and medical training on Pt. Assessment.
- b. Chief Stevens discussed burn permits and that even if one isn't needed residents need to call 911 and let them know they are burning so that the fire department isn't called out.
- c. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve Resolution 2025-5 which accepts multiple donations on behalf of the fire department. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.

<b>2025 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES</b>			
<b>Call Type</b>	<b>JANUARY #'s</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Total for 2025</b>
EMS	16		16
Medical MUA	1	GL FD	1
Twp Fire	2		2
MUA Fire	4	RL FD, Proctor FD, Hermantown FD, Solway FD	4
Service	0		0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>23</b>

- D. **ROADS:** Road Foreman Oswell provided paperwork that showed the cost of his annual liability insurance for his snowplowing business. Chairman Connick stated that the board will not be considering any reimbursements for this snow season as the agreement for plowing was already secured for this season. He stated that he talked with the MAT attorney and they recommended caution with approving any form of insurance reimbursement as that would set a precedence moving forward. He stated that Road Foreman Oswell needs to look at what he wants to charge for the 2025-26 year and bring that to the table in the fall. Since he plows for multiple companies, he should include what he wants covered concerning insurance within his bid. Supervisor Erikson asked if we get competing bids. Chairman Connick stated that the township does but they are higher or there is a conflict of interest. Road Foreman Oswell asked if he could submit a revised bid for this season. Chairman Connick stated that he could but there is no guarantee that the board would consider it.
- E. **RECYCLE SHED:** Treasurer Sample stated that the grant for this upcoming year is due March 7, 2025. Supervisor Dieryck stated that she is still concerned over the wind crossing the parking lot and pulling on the dumpster lids.
- F. **RECREATION AREA:** The board discussed Resolution 2025-4. Clerk Madoll stated that she did not think the board needed a resolution because the contribution was related to a contractual agreement, not a donation. The contractual agreement already covered the funds acceptance. The board was in agreement.
- G. **CEMETERY:** None

- H. **PLAWCS:** None
- I. **MAINTENANCE:** None
- J. **ELECTIONS: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve Resolution 2025-2 that sets the election judges and absentee board for the 2025 Township Election. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0 – 1. Kevin Connick and Penny Dieryck voted in favor. Jeff Erikson abstained. Clerk Madoll reminded the board of the upcoming election, absentee hours, and upcoming PAT.
- K. **NEWSLETTER:** The board reviewed the newsletter. It will go to print at the end of the week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **March Board Meeting:** The board was in agreement that the March 5, 2025 board meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.
- B. **Fine Sharing:** Motion made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve Resolution 2025-3 which authorizes the township to enter into a new fine sharing agreement with the Sherriff's department. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.
- C. **Township Rental:** Supervisor Erikson stated that he would like the board's consent to put together a building rental policy for the townhall so that residents can use the facilities. The board discussed and were in agreement.

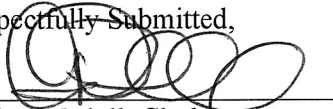
**COORESPONDENCE**

Fredenberg Newsletter, Hartel notice of price increases, Thank You letter from the Proctor School District

**ADJOURNMENT**

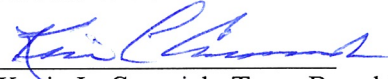
**Motion** made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Penny Dieryck, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoll, Clerk  
March 5, 2025

APPROVED:



Kevin L. Connick, Town Board Chair  
March 5, 2025