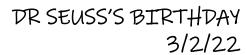
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TOWNSHIP DAY – TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 In case of inclement weather, meetings will be moved to March 15

Embarrass Township Meeting – 7 p.m. – Embarrass Town Hall Waasa Township Meeting – 7 p.m. – Waasa Town Hall Pike Township Meeting – 7 p.m. – Pike Town Hall

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Embarrass Town Board Meeting Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please submit materials for the April 2022 issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office by March 24, 2022.

MARCH 2022

The Town Fair Board were incor February apologiz confusion t	Apology: Board and meetings rect on the calendar. I e for any his caused.	1 Ladies Coffee	Bookmobile at Four Corners 5:00-6:00 p.m.	3 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. Fair Board ANNUAL Meeting	4	5 Pancake Breakfast (Timber Hall)
6	7	8 Ladies Coffee TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETINGS	Township Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	11	12
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27	28	29 Ladies Coffee	30	31 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. Fair Board Meeting		

FROM THE EDITOR:

The Flying Finn strives to represent both Embarrass and the surrounding area. To submit articles, advertisements, community notices, letters to the editor, photos, artwork, etc. for the newsletter, mail them to Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732, or e-mail them to embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net. Please include your name, phone number and e-mail address. Photos or other materials will be returned as soon as possible. The township regrets that it is unable to purchase or reimburse for materials which are published. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or other submitted material. Call 218-984-2084 with any questions. ***** Thank you. Diane Nelmark, Editor

Town of Embarrass

Regular Board Meeting

February 9, 2022 PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Gene Wright, Bernie Mettler, Jack LaMar, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese; Visitors: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Wright with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to approve the January minutes with the correction of adding LaMar to a motion. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright/Second/Mettler to approve the Treasurers Report after question of the savings account and the amount that has been returned into savings from the Post Office rent. Carried 3-0. (Clerk Notes: Savings was at \$39,367.36. On 02/01/2017 \$33,000 was borrowed for the Post Office Project. With the Post Office rent being placed back into savings, the current amount in savings is \$44,275.45. Amount repaid to this date is \$37,908.09. The CD in the amount of \$22,669.40 used towards the Post Office as well. Once the savings is repaid in full the board will decide where the Post Office rent payments will be placed.)

Public

Wright speaks for the public request on Laitinen Road to not be graded unless notified by the residents who live on the road. The request was supported by all supervisors, but nothing can be done until letter signed by all property owners on Laitinen Road.

Continuation of Reorganizational Meeting

Motion/Mettler: Second/Wright to appoint LaMar as Chairman of the Board. Carried 2-0. LaMar abstain.

Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar to appoint Mettler as Maintenance Supervisor. Carried 2-0. Mettler abstains.

Motion/Mettler: Second/LaMar to appoint Wright as Road Supervisor. Carried 2-0. Wright abstains.

Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler for the official publishing paper to be Timberjay. Carried 3-0

Cemetery prices to remain tabled.

Supervisor's review and sign the Code of Ethics and Open Meeting Law review. Clerk to keep in files.

Maintenance Report was read by Mettler. Continuation of flooding rink and maintained for public use. Maintenance Building at the rink broken into, some hand tools stolen reported to Clerk and Wright. Report was filed by Clerk with Sherriff. John Deere blower unit repaired, broken chain and missing teeth on gear drive. Repairs on sink in larger kitchen. Snow moving on town properties, blown down trees removed from roadways. Pyhala Farm parking lot plowing still to not to be done unless the adequate paperwork can be found stating it has to be to honor the past grants given. Plow truck was brought in for a defective hydraulic line replacement which was covered under warranty.

Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to approve and sign the two cemetery deeds. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to pay the sexton yearly and request sexton to turn in hours by the year or sooner. Carried 3-0.

