

Town of Canosia Newsletter

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BUDGET & LEVY NEWS!

The Township's Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 8, starting at 8:15 p.m., to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

This is an opportunity for you to review annual reports on all township activities and finances and determine the tax levy for 2017. The town board is proposing the following levy amounts:

RECOMMENDED 2017 LEVY	
General Fund	\$112,100
Fire Department	\$107,475
Road & Bridge	\$77,625
TOTAL =	\$297,200

The township has kept the levy steady at \$297,200 for the past several years. The 2017 recommended General Fund amount is the same as 2016. The Fire Department recommendation is up slightly to reflect a planned increase in the township contribution to the Fire Relief Retirement Fund for our volunteer firefighters. The Road & Bridge amount is down slightly from 2016. However, the board feels they could still accomplish all tentatively planned road projects with that recommended sum (see page 5 for road plans).

At the Annual Meeting, the residents (that's right: you!) are responsible for setting the overall amounts for the General Fund Levy, Fire Dept. Levy and Road & Bridge Levy. The town board then determines how to budget and spend the money within each of those funds.

TOWNSHIP DAY:

March 8, 2016

**Election:
Polls open**

12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Annual Meeting:
8:15 p.m.**

VOTE: ELECTION DAY!

The Township will hold its annual election on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, in the Canosia Town Hall. Voting will be from 12:00 p.m. **NOON** to 8:00 p.m. to elect one town board supervisor to a three-year term. The votes will be reviewed by the Board of Canvass after the polls have closed.

There will be two names on the ballot this year: Incumbent Scott Campbell and Challenger Daniel Golen. On the following pages, please read the articles (written by the candidates) to learn more about each of them.

Please note: this publication is not circulated on behalf of any candidate or ballot question.

In the case of extremely bad weather, the election and Annual Meeting will be rescheduled for the following Tuesday, March 15.

CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION: BY SCOTT CAMPBELL

Service to one's community occurs in many ways. Much going unnoticed and happening daily. Others being very visible and noticed in various fashions. While serving as Canosia Township Supervisor for the past number of years, I have undertaken with pride many community leadership roles:

- * Chairman of the Town board
- * Chairman of the Pike Lake Association Waste Water Collection System (PLAWCS)
- * Past Vice President of the St. Louis County Association of Township Officers (SLCATO)
- * Current President (second term) of SLCATO
- * Delegate for SLCATO - Representing at the MN State Capitol on behalf of Townships in Minnesota

Also as your Township Supervisor, I have had the pleasurable opportunity to have Board oversight of particular township administrative duties:

- * Overseeing your Canosia Volunteer Fire Department. Canosia is lucky to have such a great group of Very Dedicated Firefighters who, at any moment's notice, are willing to go out and risk their lives to save yours and your property. Behind the scenes, they also devote numerous hours to training and are progressive in grant writing, among other things to acquire the necessary gear, equipment, trucks, etc. that the job requires.
- * Supervising the Pike Lake Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Water Craft Inspection Program. This program partners with and receives financial assistance from both the Pike Lake Association and St. Louis County. The AIS program will be entering into its third year if grant funding is awarded for 2016.

Throughout my years of service as your Township Supervisor, I have taken my role, together with each and every responsibility, with great pride and a very strong belief in fairness for all citizens. At times, serving on the Board can be tense and with conflict, as differing people have varying opinions on issues. Although it can be stressful, that is the way a true democratic system should work, allowing all opinions, then after any controversy and/or opposition is heard, the dust settles and overall decisions are made for the betterment of the community. Common sense thinking with inclusion from citizens like yourself are most critical for your elected officials. Listening to the citizens with less speechifying are goals that I hold myself to with no self-serving agenda.

My community involvement does not stop as an elected official. I am also involved with and/or serving in the community as follows:

- * On the Board of Directors, and have been a presenter for, the Minnesota Elder Justice Center which is located in St. Paul at the MitchellHamline School of Law with recognitions and awards for statewide advocacy.
- * Steering Committee Member and Presenter for the Twin Ports Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention.
- * Department of Public Safety as request by Commissioner Ramona Dohman to be involved as a member of a Restitution Working Group to make recommendations to the MN State Legislature.
- * Steering Committee member and also on the Leadership Team for the proposed Essentia Health and Wellness Center. This proposed Health Center will bring over 200 part-time jobs to the area communities as well as 15 full-time jobs. The economic benefit will be a tremendous health and financial asset to our community.

