

# Canosia Township

4896 Midway Road  
Duluth, Minnesota 55811  
Voice/Fax 218-729-9833

---

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

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**January 4, 2017**

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Dan Golen, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Assistant Chief Clyde Mortinsen, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and six residents.

ABSENT: P&Z Director Tim Walburg

Chair Connick 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 Brooks, seconded by Golen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. MINUTES: Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes (12/7/2016). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/16 –12/13/16). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

The new IRS mileage rate is \$.535 per mile. Employee W-2's/1099's will be sent out next week. The treasurer will research why we have a \$2,300 deficit in the WLSSD fund and a \$1,500 deficit in the recycling fund. The Board of Audit and Budget Meetings will take place on February 6 starting at 6 p.m.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Proctor ISD Bond Referendum: Supt John Engelking promoted the \$12-million bond referendum which residents will consider at a Feb. 7 special election. The money would be used to construct an \$8-million hockey arena, cover Egerdahl field in artificial turf and provide \$50,000 for each of the surrounding townships' recreation areas. Engelking said the improvements are necessary and the Proctor students and community deserve facilities they can take pride in. HS Principal Tim Rohweder also emphasized the importance of "play".

Resident Edna Blanchard said residents have been taxed to the limit and felt the arena should be funded by private donations/corporate sponsors (Engelking said they have already pursued those options). If the referendum passes, residents with a \$150,000 home could expect a \$4/month property tax increase for the next 20 years. Canosia residents will vote at Pike Lake Elementary.

---

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. PLANNING & ZONING**

P&Z Director Report: Tim Walburg was not at the meeting.

Ordinance Book Update: The new township planning & zoning ordinance went into effect on Jan. 1; it has been recorded and will be on the website for view/download as soon as possible.

P&Z Appointments: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Connick, to appoint Kyle Anderson, Mark Lockhart, and Tom Collard to three-year terms on the Planning & Zoning Commission, effective immediately. Discussion: Gary Oswell, Tom Amendola and Dan Jezierski all completed multiple terms; the new appointees will take those open seats. Anderson will serve as the P&Z seat on the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

87-year-old Dan Jezierski thanked the township for the opportunity to serve over the past 11 years; he was thanked in return for his long-standing commitment to the township.

Board of Adjustment Appointments: Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to re-appoint Gary Oswell, Dianne Ahlers and Bev Beaudette to three-year terms on the Board of Adjustment. Discussion: This will be the third term for Beaudette and second terms for Oswell and Ahlers. All three indicated they would be like to stay on the board. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Solid Waste Issues: Motion by Connick, seconded by Brooks, to send a letter to the property owner at 5328 Shady Ln. asking them to resolve potential solid waste issues (garbage piles, debris, etc) on their land. Discussion: the supervisors reviewed pictures of the property and felt it was necessary to make initial contact. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Walburg will look more closely at potential solid waste issues at 5776 Alder Rd. There is no news about the properties on Lavaque and Lorendale which WLSSD is monitoring.

**B. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

<b>2016 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES</b>			
<b>CALL TYPE</b>	<b>December #'s</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	<b>Total for 2016</b>
<b>EMS</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>89</b>
<b>Medical MUA</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Twp Fire</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Chimney Fire</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>MUA Fire</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>19</b>
<b>Service</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>144*</b>

\*The 144 total is less than last year's 173, but still higher than average.

This month the FD worked on the truck drains and flooded the rink as much as possible. The generator has been ordered and should be installed shortly. The cost for the generator will be covered by the general fund. The mini-pumper has been insured. It is next in line at the manufacturer. The clerk will send in the title application.

The FD will be getting a side-by-side ATV paid for through a grant from Yamaha and RJ's Sport & Cycle. It can be used for all sorts of emergency situations (forest/ice rescues, storm situations, etc). Yamaha will replace it yearly with a newer model. The vehicle is worth over \$15,000; the clerk will get it insured through MATIT once it arrives.

### **C. ROADS**

The Road Foreman had nothing new to report. The discussion about moving 2018 project will be tabled until the budget meeting.

**D. RECREATION AREA:** The ice rink has been flooded/plowed and is ready to use.

### **E. AIS INSPECTIONS**

CD3 Station: Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, to accept the two-year CD3 pilot program at the Pike Lake public access. Discussion: the CD3 (Clean-Drain-Dry-Dispose) is a new type of self-serve boat cleaning station which uses a vacuum/air compressor (not water) to help with AIS prevention. Earlier this month the supervisors met with the company to discuss logistics. The company will pay for all installation costs including a new concrete slab and running electricity to the unit. After two years, the township has the option to take ownership of the station and be responsible for all related costs, electronic monitoring, etc. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

### **F. TRAILS**

The township trails steering committee met earlier this evening to review the survey results. The survey had 84 responses (equal to roughly 10% of Canosia households). The vast majority of responses were supportive of a trail initiative. The committee will now begin developing a short-term, mid-term and long-term project list.