Little League Volunteer Manager resigned and has turned all Little League information over to the township. Although the township has been supportive of Little League, the township will not be taking over the responsibility of running the Little League. Clerk to post in local papers to have anyone that is interested in taking over the management of the Little League to contact the Town Clerk. Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar to go forward with putting the notice in the Timberjay, Babbitt Weekly and the East Range Shopper. Carried 3-0.

Internet service for the Town Hall was discussed after clerk was notified by Frontier there will be no more additional internet service provided in Embarrass. Novak explains her conversation with Frontier as well. Clerk spoke with Wright earlier and expressed her frustrations with running two offices. Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to approve Novak and Boese to go ahead and look for internet service and purchase

instead of continuing to wait till monthly board meetings. Carried 3-0

Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to approve Claims (18030-18047, \$8,575.82) and Correspondence. Carried 3-0.

2021 Board of Audit was completed. Supervisors found claims accurate and in order. Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar to approve the 2021 Board of Audit. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Mettler: Second. Wright to purchase the required election equipment in March. Carried 3-0.

Discussion held on remaining IRRRB grant funds for the Information Center. Motion/Mettler: Second/LaMar to look into concrete picnic table, gazebo, cement slab and possibly gravel for parking lot if left over funds. Carried 3-0.

Campground electrical upgrade was discussed and along with other upgrades needed at campground more time is needed to research.

Motion/Mettler: Second/Wright to plan get Town Hall and Nelimark garage roof replaced and to use some of the CARES ACT funds towards a match for any grants that may be awarded. Carried 3-0.

2023 Levy Proposal was discussed. 2021 larger spending items in disbursements were discussed. Plow Truck purchase of \$43,700, (\$14,800 from General Fund, \$10,000 from Capitol Fund, \$5,000 and \$1,700 for back rack and light both from Recreation Fund, and \$12,200 USDA grant. Campground work and signage required by county \$9,257, plus \$700.00 for electrical line location. Town Hall construction and supplies for maintenance heated work room in pole barn \$4,000. Recreation \$1,500 aglime for fields. Chloride for roads \$2,300. Inflation prices discussed. Electrical rates 2021 increase from 2020 was \$1,916.23 between all the township owned properties. Clerk office and maintenance operating supplies increased. purchased in 2020 increased amount in 2021 in the amount of \$1,003.14. Supervisors agree that costs will not be going down anytime soon or if ever and feel the levy needs to be adjusted.

General Fund increase from \$96,500 to \$100,000. Reason being with inflation prices on most of operational costs for township, employee COLA's and to avoid transfers from another fund and upcoming roof needs for campground and town hall.

Road and Bridge remain at \$6,000.

Fire Fund remain at \$28,000.

Town Hall Fund increase from \$8,000 to \$9,000, again reason being inflation costs and upcoming roof needs.

Recreation Fund remain at \$4,000.

PERA Fund remain at \$5,000.

Cemetery Fund increase from \$0.00 to \$2,000. Upcoming work to prepare the land for additional lots.

Insurance Fund decrease from \$9,500 to \$9,000.

Capitol Fund to remain at \$7,000.

Historical Properties Fund remain at \$2,000.

Motion/ Wright: Second/ Mettler to propose the 2023 levy at \$172,000, 3.61% increase (\$6,000). Carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned by LaMar at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

CLERK'S CORNER:

The Town of Embarrass Annual Meeting will be held on March 8 at 7:00 p.m. The 2023 levy proposal is included in the February minutes printed in this issue of The Flying Finn.

Best Golden Knight Little League for volunteer looking а manager for the major minors. Please contact me at 984-2084 if you may be interested in taking this volunteer position over.

Have a great month everyone and keep thinking spring! Its right around the corner.