Having mentioned my community investment, let me speak of my past professional career which also was in public service. I retired from the Duluth Police Department after 27 1/2 years as a Law Enforcement Officer. My final position with the department was as a Supervising Detective Sergeant of the Violent Crimes Unit managing major criminal investigations. I was involved not only locally, but with State and Federal partners as well, and am a recipient of Award's of Commendations along with a number of letters of appreciation.

Currently, I am managing Twin City Security Inc. in the Duluth and Sandstone areas under U.S. Federal Government contracts.

The proven success with my Leadership for our Community and its collaborations has been immense. I have provided some of my professional history for you, so that the citizens of our community can best gauge their choice for the Canosia Township Supervisor in the upcoming March 2016 election.

Practiced and Proven Leadership, both by community and profession. I ask for your vote and support!

With Great Respect and Appreciation,

Scott Campbell,
Canosia Township Supervisor

CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION: BY DANIEL J. GOLEN

I request your vote and support to elect me as Canosia Town Board supervisor on March 8th 2016. I was raised here in Canosia Township, served 21 years in the U.S. Air Force as a Bioenvironmental Engineer, and immediately returned home to Canosia Township when I retired in 2010. My commitment to the Township, solid values, and my extensive background make me well prepared to serve as your Town Board Supervisor.

I am strongly influenced by my late father, Leonard L. Golen, who was the Canosia Town Board Chairman, serving 25 years (1968 to 1994). By his example, I learned the importance of serving the community by caring about resident's welfare and ensuring township needs were met. He instilled many values such as fairness humility, compassion, and those I later embraced as Air Force Core Values of "Integrity First, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do". I am ready to serve you with integrity and excellence as Town Board Supervisor.

As a Canosia resident, I like the freedom to use my property without much interference. I respect my neighbors and work to earn their respect as well. I started a vegetable farm on our property and operate an excavating business. I enjoyed meeting Canosia residents at our farm stand, when excavating, and while snow plowing.

As a Bioenvironmental Engineer in the Air Force, I was responsible for assessing and acting on health issues that affected the base workforce or surrounding communities. This included Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Act regulations. I assessed workplace and community health risks (such as noise, chemicals, radiation); and was a HAZMAT Response Specialist, prepared to respond to aircraft incidents and chemical/biological/radiological emergencies. While I hope these emergencies don't happen in Canosia Township, my background is helpful if any community health concerns arise. Some of the other skills I developed in the USAF include planning, programming and budgeting. At one point, I was responsible for resources exceeding \$3 mil. Having this experience, I believe I can work closely with the other Town Board Supervisors to help define township needs and improvements, assess feasibility, and plan to achieve results while limiting any increase to the tax levy.

I've attended many town board meetings in the last few years, and noted some issues that need comment:

1. I am in favor of maintaining and improving the Canosia Recreation Area. Public places help to make a great community. In recent years, needed repairs were not made despite safety issues and requests from the recreation area manager and another town board member. The costs of repairs and liability only increased over time until repairs were finally approved in 2015. My opponent voted against the repairs.
2. I am opposed to building another office building and garage for Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System (PLAWCS) in Grand Lake Township. I'm also not in favor of a new PLAWCS system manager position in addition to the existing service contract and engineering firm. My opponent has supported both the building and system manager position. The benefits of PLAWCS for lakes, streams, and drinking water are important, but the costs should be limited to what is necessary.
3. I want our community to stay safe. We have a superb and responsive volunteer fire department. I would like to have the Town Board review and approve the emergency response plans. Any concerns with plans, equipment, and training can be identified and prioritized for correction. Maintenance, equipment upgrades, and corrections should be programmed in a long term budget to keep the tax levy consistently low.

Now that you are more familiar with me, I once again ask for your vote and support as Canosia Town Board Supervisor. I promise to use logic, common sense and my years of experience to ensure resident's needs are met. As with the other board supervisors, I will represent the Township at other venues in the region. Ultimately, you can be sure I'll be a responsive team member on the board, helping to keep Canosia the best place to live. Thank you for your support! Please vote on March 8th 2016. Polls are open noon to 8 pm.

- Daniel J. Golen

Town of Canosia 2015 Accomplishments

The Town Board has worked together along with efforts from our Fire Chief, Fire Fighters, Planning & Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Road Foreman, Planning & Zoning Director, Planning & Zoning Secretary, Recreation Center Director, Recycle Center Attendant, Grounds Keepers, Webpage Administrator, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Inspectors and our contractors in 2015 to achieve many successes. It was a good year for our Township and we saw a lot of changes and a good number of improvements and projects to benefit our residents. It takes a team effort to keep the Township running smoothly. Here are some of our achievements.

