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

BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2026

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

Chair Connick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited in a previous meeting.

- A. SUPERVISOR ROLL CALL:** Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, and Supervisor Jeff Erikson were present.
- B. DISCUSSION:** Chairman Connick stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the township budget for 2026 and to determine the recommended levy for 2027.
- C. LEVY:** Chairman Connick stated that in reviewing the budget he feels that the levy should remain the same. He stated that the town was in good financial positioning and that he did not see a need to raise the levy.
 - a. **Recreation Area:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that she would like to see the levy raised, even if by .05% in order to support the recreation area. She is concerned about the tennis courts, something she stated the board talked about doing but haven't completed. Chairman Connick stated that there is enough in the general funds for the town board to make the decisions it needs to concerning the town budget and that there is no reason to raise the levy. He stated that the recreation area only benefits some residents and that he wouldn't support a levy increase. Treasurer Sample stated that there are areas that could be tweaked in the budget as recycling and the recreation area are trending negative. Chairman Connick stated that it is irrelevant as is in the end the budget is balanced. He stated that he is concerned about the Resource Renew grant for the recycling program as each year it decreases. He stated that the only option should it continue to decrease is to decrease staffing. He stated that he has also talked with state AIS program staff about future programming cuts and that if the town's AIS grant decreases, that the town would need to also decrease staffing for that program.
 - b. **Fire Department:** Fire Chief Stevens stated that he was concerned about the fire department's levy line as though they have been frugal thus far, equipment and truck needs are increasing, along with the costs for replacements. He stated that training costs have also significantly increased and that the levy hasn't been changed in years, nor their allotment and he would like to see it increase. Chairman Connick stated that if the fire department is concerned, then they can call a meeting of the board to sit down and discuss their budget needs. He stated that then the board could determine if additional funds were needed. Chief Stevens stated that he could provide a 3 year and 5 year budget plan for the board to review. The board was in agreement that they were supportive of the fire department.
 - c. **Budget Planning:** Clerk Madoll asked for clarification as to why there isn't a fall budget meeting in the fall that feeds into this spring meeting. She stated that a budget would help guide whether a

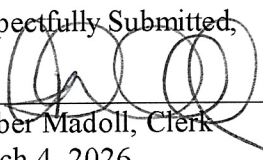
levy increase was needed, as well as, give departments guidance for spending. Chairman Connick stated that it was unnecessary as the only thing the board needed to set was the levy with its roads, fire department, and general allocations. Treasurer Sample stated that a budget might help draw notice to over or under spending in certain areas that would guide the board. He also asked if there should be an annual budget that matches what is reported to the state auditor. Chairman Connick stated that all that is needed is the levy figures. The rest of the allocation is up to the town board. Fire Chief Stevens stated that the fire department used to have a budget for their levy allocation but have not had one for a while. Assistant Fire Chief Sirios stated that he felt a budget would be helpful. Chairman Connick stated that one was not necessary as the levy determination divides the funds and the town board then allocates them appropriately. He stated that the board has done a good job in allocating to date. In addition, he stated that the state only wants to see three levels- roads, fire department, and general. He stated that the grant programs shouldn't even be part of the levy as they are funded by grants. The same with PLAWCS and the columbarium.

D. Motion made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve the 2027 recommended levy with no changes from the previous year. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

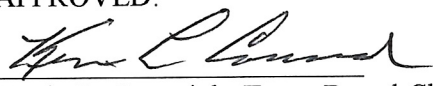
Motion by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Kevin Connick, Penny Dieryck, and Jeff Erikson voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoll, Clerk
March 4, 2026

APPROVED:



Kevin L. Connick, Town Board Chair
March 4, 2026