Jennifer Boese, Town Clerk

2023 Proposed Levy

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FUND	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
100- General	\$93,000	\$87,000	\$93,000	\$96,500	100,000
225- Road & Bridge	2,500	2,500	8,500	6,000	9000
226- Fire	26,500	28,000	\$29,000	\$28,000	28,000
227- Town Hall	2,000	2,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	9,000
230- Recreation	2,000	2,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	4,000
231- PERA	3,500	4,300	\$5,000	\$5,000	2,000
232- Cemetery	0	0	0	0	2,000
233- Insurance	8,500	9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	000'6
401- Capital			\$5,000	\$7,000	2,000
260- Historic Properties Fund	000′9	9,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	2,000
TOTAL Levy	\$154,000	\$153,000	\$166,000	\$166,000	172,000

Proposed 2023 Levy by the Embarrass Town Board.

\$172,000 / 3.61% Increase (\$6,000)

Town of Embarrass Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Embarrass Township, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2021. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (3/15).

The Annual Meeting will commence at 7:00 pm to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. This meeting will be held at:

Embarrass Town Hall 7503 Levander Rd. Embarrass, MN 55732

> Jennifer Boese Town Clerk February 27, 2021

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Waasa Township

Reorganizational & Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, January 5, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mike Johnson, Steve Sipola, Carrie Westvik, Nina Honkola and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Mike Johnson and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Select Town Board Chair & Vice Chair—Steve motioned with support from Carrie to have Mike continue as Board Chair. Mike motioned with support from Carrie to have Steve continue as Vice Chair. Carried (3-0).

Adopt Schedule Time & Day of Regular Board Meetings—Mike motioned with support from Carrie to continue meetings on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Carried (3-0).

Set Compensation for Town Officers, Maintenance Person & Cemetery Sexton—Mike motioned with support from Carrie to leave pay the same for officers \$125 per month plus \$15/hour for extra work and \$135 for Chair plus \$15/hour for extra work, Treasurer stays at \$200.00/month, Sexton remains the same at \$17/hour, but to raise Clerk to \$135 per month plus \$15/ hour for duties. Carried (3-0).

Review Cemetery Rates-- Mike motioned with support from Steve to leave rates the same. Carried (3-0).

Select Road Supervisor & Noxious Weed Inspector-- Mike motioned with support from Carrie to Steve to continue as Road Supervisor and Mike to continue as Weed Inspector. Carried (3-0).

Designate Official Newspaper Now: Babbitt Weekly News-Mike motioned with support from Carrie to continue with Babbitt Weekly. Carried (3-0).

Designate Posting Places Now: Embarrass P.O., Embarrass C.U., Trapline Liquor and Town Hall- Mike motioned with support from Steve to continue with the same posting locations. Carried (3-0).

Designate Bank/Financial Institutions as Town Depositories Now: Embarrass Vermilion Federal C.U.—Mike motioned

with support from Carrie to continue business with EVFCU. Carried (3-0).

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

Minutes Approval: Steve moved to approve the December 8, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Mike supported. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report: Total Disbursements December 8, 2021 Regular Meeting: \$1,492.84. Receipts were \$53.18 from Embarrass Vermilion Federal C.U. for quarterly interest. Steve accepted the report and Carrie supported. Carried (3-0).

Approval to Pay Bills: Mike moved to approve payment of the bills listed below plus payroll and PERA with support from Steve. Carried (3-0).

- Lake Country Power (Capital Credit was Applied) \$8.64,
 Electricity for Town Hall
- St. Louis County Auditor, \$81.31, Proposed Tax Notice Prep & Delivery
- Superior Fuel Co., \$658.79, Propane for Heating T. Hall
- U.S. Treasury, \$223.94, 4th Quarter-941 Tax

Visitor In-Put: None.

Road Report: Roads are winged out adequately and in good shape.

Old Business: Mike attended the Annual Meeting of the Embarrass Region Volunteer Fire Department held via Zoom on January 4. It was decided there will be no raise in the 2022-2023 fire contract.

The casket burial of George Amitrano took place on 12/22/21. An addition will be made on the Sexton Duties to include that the family of the deceased is responsible for the cost of snow removal at the cemetery during the winter months.