- Fire calls and EMS emergencies were handled safely and efficiently.
- Road projects included: adding gravel to the Alder and Townline Roads, shouldering the Kehtel Road and road patching.
- At the Recreation Area, rebuilding and resurfacing the basketball and tennis courts is almost complete.
- The Cemetery records and mapping system was improved and procedures were documented.
- The Recycle Center again received a \$10K grant from WLSSD for maintenance and operation (our Recycle Center collects the highest volume of recyclables in the area).
- A \$4,000 State Grant and \$7,500 Pike Lake Association contribution were received to enable us to do the Aquatic Invasive Species boat inspection program on Pike and Caribou Lakes for another season.
- We submitted our MS4 Permit Application which started the 4½ year permitting process for helping to reduce stormwater pollution in our township.
- We upgraded our township accounting software to make it more efficient to track our budget & finances.
- The plan to purchase a new fire truck and the effort by the fire department and board to develop a Fire Truck Specification for public bidding is well under way,
- The second year of DNR upgrades to the Pike Lake public access were completed with the addition of the handicap accessible fishing dock slated for 2016.
- A major update of the Planning & Zoning Ordinance is in progress.
- Pike Lake Area Water Collection System developed a multi-year equipment replacement/rebuild plan to keep the system running reliably and has begun the replacements.
- Several resident and zoning issues were resolved.
- The playground equipment at the Recreation Area received needed safety repairs.
- The township received donations from the Proctor School District, Care Group, Lions Club and residents to help in maintaining our Recreation Area.
- A multi-year road construction plan was developed to aid in budgeting, implementation and future planning.
- Investigating the feasibility of improving our hiking and biking trails was begun.
- Exploring ways to improve our Broadband Service was started.
- Township facilities, grounds and roads were well maintained.

Thank you from the Town Board, to everyone who contributed to our success in 2015!!

Kurt Brooks, Town Board Chair
Kevin Comnick, Town Supervisor
Scott Campbell, Town Supervisor
Susan Krasaway, Town Clerk
Cheryl Borndal, Town Treasurer

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER: ROAD REPORT

By Kevin L. Connick

As we move into the Spring and Summer of 2016, I am pleased to share some things that will be happening. We are going to be seeing a four year road improvement program begin this year. All of our asphalt roads will be improved beginning this year.

This Road Program was developed by Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Brian Boder, St Louis County Senior Highway Engineer, and myself. We met on several occasions with the County, which included visual inspections of our asphalt roads. We then discussed the needs we have, and what it would take to bring our roads to a level which will insure long term dependability and safety of our roads.

In our discussions with the County, I expressed our budgetary concerns and emphasized the fact that I was not in favor of increasing the road levy to accomplish these improvements. With that in mind, we were able to prioritize the work to be completed and to keep within our budget.

I am happy to report that we were able to do this and will see the first results of our actions this year. Listed below you will see the proposed schedule. Note that this schedule can be changed if circumstances dictate it so.

2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Crack Seal Special</u>: Kehtel Road & Lindahl Road • <u>Scrub Seal</u>: Dubla Drive • <u>Chip Seal</u>: Pike Lake Place
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Scrub Seal</u>: Pike Lane, Dunaisky Road, Vaux Road
2018/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Scrub Seal</u>: Birchway Rd, Daniels Rd, Lockwood Ln, Wilderness Trail, South Pike Lake Rd. & Shady Ln., Holly Lane

These are the same processes currently being used by St Louis County on road improvements. It is a win for our township.

Also in 2016 we will be installing asphalt approaches to Alder Road and Town Line Road. This will alleviate the "wash boarding" of the existing gravel. It will also improve starting and stopping during the winter months. St Louis County has including this process an all upcoming County Road Projects.

With the completion of this program, our asphalt roads will be in good shape for years to come. My hope is that we do not lose focus and that this board, or any future board, sees that we stay the course. We have also included our annual costs for the continued upkeep of our existing gravel roads, grading done by the county, plowing and sanding. This was important when we were in discussions.

We are also in the process of purchasing another Fire Department Vehicle. The process should be completed soon and we will started advertising for bids in February. Again, I see no impact on the levy.

We have also seen the formation of a Parks and Trail Committee. This committee is a mixture of town board officials and Canosia residents. We will be looking at improving and expanding our hiking and biking trails in Canosia. We will be meeting with the Metropolitan Interstate Committee. Our hope is to utilize resources they may have moving forward. I encourage any resident with an interest to attend our meetings. You can call me @ 590-6473 or e-mail me @ connick@msn.com. Upcoming meetings will be posted on the web site and regular posting places.

