

**CANOSIA TOWNSHIP**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

March 8, 2016

The 2016 Canosia Township Annual Meeting was held at the Town Hall on March 8. Thirty people were in attendance. Clerk Krasaway called the meeting to order at 8:36 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

The clerk read the election results: Dan Golen was elected to the office of Supervisor (3-year term). 235 total votes: 158 for Golen, 77 for Scott Campbell. Campbell was later thanked by the moderator for his eight years of service on the town board.

Kevin Connick nominated Kurt Brooks as moderator for the meeting. Clyde Mortinsen seconded the nomination. After three calls, there were no additional nominations and Brooks was unanimously elected.

The moderator announced the agenda for the rest of the meeting.

Motion by Mortinsen, seconded by Randy Johnson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mortinsen, seconded by Connick, to approve the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The clerk read the annual Board of Audit Report prepared by Treasurer Cheryl Borndal. Brooks explained that the 2015 financial statements of the treasurer and clerk were examined and approved at the recent Board of Audit meeting.

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

All reports are attached to the official meeting minutes.

Brooks explained the "Town of Canosia 2015 Accomplishments" report included in the packets. He mentioned that township officials worked well together in 2015 to accomplish a lot.

Planning & Zoning Director Tim Walburg read from the commission's annual report: There were 30 permits issued last year. The new structures added \$2,975,400.00 to our tax base.

Township Supervisor Kevin Connick gave a road report. He explained that the township has developed a plan with St. Louis County to improve all our asphalt roads over the next few years. We will also continue to maintain and improve the gravel roadways.

Rec Director Mike Ellingson reviewed recent and upcoming rec area projects: the courts were replaced in 2015. The dugouts will hopefully be replaced in 2016 with the help of a DNR matching funds grant.

The Historical Society submitted a report for the meeting, but no members were in attendance to give additional details.

*(Annual Reports, contd).*

Fire Chief Gene Stevens reported that the Fire Department had a record-setting 173 calls in 2015. Over 100 of those were medical calls. There were also three structure fires within the township. Our current ISO rating (7) is the highest a rural department can have; this helps with residents' homeowner's insurance costs.

Bids for the new Mini Rescue & Pumper Vehicle will be opened at the April 6, 2016 town board meeting. The chief also highlighted the extensive training the 23 volunteer firefighters undertake. When asked, Stevens said they are always looking for new members.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Proctor School Board Member and Canosia Resident Louise Lind gave an update on the district, including the improved security measures at Pike Lake Elementary, and the upcoming technology improvements.

St. Louis County 5<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner Pete Stauber reported on the 2016 county road projects within Canosia. This summer, they will be chip sealing Lavaque Bypass and a portion of Midway Rd., and doing a reclaim and overlay on Lavaque. The new Transportation Sales Tax is helping fund several local projects this year.

Stauber also said the new county ATV ordinance will likely be in place by this fall. This would allow ATV's on all county-owned roads; however, the discussion still continues on several of the details including speed limits, etc.

### **2016 COMMUNITY EXPENDITURES**

Motion by Connick, seconded by Mortinsen, recommending a \$300 donation to both Proctor and Hermantown's Chemical-Free Graduation Parties in 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rita O'Connell, seconded by Mortinsen to once again set up an account of \$1,000 within the general fund to deal with Community Recognition Expenditures.  
Discussion: This would not change the levy and would only be used if needed. In 2015, there were no major expenditures from this account so the entire allotted funds were not used. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mortinsen, seconded by John Aase, to once again create a \$1,000 account within the Fire Department fund to be used for volunteer firefighter recruitment/retention.  
Discussion: This would not change the levy and would only be used if needed. Last year, it went towards paying for awards and the end of year dinner; there was money left over. Motion carried unanimously.

### 2017 LEVY RECOMMENDATION

The Canosia Town Board recommended the following for the 2017 levy:

General Fund	\$112,100
Fire Department	\$107,475
Road & Bridge	\$77,625
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$297,200</b>

### 2017 LEVY VOTES

Motion by Connick, seconded by Percy Johnson, to set the General Fund levy at \$112,100 in 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by O'Connell, seconded by Mortinsen, to set the Fire Department levy at \$107,475 in 2017. Discussion: This is a slight increase from 2016 to account for a planned increase in the township contribution to the Fire Relief Retirement Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aase, seconded by R. Johnson, to set the Road & Bridge Fund levy at \$77,625 in 2017. Discussion: This is a slight decrease from 2016; however the town board feels there will still be adequate funds to tackle all road improvement and maintenance projects planned for next year. Motion carried unanimously.

Total 2017 Levy Amount = \$297,200. It has held steady at this amount for the past several years.

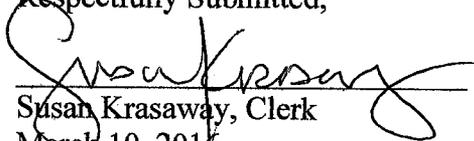
### 2016 ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION

Motion by Connick, seconded by Mortinsen, to hold the 2017 Election and Annual Meeting at the Canosia Town Hall on the second Tuesday in March. Voting will be from 12:00 noon to 8 p.m. with the Annual Meeting to follow at 8:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the Election and Annual Meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in March. Discussion: the Annual Meeting time was scheduled fifteen minutes later than previous years to allow time for the election results to be tallied without keeping the meeting attendees waiting. Motion carried unanimously.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brian Macallister, seconded by Mortinsen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Susan Krasaway, Clerk  
March 10, 2016

  
Kurt Brooks, Moderator  
March 10, 2016