

Town of Canosia

4896 Midway Road
Duluth MN 55811

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2023

ATTENDING: Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, and 4 additional residents.

Clerk Madoll called the meeting to order at 8:31 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

- A. **Announcement of Election Results:** Clerk Madoll stated that Kevin Connick won the 2023 Canosia Township March Election with 23 votes. No one ran against Connick and there were no other votes placed besides those that were in his favor.
- B. **Approval of the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Penny Dieryck. Motion carried unanimously, 10 – 0.
- C. **Calls for Election of Moderator:** Clerk Madoll requested three times for nominations for Moderator. Motion made by Gene Stevens, seconded by Gary Oswell to make Kevin Connick moderator of the Canosia Township 2023 Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously, 11 – 0. There were no other nominations.
- D. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** Moderator Connick went through the agenda and discussed the agenda. Motion made by Gene Stevens, seconded by Penny Dieryck. Motion carried unanimously, 10 – 0.
- E. **Public Comments:**
 - a. Adam Clapman from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department introduced himself and shared that the department is interested in creating collaborations with and supporting the township. He explained the new online crime mapping system and shared that their annual call numbers were similar to the previous year with 217 in 2022.
 - b. Jim Pogornik from the Proctor School Board shared the school schedule, senior cards, and updates concerning the district.
- F. **Annual Reports:** Moderator Connick explained that the annual reports were printed and available on the table beside the evening's agenda. Clerk Madoll read the annual Canosia Township audit.
- G. **2024 Levy:** Moderator Connick stated that the levy has not been raising in 14 years and that the township carries the necessary surplus that is recommended by the state for emergencies. He stated that new people moving into the township and building new homes also helps spread the levy out amongst a wider pool of residents, further reducing the impact on each household. Motion made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Laird Erikson to approve \$107,000 as the 2024 levy for the Canosia Township general fund. Motion carried unanimously, 9 – 0. Motion made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Laird Erikson to approve \$102,000 as the 2024 levy for the Canosia Township fire department fund. Motion carried unanimously, 9 – 0. Motion made by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Gary Oswell to approve \$88,000 as the 2024 levy for the Canosia Township road and bridge fund. Motion carried unanimously, 9 – 0.
- H. **2023 Chemical Free Graduation Parties:** Motion made by Gene Stevens, seconded by Laird Erikson 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, 9 – 0.

- I. **2023 National Night Out: Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve \$2,500 for the township's 2023 National Night Out and \$1,000 for the fire department's community expenditures. Motion carried unanimously 9 – 0.
- J. **2024 Township Election and Annual Meeting:** There was a general discussion about moving the start/end time of the elections. **Motion** made by Gene Stevens, seconded by Gary Oswell to hold the 2024 Township Election from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. with the Annual Meeting being held at approximately 8:30 p.m. on 3.12.24, with a weather date of 3.19.23. Motion carried unanimously, 9 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Jeff Erikson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 9 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoll, Clerk
March 12, 2024

APPROVED:



Kevin Connick, Moderator
March 12, 2024