As you can see, this past year has been busy. We are now doing things we need to, and should be doing. This is what serving our residents is all about. Improving our community, allowing all residents to be heard, listening to good ideas, keeping our Township the way the residents want it to be. We serve the people of Canosia and no one else! Criticizing long term Canosia employees, allowing personal attacks at public meetings, making changes when it is not needed. These are things that divide the community. We need to unite the community. My focus moving forward is to unite the people of Canosia.

Have a safe and happy spring and summer! Kevin L. Connick

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER
UPDATES ON THE FIRE DEPT. & INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTIONS

By Scott Campbell

With our Canosia voter's endorsement in this upcoming March election, I look forward to continuing with our joint partnership/collaboration with the Pike Lake Association to protect our lakes (Pike Lake and Caribou Lake) from Aquatic Invasive Species. Canosia Township has taken the lead with oversight and management of this very important educational program. We conduct boat inspections throughout the summer boating season. St. Louis County has taken over the fiscal management of the grant funding program which in the past was administered by the DNR. This will be the third season if a grant is awarded to Canosia Township. A great deal of thanks go to the Pike Lake Association with assistance on funding, leadership and true commitment with this program. If the grant is awarded to Canosia, we will be in need of possibly 6 or 7 part-time summer employees to conduct the inspection program. If anyone may be interested please contact the Canosia Town Clerk with name and telephone number.

The Canosia Fire Department has been extremely busy with numerous home fires, accidents and medical emergencies over the past six months. The dangers can be immense for these folks, and I support each and every one of them in their duty to serve you. We try to provide the department with the most modern equipment possible within our financial means. We have also finalized the specification for the purchase of a new fire truck with hopes to have it in service by 2017.

I continue to recommend that the township provide the maximum level of funding to the Fire Relief Fund which contributes towards Canosia's volunteer firefighters pensions. As the only board member coming from a Public Safety perspective/background, I understand that this is just one small way in which we, as a township, we can pay it forward to our firefighters in appreciation for the sacrifices they make and risks that they take each and every time they go out on a call to protect the citizens of our community. We are very fortunate to have such a great team of volunteer firefighters serving Canosia Township. If and when you get a chance to, please show them your support and appreciation – they definitely deserve every bit of it. Thank you Canosia Volunteer Fire Department!

Sincerely, Scott Campbell, Canosia Township Supervisor

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 2015



2015 was a record year for the Canosia Township Volunteer Fire Department. They responded to a total of 173 calls...that's 34 more than the previous year. Of those 173, the vast majority (104) were medical calls within our township. Our volunteers are the FIRST responders you will likely see at your house if there's a medical emergency.

The firefighters also handled 16 fire calls within our township and 37 fires in our nearby "mutual aid" areas. The remaining calls were medical mutual aid and service calls.

2016 promises to be an exciting year as well with the planned arrival of a new vehicle this fall. The mini pumper rescue vehicle will streamline the department's response to car accidents, grass fires and medical emergencies. It will replace the old 1991 rescue vehicle that has over 100,000 miles on it. The estimated cost for the new one is \$225,000. Bids are scheduled to be open during the April town board meeting and awarded in May. The vehicle specification can be viewed at the township website www.canosiatownship.qwestoffice.net.

BROADBAND UPDATE

Improving broadband service to rural areas, including Canosia, continues to be an area of concern for many. At the State level this issue is gaining momentum and in the next legislative session Governor Dayton is proposing an increase in the State funding to improve the communications/broadband infrastructure.

At the local level, members of the Board along with neighboring town board members attended a Cloquet Valley Internet Initiative meeting at the Gnesen Town Hall on February 11th to discuss with Century Link their plans for broadband improvements in our area. Century Link reported that they are receiving \$250M over the next five years from the Connect America Fund (CAF). Their plans include spending \$50M per year 2016-2020 for communications infrastructure improvements in Minnesota. Improvements in the Pike Lake area are currently planned for 2019. We will keep you updated on any new developments.

