

Canosia Township

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

REGULAR MEETING

January 7, 2015

The Canosia Town Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on January 7, 2015 at the Town Hall.

ATTENDING: Chairman Scott Campbell, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Jeff Lundholm, Treasurer Angela Christianson, Deputy Clerk Sue Brooks, and 11 residents.

Town Clerk Susan Krasaway was out of town and excused from the meeting.

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion by Lundholm, seconded by Campbell to approve the January 7, 2015 Regular Meeting Agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Lundholm, to approve the Special Meeting: IRS/Social Security Checks Minutes (12/17/14) as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Lundholm, to table the approval of the December Regular Meeting Minutes until the February Regular Meeting. Discussion: Chairman Campbell said that he had some corrections and would like to wait until Clerk Krasaway returns. Supervisor Lundholm said that he also had some corrections. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Christianson reported that a correction was made and the check originally mailed to Brent's Biffies was reissued to Brent's Septic Service. A copy of the Town charter is still needed in order to open the second bank account. A refund check has been issued to Pike Lake Boat Landing Inspection. Funds have been transferred from the money market to the checking account. Supervisor Campbell asked about the bank transfer policy. Treasurer Christianson said that she is printing a copy of the transfer and will attach it to the bank statement. He asked that the policy be typed up so the Board has a hard copy.

Motion by Lundholm, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/14-12/31/14) as presented. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dan Jezierski wished everyone a Happy New Year and Tom Amendola said he hoped for warmer weather!

Ken Wallace said that he was new to the Township and asked about a light pollution ordinance. The Township doesn't have anything enacted and the Board said it could act if there was a problem, but enforcement is always an issue. Tom Amendola said that the only light ordinances he would be aware of would be due to safety issues.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Gene Stevens presented his report: 5 medical EMS calls, 1 medical MUA-EMS call, 2 fire calls, 3 fire calls MUA, and no service calls for a total of 11 calls. There were 139 total calls for 2014. Training: they had Como Oil come in and gave a class on propane cars and busses. They also flooded the rink.

Chief Stevens presented a bid for a "Mini Rescue/Pumper CAF." He asked the supervisors to look it over so it could be discussed at the Budget Meeting. They had to purchase a new gas monitor and also ordered parts for the old one which haven't arrived yet. They are purchasing some miscellaneous items (bags, suspenders) and would like to purchase another infrared camera. Chairman Campbell said that they would look at the camera purchase. They ordered signs for the doors. Chief Stevens said that he wants to renew "IamResponding." The service sends texts out to firefighters with smart phones and also sends GPS coordinates to call locations. If they sign up for a 5 year contract the cost goes from \$800/year to \$650/year and if more departments sign up they could get a discount.

Motion by Cornick, seconded by Campbell, to approve the 5 year signup for "IamResponding." Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Chief Stevens asked if the Township is getting a discount on fuel at Holiday as it used to at Super America. Supervisor Lundholm reviewed the claim and didn't think so. Supervisor Cornick said that when we switched over he thought we were, but he would check.

Chief Stevens said that a new fire fighter is starting Monday and they have 22 members. He also reported that the furnace for the fire hall meeting room is not working.

Chairman Campbell received a letter from John Mulder, Hermantown City Administrator, regarding fire department services. They are having informational meetings on January 8th and 9th. Chief Stevens said he would try to attend one of them. Supervisor Cornick said he will talk to Mr. Mulder and may attend. Deputy Clerk Sue Brooks said that if more than one supervisor attends there isn't time to post it.

TOWN HALL SECURITY

Chairman Campbell asked Supervisor Lundholm about a key card system, but he hasn't checked into it yet.

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Lundholm, to table the town hall security issue until next month. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

RECREATION FACILITY

Director Mike Ellingson said that the sign was vandalized, but he repaired it for \$4.20. He said it looked like someone ran into it. Mike thanked the Fire Department for its work at the rink.

ROADS

Road Foreman Gary Oswell said that the roads are in good condition.