Mike motioned to adopt the resolution for contract with interested officers with Steve supporting. Carried (3-0). Mike signed them for each of the officers and they were notarized by the clerk.

New Business: Mike motioned to adopt the resolution designating the Waasa Town Hall as the polling place for 2022, with Carrie supporting. Carried (3-0). Mike signed the resolution.

Steve is authorized by the board to make the decision to hire the town hall parking lot to be plowed, as needed.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Mike moved to close the meeting at 7:58 p.m. and was supported by Carrie.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Mike Johnson, Waasa Board Chair

Waasa Township Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

These minutes have not yet been approved

Note: This meeting was held during a peace-time state of emergency/declared pandemic

Present: Mike Johnson, Steve Sipola, Sandra Gibson, Linda Koskela, Carrie Westvik and Nina Honkola

Town Clerk Sandra Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandra asked for nominations from the floor for a meeting moderator. Mike Johnson nominated Linda Koskela and she accepted. Steve Sipola supported the motion. Carried (Unanimous). At that time Linda assumed the position as moderator.

The 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes were read and Steve Sipola motioned to approve the minutes after the correction on the starting time of the 2018 meeting was made. Carrie Westvik supported. Carried (Unanimous).

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. We currently have \$74,557.62 in CD's and \$78,585.37 available at EVFCU, as of 2/25/21. \$24,340.59 was spent on roads in 2020. Steve Sipola motioned to approve the report and Mike Johnson supported. Carried (Unanimous).

The Embarrass Regional Volunteer Fire Department Report was emailed to the clerk and reviewed by all.

A few of the 2020 improvements:

- We were anticipating installation of the 2-sided fire numbers signs, however, due to Covid related delays in shipping, social distancing criteria and in early winter, the project had to be delayed to 2021.
- Purchase of a gas detection meter for detecting toxic gases.
- Purchase of six full sets turn out gear and three medical bags.
- Continuing all of our training with restrictions and online.

For 2021:

- Continuation of the installation of 2-sided fire number signs.
- Installation of a helicopter landing pad at the fire department.
- Possible installation of exhaust removal system in the engine bay areas, to help eliminate one or more causes of firefighter cancer.

Total Runs for 2020: 94. The department determined that a 3% increase will continue for the 2022 contract. If anyone would like to contact the Fire Department, call Tom Martin Fire Chief, at (218) 290-1620.

Roads Report: Roads are now beginning to get muddy but holding up at this time. Some of the work done in 2020: Taapa, and Dale roads had new gravel applied, brushing was done on

township roads, where needed and turn-arounds were constructed, as requested by St. Louis County on Norby and Teinila Roads. 2020 total road maintenance costs came in at \$24,340.59.

Cemetery Report: The STS program is no longer active during the Pandemic, therefore, it is hoped there will be volunteers from the community to help on "Cemetery Clean-up Day", proposed for Saturday, May 22nd starting at 10:00 a.m. All workers will be treated to refreshments. Clerk's note: Flowers and decorations placed at gravesites should be in sturdy planters rather than a light-weight item anchored only by wire. Using secure decorations which do not fly away in the wind, make it much easier for lawn mowing and keeping the cemetery grounds looking neat. Placement of decorations as close as possible to the grave markers also makes for easier cemetery mowing.

Town Hall Facility Report: The Hall Wish / To Do List compiled last March was discussed:

- Clean carpet stains in meeting room--Later
- Hang new door in entrance leading to stairs--Done
- Replace molding loosening or missing around polling booths and other places--Done
- Replace window plastic in the fall—Mostly done
- Dump all trash in hall & garage--Done
- Repair sidewalk—When weather permits
- Wire more outlets--Later
- Replace missing siding on the back of the building--Done
- Work up soil in flower bed under town hall sign out front--Done
- Add Facebook page for Waasa Township—Done

Old Business: Making additional parking space at the hall was not favored at this time.

