

THE LOCATION OF THE TOWN HAS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Thanks to the Canosia Town Board, there is a new and outstanding sign in front of the Town Hall. It was 116 years ago that this land was donated to the newly formed Canosia Township for the construction of a Town Hall.

This original building, still in use, had a wood burning stove, a large roll top desk, a heavy steel safe and hand crafted wood benches. The wood flooring we see today is also an “original.” Later additions included a kitchen because there were dinners, dances, and bingo games to support the fledgling volunteer fire department. By 1987 the foundation sills began rotting so the Town Board had the whole building lifted up, moved it back on a new foundation and added an office and other facilities.

Near the front entrance, there is a flag pole donated by Lloyd Kimber, and a small perennial garden donated by the Pike Lake 4-H. There is also a large rock with unusual grooves which was found near the pool and dam in the Canosia Wildlife Management Area. Leroy Angell, for whom the pool is named, arranged for the DNR to haul this rock to the Town Hall.

Finally, there is the “Little Town Hall,” built by Howard Pederson, former janitor of Pike Lake School and a descendent of very early Canosia pioneers. This replica, accompanied by local citizens dressed as pioneers, was used once in Duluth’s Christmas City of the North Parade, and it was also an important part of Canosia’s 1988 Centennial celebration.

One hundred and sixteen years in continuous use makes this truly a “Landmark Site.”

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