Chairman Campbell said that a list of contractors is being put together. Rodda Grading and Excavating and Bella's Services are currently on the list. He said that Sathers Construction and Excavating would like to be added. Supervisor Comnick said that he would like to add to the list and would also like to meet with the contractors regarding costs, response time, etc.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Planning and Zoning Chair Mike Podgornik said that the commission is working on the ordinance and would like to get it to the Town Board in March. St. Louis County Planning and Zoning forwarded a copy of their draft ordinance intended to replace Ordinance 46. Deputy Clerk Sue Brooks gave Chairman Podgornik a copy of the cover letter with instructions for accessing the draft ordinance on their website. Chairman Podgornik reported that they closed a lot of issues. Chairman Campbell gave him a copy of the Planning and Zoning bylaws which he found in his files. Gary Oswell said that they were approved and were supposedly given to Attorney Michael Orman for review. Mr. Orman has said that he doesn't have them. Chairman Campbell asked them to review them with the Commission.

Supervisors received a copy of Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments appointments in their file folders.

AIRPORT ZONING

Supervisor Comnick said that they meet tomorrow (January 8th). They are submitting the ordinance to MnDot by April. He said that MnDot requires 3 acres for building, but Canosia requires 2.5 so they would like MnDot to allow the 2.5 requirement. There was a presentation for local Planning and Zoning Directors and the Canosia director did attend.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

There was no report. Chairman Campbell said that Millicent O'Connell is writing an article about Audrey Eaton for the newsletter.

TECH COMMITTEE

There was no report. Clerk Krasaway was out of town and Supervisor Lundholm reported that Deanna was ill and unable to attend the meeting. The newsletter draft will be approved at the February meeting. Supervisor Connick would like the Annual Meeting added to the calendar and e-mailed his request.

CEMETERY

Chairman Campbell said that the Town doesn't have a person to do burials yet, but he would like that addressed when compiling the contractor list. Supervisor Lundholm asked about leaving the lights on. They will remain on and the issue can be revisited if there are maintenance issues. Supervisor Connick received a letter from Dougherty Funeral Home regarding the cremation in 2005 of a Canosia resident. He didn't have it with him, but will contact Gary Oswell with the name.

RECYCLE SHED

Treasurer Christianson reported that she doesn't have the September numbers. Supervisor Lundholm said that he would check with the recycle shed attendant. Supervisor Lundholm said that Frank (recycle shed attendant) had to replace the lock on the dumpster because someone ran into it.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Campbell said that the restitution issue has been resolved. He hasn't heard anything else from the Georges regarding the dog issue, but would still like to talk to Rice Lake Township about animal control.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Campbell said that he sent a letter to the MPCA about the MS4 permit (regarding storm water runoff). He said he will bring it up at the DAT meeting to see what surrounding townships are doing.

Supervisors reviewed the "Ongoing/Unfinished Business List." Deputy Clerk Sue Brooks will forward updates to Clerk Krasaway.

Motion by Connick, seconded by Lundholm, to withdraw approval to KTM Paving for repair of the apron in front of the fire hall. Discussion: Clerk Krasaway will send a letter to KTM. The issue will be revisited in the spring. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Election filing finishes on January 13th and the clerk's office is open on the 13th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Comnick asked about scheduling the Board of Audit and Budget Meetings. They will be scheduled at the February meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Newsletters from Solway, Duluth, Fredenberg, Lakewood, and Rice Lake Townships
- The WLSSD Biosolids Digest Newsletter
- Hermantown Community Education Newsletter
- Notification from the United States Postal Service that there has been no activity on our bulk mail permit since 9/26/2012 and it will be cancelled. The company that copies our newsletters now sends them out. Sue Brooks prepared the form and letter for Chairman Campbell's signature so we can receive the balance of our postage deposit - \$26.85.

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Lundholm, to pay the bills with checks numbered 17958-17999, voiding checks 17975 (incorrect dollar amount) and 17991 (incorrect state withholding). Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Lundholm, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

X: Sue Brooks, Deputy Clerk
January 8, 2015

Approved:

Scott Campbell, Town Chair

Date