

Town of Canosia Newsletter

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ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

Canosia Township will hold its Annual Meeting and Election on Tuesday, March 9, 2004. One supervisor will be elected to a three year term replacing the soon to be retired Russ Georgesen. Alan Anderson and Rolland Turcotte have filed for the office. Voting will be from 12:00 noon to 8:00 PM in the Town Hall and the Annual Meeting will follow the election at 8:15 PM. This is an opportunity for the community to be updated on progress over the past year and to provide input for the upcoming year. Town reports will be available for residents. Town tax levies for 2005 are set by the townspeople at this meeting. At its February Budget Meeting the Board made the following levy recommendations:

General Revenue - includes Planning and Zoning, election costs, assessment charges, insurance, office supplies, Town Hall maintenance, cemetery, and Board expenses. A \$2,000 increase is recommended due to election spending because of new HAVA (Help America Vote Act) regulations. \$70,000

Police Protection - the Town contracts with the Sheriff's Department for extra patrolling. A \$2,000 decrease is recommended because payments for

extra patrolling are approximately \$2,000 per month. \$25,000

Road and Bridge - maintenance of Town roads - No increase \$100,000

Fire Department - includes equipment, Fire Hall maintenance, insurance, and training - No increase \$40,000

Fire Truck - vehicle replacement - No increase \$52,000

Fire Relief - volunteer Fire Fighter pension from Fireman's Relief Association. A \$2,400 increase is recommended to allow for the security of the fund during periods of low interest, the payment received upon retirement is the only compensation our volunteers receive. \$8,000

Parks & Recreation - includes the maintenance and improvements of baseball and soccer fields, tennis and basketball courts, ice rink, and playground - No increase \$8,000

WLSSD - Township allocation to the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District for landfill closure and cleanup and solid waste and recycling education - No increase \$1,200

The total 2004 levy was \$301,800. The Board is recommending a 2005 levy of \$304,200, an increase of \$2,400.

Refreshments will be served at the meeting - please join us!

ANIMAL CONTROL

Many of our residents enjoy the wide open spaces and rural setting in our township. From time to time however, free running pets are found to be a nuisance that many people become frustrated with. Nuisance animals are

defined in our ordinance as an animal which:

- 1) Habitually worries, chases or molests other animals or persons traveling peaceably in any public place.
- 2) Unreasonably annoys, injures or endangers the safety, health, comfort or repose of any person.

3) Interferes with, obstructs or renders dangerous for passage any public highway or right-of-way or waters used by the public.

4) Chases vehicles, excessively makes disturbing noises including, but not limited to, continued and/or repeated howling, barking or other sounds causing unreasonable annoyance or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or is found.

The animal control ordinance has not changed since it was adopted in 1991. The board has recently hired an animal control officer to help with the enforcement and has established fines and fees. An annual fee of \$10.00 for dog licenses for dogs kept in the Township shall be renewed on January 1st of each year. The license fee shall not be pro-rated. A boarding fee of \$10.00 per day and a fine of \$150.00 shall be charged to the owner of any dog impounded under the ordinance. Impounded dogs shall be kept for not fewer than five business days.

Please contact Town Clerk Sue Brooks (729-9828) for licensing information.

CANOSIA & GRAND LAKE TOWNSHIPS SIGN AGREEMENT CREATING “PIKE AND CARIBOU JOINT POWERS BOARD” (PAC-JPB)

Pike Lake Area Wastewater Collection System (PLAWCS) and Caribou Lake Alternative Wastewater System (CLAWS) were officially combined as of January 26, 2004. The joint powers agreement creates a new board of directors consisting of nine members. The old PLAWCS Joint Powers Board is now expanded to include two users from

each project area. The Grand Lake Town Board of Supervisors will appoint one user from the PLAWCS project and one user from the CLAWS project. Users must own property in Grand Lake Township serviced by the respective project. The Canosia Town Board of Supervisors will similarly appoint one user from the PLAWCS project and one user from the CLAWS project.

This agreement accomplishes two things. First, it gives Caribou Lake area residents an official governing body that can work with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the Public Facility Authority (PFA) to approve and fund a much needed solution to the wastewater problems associated with the Caribou Lake Watershed. Second, it gives the actual users of the systems a voice in decisions by placing four more members on the governing board of directors.

The new board called PAC-JPB continues to meet at the Canosia Town Hall on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity for residents to address the board at the beginning of the meeting.

