

Canosia Township

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **March 1, 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, P&Z Director Tim Walburg, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and ten audience members including Girl Scout Troop 4341.

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 Golen, seconded by Brooks, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. **MINUTES:** Motion by Brooks, seconded by Connick, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes (2/1/17) and Budget Meeting Minutes (2/6/17) Motion carried unanimously, 3 -0.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion by Connick, seconded by Brooks, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/17 -2/28/17). Motion carried unanimously, 3 - 0.

SCI BILL: Motion by Brooks, seconded Golen, to pay our SCI bill on the credit card this one time. **Discussion:** our first bill from them arrived too late to be paid today and it is due on the third; the treasurer will ask them to adjust our billing cycle. Motion carried unanimously, 3 - 0.

Storm Damage Money Distribution: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Connick to distribute the \$17,798.30 storm damage reimbursement as follows:

- \$8,022.05 will go in the general fund for debris removal expenses, supervisor time, etc.
- \$9,776.25 will go to the FD with the following distribution:
 - \$1,856.25: FD labor reimbursement
 - \$3,960.00: FD operations
 - \$3,960.00: FD truck replacement

Discussion: The money from the DPS, Homeland Security/Emerg. Management Division was received in February. The total amount received is 75% of our initial \$23,731.06 request. The township has reimbursed FD members for their labor hours in past emergencies like this. The firefighters will be paid for 75% of their hours. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Other: The treasurer updated our contact info with MN MMB so we'll now receive details of state deposits. We received a refund from CenturyLink after we cancelled our phone/internet service. She has also contacted SCI about a Wifi booster.

PUBLIC INPUT

Girl Scout Troop 4341: The troop presented their plans to build a Friendship Bench at the Rec Area playground. They are still working to secure addition funding/material donations. The board indicated they will make up the remaining amount once the other fundraising efforts are complete. The troop will return in May.

Boy Scout Pack 107 Olympics: The board okayed the pack's use of the Rec Area for their spring Olympics and park clean up on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dan Jeziersk asked if the township is allowed to put candidate introductions in the newsletter. Supervisor Brooks explained that whoever officially files for candidacy (even if there is only one person) is welcome to submit an article; we have done it this way for the past three years.

OLD BUSINESS

A. PLANNING & ZONING

P&Z Meeting Reimbursement: Although there was no quorum for last month's P&Z meeting, the board agreed that the commission members who did show up should be paid the meeting rate for their time (they had stayed nearly two hours for a discussion and Q&A with a resident).

P&Z Director Report: No permits in Feb. No permit needed for the SuperOne Liquor remodel.

Thank you note: We received a note from Susan and Charles Clark, thanking the township for looking into their recent air quality/noise complaints.

B. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

2017 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	February #'s	Notes	Total for 2017
EMS	8		13
Medical MUA	1		1
Twp Fire	1	Equipment Fire	1
MUA Fire	1	Hermantown Structure Fire	2
Service	0		0
TOTAL	11		17

February FD training/notes: Rink flooding (melted), attic clean out, distributed fundraising calendars for Fire Relief. No price yet for a washer/dryer. The generator is coming Friday; we will need to have the gas line added and a protective shield. The FD will train people how to use it and put together a regular testing/maintenance plan.

C. ROADS: Road restrictions start Monday at 12:01 a.m.

D. REC AREA: The rink is done for the year. No timeline yet for the \$50k from proctor ISD.

E. AIS INSPECTIONS

The county board has approved our \$30,000 grant for the AIS inspection program. We are planning to hire 10-12 inspectors to cover the shifts at Pike and Caribou. Steven Borndal has shown interest in returning and acting as Landing Manager. The job notice will be posted at Canosia and Grand Lake's posting spots/websites and local colleges, starting March 15. Deadline is April 7. The clerk will contact the DNR about training. No timeline yet for the CD3 Station.

F. TRAILS

The Trails Steering Committee meets again in April. The DNR notified us today they will be grading the main access road to the CWMA one time this spring/summer.

G. AIRPORT ZONING: Meeting tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. at airport.

H. CEMETERY: Nothing to report.

I. RECYCLE SHED

The WLSSD Operations Grant application was submitted. We're still waiting to hear back whether paving the dumpster area is ok for the Improvements Grant (due at the end of March).

J. MPCA: Supervisor Golen will ask about the RSPT membership price.

K. NEWSLETTER: Sent out in mid/late February.

L. WEBSITE: Nothing to report

M. GOALS & PRIORITIES: Revisit at the reorganization meeting

N. BROADBAND: Nothing to report

O. PLAWCS: The clerk will add the PLAWCS I/I grant to the Annual Meeting agenda.

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to approve Resolution #2017-3: Authorizing the MSA Engineering Contract for PLAWCS Lift Station 3 Rehabilitation. Motion carried unanimously.

P. PFC WATER CONTAMINATION

The MDH sent us the most recent Martin Rd. test results: no PFC's were detected in the well water samples although they were detected in the surface water. Additional sampling is warranted, but this can be tentatively viewed as good news.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FACEBOOK ISSUE

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to reinstate our Facebook page with new settings prohibiting anyone but the clerk from posting or commenting on our page. Discussion: this is what MAT recommends; if we open up the page as a “public forum” we are not allowed to restrict/delete comments even if they are offensive, only if they can be proven false. People can still message us privately if they would like us to post something beneficial to the community. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

B. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SUPPORT LETTER

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to sign a letter of support for Proctor ISD’s application for a Safe Routes to Schools Planning Assistance Grant. Discussion: the grant would allow Proctor to assess the walking/biking conditions around Pike Lake Elementary. This could eventually tie into our trail plan. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

C. ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS: Due to the clerk ASAP.

D. REORGANIZATION MEETING: Set for March 27 at 6 p.m.

E. MAT SHORT COURSE: The supervisors, clerk and road foreman plan to attend (April 7).

F. FEMA LETTER: Supervisor Golen reported that FEMA is assessing/modeling local flood risk areas like the tributaries to Wild Rice and Fish Lakes (Golen provided a map).

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you note from the Clarks
- Note from the SLC Admin. thanking the township for hosting the 2/14 county board meeting
- Hanft Fride notice of Annual Employment and Labor Law Seminar
- Fundraising requests from Proctor Middle School and South Ridge School
- Duluth Township and City of Rice Lake newsletters

MOTIONS TO PAY BILLS/ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to pay bills #19202 - 19230 and MA-2017-3. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Susan Krasaway, Clerk
April 5, 2017

Kevin Comnick, Chair
April 5, 2017