Kurt Brooks, Town Board Supervisor

HIKING & BIKING TRAIL UPDATE

A small group of residents and board members met on December 2, 2015 to explore the feasibility of adding to our hiking and biking trails in Canosia Township. The group is continuing to work on gathering information on possible routes, sources of funding & grants and is establishing contacts with the DNR, Minnesota Power and St. Louis County to access and enhance the existing trails systems and utilize available resources. The Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) attended the February 3 trails meeting and updated our group on the planning process and assistance available from MIC. Community involvement and consensus is essential to creating an effective trail development plan. As work continues on this project we will communicate our progress and be asking for your input. If you are interested in participating or have trail ideas, please contact Susan Krasaway or Kurt Brooks at canosiatownship@yahoo.com or 218-729-9833.

Kurt Brooks, Town Board Supervisor

ICE RINK!

The township ice rink is located at the rec area near Pike Lake Elementary School. This winter the rink has been usable for the past few months. The fire department does its best to flood the rink as often as needed, but it is always a battle against the fluctuating temperatures.

**BOOKMOBILE**

The Bookmobile will be back in town on March 7. Every third Monday, this travelling library parks in the Dairy Queen/SuperOne parking lot from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Items checked out can be returned to the bookmobile when it returns three weeks later or at any of the Arrowhead library branches.

Upcoming Bookmobile dates:
March 7 & 28, April 18, May 9,
June 20, and July 11.

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

If you have an interest in serving as an election judge for the August primary and November general election, contact the Clerk at 590-6746 for details. Training provided!

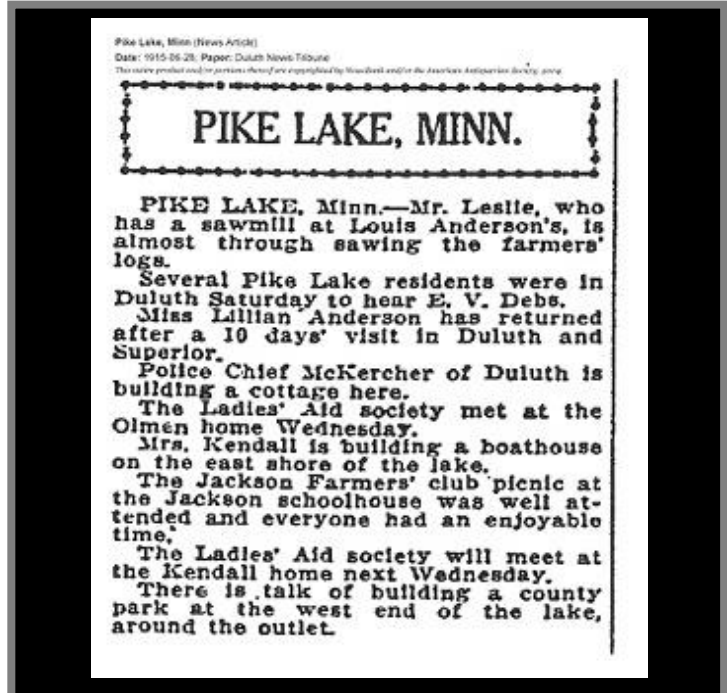
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

If you have family stories about the 1918 fire that affected the residents of Canosia Township, our Historical Society would like to hear from you. A commemoration of the fire by local historical societies is anticipated in 2018.

The Historical Society also has CD's and books for sale regarding the pictorial history of Pike Lake and Canosia Township.

Please call Wilson Spence at 260-9569 if you are interested in the books or in sharing your stories.

Bygone Days: A Day in the Life of Canosia Township Residents. Duluth News Tribune: 1915



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RECYCLING

What should you do with unwanted Styrofoam®?

Some expanded polystyrene- often called by the brand name Styrofoam® - can be reused several times. Packing peanuts can be reused to send new packages through the mail, while food packing trays can be washed and reused as paint palettes or for other crafty purposes. When reuse isn't practical, put your expanded polystyrene in the trash.

Unlike aluminum cans or plastic containers like milk jugs, producers can't easily recycle expanded polystyrene into new items. As a result, local recycling haulers have no market for this material and it can't be recycled in our area.

