

Town of Canosia

4896 Midway Road
Duluth MN 55811

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2024

ATTENDING: Supervisor Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, and 6 additional residents.

Clerk Madoll called the meeting to order at 8:28 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

- A. **Announcement of Election Results:** Clerk Madoll stated that Penny Dieryck won the 2024 Canosia Township March Election with 46 votes. No one ran against Dieryck and there were no other votes placed besides those that were in her favor.
- B. **Approval of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson. Motion carried unanimously, 12 – 0.
- C. **Calls for Election of Moderator:** Clerk Madoll requested three times for nominations for Moderator. Motion made by Gene Stevens, seconded by Brian McAllister to make Kevin Comnick moderator of the Canosia Township 2024 Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously, 12 – 0. There were no other nominations.
- D. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** Moderator Comnick went through the agenda and discussed the agenda. Motion made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson. Motion carried unanimously, 12 – 0.
- E. Clerk Madoll read the annual Canosia Township audit.
- F. **Annual Reports:** Moderator Comnick explained that the annual reports were printed and available on the table beside the evening's agenda.
- G. Public Comment: none
- H. **2024 Chemical Free Graduation Parties:** Motion made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Brian McAllister to authorize the Canosia Township treasurer to make a donation of \$300 to the Proctor High School CFG Party and a donation of \$300 to the Hermantown High School CFG Party. Motion carried, 12 – 0.
- I. **2025 Levy:** Moderator Comnick stated that the levy has not been raising in 18 years and that the township carries the necessary surplus that is recommended by the state for emergencies. Supervisor Comnick stated that the township has continued to be frugal with funds with a 12 month reserve and another year with no projected levy increase. He stated that this was with the major flooding event in April. He also explained that the township is currently investing in two 50K CD's at two different banks. Motion made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Gene Stevens to approve \$107,000 as the 2025 levy for the Canosia Township general fund. Motion carried unanimously, 12 – 0. Motion made by Millicent O'Connell, seconded by Brian McAllister to approve \$102,000 as the 2025 levy for the Canosia Township fire department fund. Motion carried unanimously, 12 – 0. Motion made by Rita O'Connell, seconded by Gene Stevens to approve \$88,000 as the 2025 levy for the Canosia Township road and bridge fund. Motion carried unanimously, 12 – 0.
- J. General Comments:
 - a. Rita O'Connell asked about the annual departmental reports. Chief Stevens explained that his report is absent due to their focus on recent local fires. Supervisor Comnick explained that the rest were on the table for the public to view. Chief Stevens gave a verbal update sharing that the township invested

in new breathing packs for the department, worth approximately 190K, that they have a new inclosed trailer for the atv, and that they are interested in eventually purchasing a new truck. He stated that the atv is donated by a local business. He shared that the call volume was down a bit in 2023 and that medical calls are up. Supervisor Connick explained that townships are concerned about the lack of EMT support at a legislative level and is working to help bring some sort of funding to the local level to help the townships fund EMTs, which would help the fire department with medical calls.

- b. Superintendent Kerry from the Proctor School District, Jim Pogornik from the Proctor School Board and student Abigail Schunk shared a school district report highlighting the districts learning models and educational focus, student enrollment numbers, and strategic plan updates.
- c. Millicent O'Connell shared a historical society update that included teaching the 5th graders at Pike Lake Elementary.
- d. The community discussed the Gerhart Erikson Recreation Area renaming in honor of the family that donated the land, the recent and planned improvements to the space, and the boards efforts to secure a MNDNR grant to help with future updates.

- K. **2024 National Night Out: Motion** made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Gene Stevens to approve \$2,500 for the township's 2024 National Night Out and \$1,000 for the fire department's community expenditures. Motion carried unanimously 11 – 0.
- L. **2025 Township Election and Annual Meeting: Motion** made by Rita O'Connell, seconded by Penny Dieryck to hold the 2025 Township Election from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. with the Annual Meeting being held at approximately 8:30 p.m. on 3.11.25, with a weather date of 3.18.24. Motion carried unanimously, 11 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

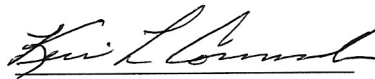
Motion by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 11 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoll, Clerk
March 11, 2025

APPROVED:



Kevin Connick, Moderator
March 11, 2025