

# *Canosia Township*

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Town Board: Chairman Scott Campbell, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Jeff Lundholm  
Clerk Susan Krasaway

## **2014 Budget Meeting**

The annual Budget Meeting for the Town of Canosia was held on February 27, 2014, at the Canosia Town Hall.

**ATTENDING:** Chairman Scott Campbell, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Jeff Lundholm, Treasurer Dave Beaudette, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Assistant Chief Clyde Mortinsen, Recycle Shed Attendant Deanna Nordeen, and 3 residents.

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m., and opened it up for discussion.

Supervisor Kevin Connick said he would like to see an additional \$25,000 put in the Parks & Rec Fund to pay for needed improvements to the basketball and tennis courts. He suggested that this money should be taken (for 2015 only) from the Fire Truck Fund. He said this would be a good time to do it since there is already a substantial amount of money in the truck fund and the department has no plans to purchase a new vehicle in the near future. He also added that if they did need a truck before having enough money in the account, there were financing options available.

Fire Chief Gene Stevens said he worried that if the truck fund is reduced, it will never go back up to its previous levy levels. If the arrangement is for one year only, then he would be ok with it; otherwise he would not support the idea. Chairman Campbell said they cannot obligate future board decisions, so there is no guarantee the money will be reinstated for 2016. He also said they cannot account for what the future board may encounter and need to budget for (i.e. emergencies, disasters, etc.)

Motion by Lundholm, seconded by Connick, to recommend moving \$20,000 from the Fire Truck Fund to the Parks & Rec Fund for the 2015 levy. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

The fire hall apron project was also discussed. Chairman Campbell said he believed the money should not come from the general fund, and most importantly, he did not want to raise the levy. Treasurer Beaudette reminded everyone that the general fund year included the money absorbed from the defunct police fund; without that roughly \$20,000, the general fund would have been short this past year. Supervisor Connick said there needed to be “shared sacrifices” and he was not opposed to using part of the Road and Bridge fund to help cover the costs of the apron repair since there are no major road projects planned.

Motion by Connick, seconded by Lundholm, to share the cost of the fire hall apron project 50/50 between the Road & Bridge Fund and the Fire Department Fund.

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Discussion: this will not change the levies at all, but is just a way to put it on record where the bills will be paid from. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Chief Stevens provided the board with the department's proposed budget for 2015, which included a list of equipment needs. Chairman Campbell suggested buying what they need now since they currently have a substantial amount of money (over \$100,000) in their fund from deployments, etc. Stevens' budget list also included a washer and dryer for the fire hall, new uniforms for all members, and a \$500 member retention/recruitment account. The board said this account would have to be discussed at the annual meeting and approved by the residents.

Chief Stevens asked whether the board had considered increasing the fire relief fund from \$10,000, as had been discussed in the past. Chairman Campbell said the town is committed to keeping the solvency of the fund and will come to the aid if needed. However, there is no need at this time, especially since the fire relief association no longer has to pay for annual audits which should save them thousands of dollars annually. The township contribution is also based on the value of the township, which is an unknown factor at this point.

Motion by Connick, seconded by Lundholm, to recommend the following levy amounts for 2015:

- **Total Levy Amount: 297,700 (no change from 2014)**
- **General Revenue Levy: \$125,500 (up from \$105,500)**
  - *General \$90,000*
  - *Parks & Rec \$33,000 (up from \$13,000 in 2014)*
  - *WLSSD \$2,500*
- **Fire Department Levy: \$80,000 (down from \$100,000 in 2014)**
  - *Fire Department \$45,000*
  - *Fire Relief \$10,000*
  - *Fire Truck \$25,000*
- **Road & Bridge Levy: \$91,700 (no change from 2014)**

Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Motion by Connick, seconded by Lundholm, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED:

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Susan Krasaway, Clerk  
April 2, 2014

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Scott Campbell, Chairman  
April 2, 2014