

Canosia Township

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Town Board: Chair Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Dan Golen
Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2017

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Dan Golen, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Assistant Fire Chief Clyde Mortinsen, P&Z Director Tim Walburg, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and 14 residents.

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. **AGENDA:** Motion by Connick, seconded by Brooks, to approve the agenda, with two additions (Kehtel Rd. Right-of-Way, Cich Roofs) and removing AAA club update. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. **MINUTES:** Motion by Golen, seconded by Connick, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting (6/7/2017) and Special AIS Payroll Meeting (6/14/2017). Motion carried unanimously.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/17 –6/30/17). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

The treasurer also reported: 1) We received the recycling operations grant money 2) MATIT will send a Workers Comp rebate check next month. 3) The property tax money will be distributed to the various funds once all the money has been received.

PUBLIC INPUT

Caribou Lake Association member Tom Marchand asked for increased AIS inspection hours at Caribou. Supervisor Connick said the township is right on track with meeting all the goals outlined in our grant. However, he agreed to discuss the schedule with Landing Manger Alyssa Hagemeyer to see what changes can be tweaked to address their concerns. AIS Inspector Desirae Marchand also asked for the township to communicate better with all employees.

OLD BUSINESS

A. PLANNING & ZONING

P&Z Director Tim Walburg issues six permits in June, two more are on hold.

N. Pike Lake Rd. Drainage Issue: Chair Brooks stated that although the township is not unsympathetic to the problem, we cannot exceed our authority to try to resolve it. The board contacted S. St. Louis County WCD’s RC Boheim last month, but (after visiting the property) he felt the situation was outside the scope of their programs as well. The board encouraged Jeff Holmes and his neighbors to contact the DNR as a next step.

Vaux Rd. Property Line Dispute: the board will reach out to Ross Judnick’s neighbors once we have received and reviewed the requested documents from him.

Cich Roofs on Martin Rd.: Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, authorizing Brooks to contact township attorney Michael Orman regarding this problem. Discussion: The roofs have been stored on Martin Rd for quite some time and are in violation of our setback rules. A certified notice sent to Dale Cich was returned unopened. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

B. “BLIGHT” ORDINANCE RESEARCH: Brooks will compile ideas for a potential ordinance.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

2017 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	JUNE #'s	Notes	Total for 2017
EMS	6		40
Medical MUA	1		3
Twp Fire	2		9
MUA Fire	1		12
Service	3		6
TOTAL	13		70

This month the FD trained more on the new mini-pumper and attended a blood pressure training class.

D. ROADS

The crushed concrete was added to Christianson Rd. this month. We will watch to see how this new technique holds up. The beavers on Vaux Rd. were trapped. Next month we will discuss the township route signs, the Kehtel Rd. ROW issue and potential changes for our winter snowplowing.

E. RECYCLE SHED

Still waiting to hear if WLSSD will accept our improvement grant application for parking lot paving.

F. REC AREA

Fencing: Motion by Connick, seconded by Brooks, to approve Dinehery Fence’s \$14,000+ quote to repair the rec area fencing (as detailed in their proposal) upon verification that the costs will be covered by the school referendum money.

Discussion: Supervisor Comnick insisted that the fencing was in need of this level of repair. He also asserted that Dinehery was the only company in Duluth who could do it and that they have done good work for us in the past.

Chair Brooks stated this was not a good situation when the lead supervisor for the rec area (Golen) had not been in the loop at all on this project. He also felt it was important to get a second quote to see if this was in fact a reasonable price and if all this work really was needed. Plus, although the cost will be covered by the rec referendum, it does not mean it's free; that is money that could be put to another use.

Motion carried, 2 to 1 with Brooks voting against it.

Dugouts renovation plans: Discuss next month.

G. AIS INSPECTIONS

As discussed earlier in the meeting, all inspections are going well and we are on track with meeting our goals for the year. There was also a media event earlier today to showcase the new CD3 station.

H. TRAILS: Meeting next Wednesday at 5 p.m.

I. CEMETERY

Sign approval: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to approve the \$440 cemetery sign quote (from Sign Decisions) with some minor wording changes. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

J. NEWSLETTER: The board ok'd the draft content.

K. WEBSITE

Website Transition: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, authorizing the clerk to work with Jeff Charnes to develop a new township website at a cost not to exceed \$750 for his work. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

The township will also send a thank you note to Deanna Nordeen for all her past work on our old site.

L. PLAWCS

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to approve Resolution #2017-7 (Purchase six PLAWCS pumps) and #2017-8 (Eagle Accounting Procurement). Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

{NOTE: nothing new with RSPT, Noxious Weeds, PFC, Meeting Recaps and Fire Relief.}

NEW BUSINESS

A. TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE: The projects noted last month are underway.

B. PIKE LAKE LANDING IMPROVEMENT

After receiving a resident complaint this month about the Pike Lake launch, Chair Brooks contacted the DNR (new contact = Kevin Johnson). The DNR is planning to dredge it again this year. No plans for the promised dock.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A letter from the PLA thanking us for allowing them to use the town hall parking lot for the July 4 community breakfast. Motion by Brooks, seconded by Connick, to send a thank you letter to the PLA for putting on such a good event. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- Newsletters from WLSSD and Fredenberg, Solway and Duluth Townships.
- A notice regarding the MN Investment Fund.
- Thank you letters from Proctor and Hermantown ISD’s for our chem-free grad party donations.

MOTIONS TO PAY BILLS/ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to pay bills #19388 –19429 and MA-2017-10 and MA-2017-11. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Susan Krasaway, Clerk
August 2, 2017

Kurt Brooks, Chair
August 2, 2017