**G. AIRPORT ZONING:** Work continues on the new ordinance for MnDOT approval.

**H. CEMETERY:** Copies were made of the cemetery plat map (original is in file).

### **I. RECYCLE SHED**

Recycling Grant Info: Brooks and Borndal will have the WLSSD SRecycling Operations Grant application ready for next meeting (due in late Feb.). The board also reviewed a basic estimate from Asphalt of Duluth: to pave the whole town hall parking lot would cost (roughly) \$30,000, including a pad under the dumpsters. To pave only in front of and under the dumpsters would be about \$8,500. The Improvements Grant may cover this portion. Applications are due this spring.

Info from annual WLSSD Meeting for Township Officials: WLSSD plans to add plastic film recycling (grocery bags, etc) and food waste/composting at the township recycling sites starting this spring. WLSSD can also take care of abandoned waste found on the side of township roads, etc. If we see something, we should tag it with a special blue tag and contact them for pick up at no charge to us.

**J. MPCA MS4**

The township received a phone message today from the MPCA saying we may not need to have an MS4 permit after all. Supervisor Golen will follow up asap.

**K. NEWSLETTER:** Board reviewed an article list. Draft will be ready next meeting.

**L. WEBSITE:** The P&Z Ordinance will be available online shortly for review/download.

**M. GOALS & PRIORITIES:** Add goal #2017-2 WLSSD Planning Assistance (cost = free).

**N. BROADBAND**

Supervisor Brooks was finally able to make contact with Troy Mack from CenturyLink: they are still planning to upgrade broadband in our area in 2018 using Connect America funding. We will ask him to come to speak at a town board meeting this fall to provide updates/additional details.

**O. PLAWCS:** Comnick will remind the new secretary to post the 2017 meeting schedule.

**P. PFC WATER CONTAMINATION:** Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. HOLLY LANE LANDING COMPLAINTS**

This month, Chair Comnick received a few complaints about ice fishing vehicles blocking driveways while parked near the landing. Comnick advised them to call the sheriff if it happens again. He also learned the DNR will keep this landing open until at least 2022, at which point the agreement will be automatically renewed for 5-10 years if there are no significant problems.

**B. SUSAN CLARK LETTER RESPONSE**

The board will send a letter to resident Susan Clark (5898 Midway Road) in response to her dirt bike noise/commercial vehicle exhaust complaints: Neither the township or county have noise ordinances in place, but we will send her a copy of the MPCA noise guide outlining state standards. The P&Z Director will investigate her complaint about idling commercial vehicles on her neighbor's property (home businesses need special permitting).

**C. NOXIOUS WEEDS**

Noxious Weed Inspector Appointment: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to appoint Road Foreman Gary Oswell as the township's Noxious Weed Inspector, at the Road Foreman wage. Discussion: the county ag officer confirmed that the inspector can be anyone the board chooses to appoint. We will re-assess the position/wage, etc. in one year. There will be training this spring. The clerk will send in the township annual weed report by the January 15 deadline. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

**D. LITTLE FREE LIBRARY**

Motion by Connick, seconded by Brooks, to have the clerk choose three options for possible Little Free Libraries and bring detailed information about size, shipping costs, etc. to the February meeting. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

**E. INTERNET AT TOWN HALL**

Switch Internet to SCI: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Connick, to switch our internet and phone service from CenturyLink (internet and phone) and AT&T (long distance) to SCI Broadband. Discussion: The CenturyLink internet at the town hall is unreliable and slow. Treasurer Borndal researched all local options available and the board agreed SCI was the best alternative. Bundling services could also save us money. The treasurer will handle making the switch asap assuming the cost is reasonable. Motion carried unanimously, 3 - 0.

**F. MATIT INSURANCE: PROPERTY VALUATION PAPERWORK**

The board reviewed the new property valuation paperwork and all agreed they did not want to change the deductible amounts.

**G. ELECTION REMINDER:** Candidate filing for the March election ends Jan. 17 at 5 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Newsletters from Solway, Duluth and Lakewood Townships
- Holiday cards/ads from MSA and A&B Garbage

**MOTIONS TO PAY BILLS/ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to pay bills #19099 – 19162 and MA-2016-16. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

---

Susan Krasaway, Clerk  
February 1, 2017

---

Kevin Connick, Chair  
February 1, 2017