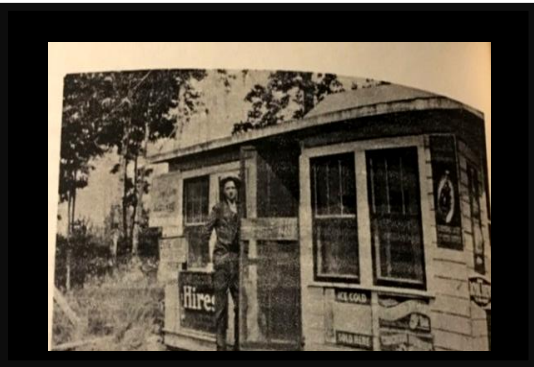
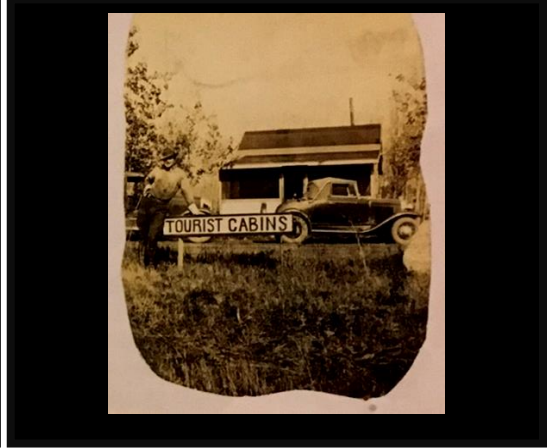
Lorilee Blais, Environmental Program Coordinator
Western Lake Superior Sanitary District

TOWNSHIP RECYCLING CENTER HOURS:

Tues. & Thu: 5 - 8 p.m.,
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For a detailed list of acceptable recyclables, visit
www.canosiatownship.qwestoffice.net

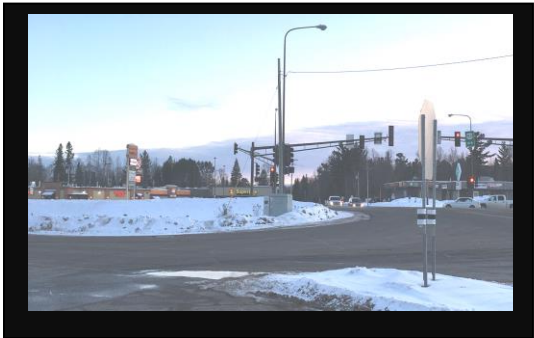
FOUR CORNERS: THEN...



These pictures show Canosia's "Four Corners" area in the late 1920's and early 1930's, as the first development began at the intersection. The Pike Lake Trading Post, streetcar lunchroom and tourist cabins were on the northeast corner of Hwy. 53 & Midway Road. The "Chicken Shack" (pictured on the left) was on the southeast corner.

(Photos from a Historical Society display in the town hall)

FOUR CORNERS: NOW!



The Four Corners of 2016 is still a bustling hub of activity with a variety of stores, restaurants and businesses... and more to come this year!

For this newsletter issue, our "Canosia Business Spotlight" is pointed on the Tongue & Groove Store, owned and operated by husband and wife team (and Canosia residents) Kyle and Ann Anderson. The couple moved to Pike Lake in 2012 and has since added two children to their family, now aged 2 and 7 months. The Tongue & Groove business specializes in manufacturing and finishing solid wood products for projects big and small. This includes custom solid wood flooring, ceiling/wall paneling and a wide variety of trim and mouldings.

This fall, the Andersons cemented their commitment to staying in Canosia: With business thriving, they added another 9,000 square feet of manufacturing space. They are proud to employ 15 people and are hoping to add three more full-time positions in the near future. Their products and services have been used in several local projects including the Maurices building, UMD and both major hospitals systems. They also provided all the millwork for the Marriott Mall of America.

Kyle Anderson was recently appointed to the Canosia Township Board of Adjustment. He and Ann are looking to getting to know the residents of the community better and encourage anyone to stop in to the shop and say hello.

Do you want your township business featured in our new Canosia Business Spotlight section? Please let us know!

Email canosiatownship@yahoo.com or call Susan at 218-590-6746

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TOWN BOARD

Regular meeting: first Wed. of each month at 7 pm

Kurt Brooks, Chair: 393-0304
Scott Campbell, Supervisor: 348-2625
Kevin Comnick, Supervisor: 590-6473
Susan Krasaway, Clerk: 590-6746
Cheryl Borndal, Treasurer: 729-9833

PLANNING & ZONING

Regular Meeting: 2nd Wed. of each month at 7 pm

Tim Walburg, Director: 340-5924
Call for building permits or P&Z questions

PLAWCS

Phone: 729-9007 Fax: 729-9447
Email: plawcs@qwestoffice.net
Website: www.PLAWCS.com

FIRE DEPARTMENT & BURNING PERMITS

Gene Stevens, Chief: 729-6211
Emergencies: 911
Burning Permits: Tom Amendola 393-5533

OTHER

Rec Area: Director Mike Ellingson, 729-7428

Historical Society: 729-9833, Regular meeting on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

Recycling: Tues/Thu 5-8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. – 5p.m.