One of the first items on the agenda for the new board is developing and approving a new set of operating by-laws. Another task is the implementation of the Caribou Lake Facility Plan, which is the reason the new joint powers board was established. Questions about the board can be addressed to any of the supervisors or by calling the PAC-JPB office (previously known as PLAWCS) at 729-9007.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

The Canosia Volunteer Fire Department has flooded the ice rink in the Recreation Facility. The warming shed is open on:

Monday	12:00-5:00 PM
Wednesday	12:00-8:00 PM
Friday	12:00-8:00 PM
Saturday	12:00-8:00 PM
Sunday	12:00-5:00 PM

The warming shed can be opened for special events. Please call Mike Ellingson at 729-7428.

The cross-country ski trail in the Canosia Wildlife Refuge is groomed and ready for use. The trailhead is located at the end of the Ugstad Road, 2 ½ miles north of the Martin Road.

Local snowmobile trails are also groomed and in use.

For residents who would rather enjoy a warmer and less strenuous activity, the Arrowhead Library Bookmobile stops at the Paulson's Pike Lake Super Valu parking lot every third Monday. The next stop is March 1, 2004 from 10:30-11:30 AM. Adult and children's books, audio books, and movies are available for loan.

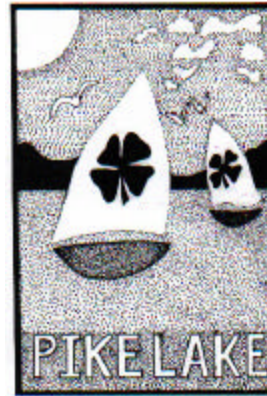
FAREWELL RUSS

As many of you may have already heard, after nine years as a town supervisor, Russ Georgesen is not running for another term. The Town Board, Planning and Zoning, PLAWCS, CLAWS, airport zoning, and as the former editor of the Canosia Newsletter are only a few of the ways that he has contributed to our community. Since we didn't have our annual "After the Holidays" dinner this year we are combining that with a "farewell" to Russ

on April 3, 2004 at the LeGrand. Please contact Town Clerk Sue Brooks at 729-9828 for more information.

TOWNSHIP HISTORY

This month we received an unusual donation: the Pike Lake 4-H scrapbook, filled with newspaper clippings and ribbons dating back to 1939. The first



Pike Lake 4-H Club began in 1929 and, in 1943, a new charter was granted. This document, with its attached medallions, is now framed in the Town Hall.

The 1920's through the 1940's included the Great Depression years, but it was also a time of outstanding rural community efforts, such as Canosia's school lunch program, the Jackson Club, gardening clubs and 4-H. Some of the early 4-H programs were geared to rural students and exhibiting at the Proctor Fair but, as times changed so did 4-H. This scrapbook includes a variety of projects from later years.

Thanks to all the 4-H Leaders in this community who each generously volunteered years of their time to teach young people good citizenship and also encourage creativity. And, special thanks to Valeria Witte for the scrapbook.

Kathryn Adams and the
Canosia Historical Society

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 Valu, Intersection of LaVaque and Martin
 Roads

Town Board

The Regular Town Board Meeting is on the
 first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Louis Dubla, Chair	729-7453
Carmen Orman, Supervisor	729-7329
Russ Georgesen, Supervisor	729-8108
Sue Brooks, Clerk & Editor	729-9828
Julie Sathers, Treasurer	729-7172

Planning and Zoning

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets
 on the second Wednesday of each month at
 7:00 PM.

Alan Anderson, Chair	729-6182
Zoning Director	
Bill Harrison	729-7357

Animal Control Officer

Floyd Murphy	729-6908
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Fire Department

Percy Johnson, Chief	911
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Recreation Committee

Mike Ellingson, Director	729-7428
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Recycle Center

The Recycle Center is located next to the
 Town Hall, 4896 Midway Road. Hours of
 operation: Tuesdays and Thursdays from
 5:00 PM-9:00 PM and Saturdays from
 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If the Recycle Center is
 closed or no attendant is on duty, do not leave
 your recyclables.

PAC-JPB Office (PLAWCS)

4896 Midway Road in the Canosia Town Hall
 Voice: 729-9007 Fax: 729-9447
 E-mail: plawcs@cpinternet.com
 Sewer Service Hotline: 1-800-961-9525

Cable Systems Services

1-800-247-1566

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