Mike Johnson reported that the Embarrass Flower & Garden Club would like to move the pile of topsoil by the garage to the front of the town hall to start a pollinator garden this spring.

At the 2020 meeting there was interest in the replacement of signs which had been taken down by St. Louis County on Highway 21 showing the boundaries of Waasa Township and a directional sign for the Waasa Cemetery. The signs have been purchased by the township and will be installed when weather is favorable. The signage department of St. Louis County will be consulted for specifications of installation.

Mail Ballot Voting was discussed in the township. The issue was brought up at the 2020 Annual Meeting and was voted out (8 no and 3 yes). St. Louis County will not charge the township for ballots to be sent out to each registered voter. The Clerk has talked to an area township that switched to Mail Ballots and it was reported that all went well. There was at least a 10% rise in voter turn-out in their General Election. Issue was tabled.

New Business: Finding a purpose or a plan for the field behind the town hall was discussed. Most felt that the grass did not need to be mowed much more than once a month. Planting trees or starting a community garden was mentioned. Tabled.

The board recommended levy for 2022 was reviewed. The Fire Fund has a proposed \$11,000.00 increase. Our fire contract payment due this summer will be over \$22,000.00 (a 3% increase is planned by the F.D.). Clerk's note: There has not been a township levy increase since 2014.

 General Fund:
 \$15,000.00

 Road & Bridge:
 \$8,000.00

 Fire Fund:
 \$22,000.00

 Total 2022 Levy:
 \$45,000.00

The voting residents in attendance did not feel there was adequate representation at this time to make a decision on the levy. Steve motioned with support from Carrie to reconvene this meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to set the 2022 levy, discuss Mail Ballot Voting and generate ideas for use of the field behind the town hall. Carried (Unanimous).

Set Time and Place for next Annual Meeting: Mike Johnson moved to begin the 2022 Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Waasa Town Hall with Carrie Westvik supporting. Carried (Unanimous).

At 8:10 p.m. Mike Johnson moved to temporarily close the meeting until the continued date and time of Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Steve Sipola supported. Carried (Unanimous).

Continued/Reconvened Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mike Johnson, Steve Sipola, Sandra Gibson, Linda Koskela, Carrie Westvik, Nina Honkola, Bonnie Keller, Evelyn Esala, Carroll Eckman, Arlene Eckman, Floyd Joki, Chris Daugherty and Kim Daugherty

Town Clerk Sandra Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandra asked for nominations from the floor for a meeting moderator. Linda Koskela nominated Kim Daugherty and (she accepted). Steve Sipola supported the motion. Carried (Unanimous). At that time Kim assumed the position as moderator.

The clerk read the March 12, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes to review the previous part of the meeting.

Unfinished Business: The town board proposed levy was reviewed.

	Proposed Levy:	2021 Levy
General Fund:	\$15,000.0	\$15,000.00
Road & Bridge:	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Fire Fund:	\$22,000.00	\$11,000.00
2022 Total Levy:	\$45,000.00	\$34,000.00

*Note: There hasn't been a raise in the levy since 2014. A separate motion is needed for each fund.

It was explained that the Fire Fund is the only fund that is proposed to have an increase. The fire contract we pay has increased again by 3% and \$22,000.00 will be close to covering the bill.

Mike Johnson stated that St. Louis County provided him with a formula used by the assessors. Considering the \$11,000.00 increase in the levy on a \$100,000.00 home the increase would be approximately \$54.00 per year. Increased township expenses include road maintenance (brushing and gravel) costs, cemetery lawn care and elections.

Motions were made for the 2022 Levy:

- \$15,000.00 for General Fund: Linda Koskela with support from Bonnie Keller. Motion carried unanimously
- \$8,000.00 for Road & Bridge Fund: Bonnie Keller with support from Steve Sipola. Motion carried unanimously
- \$22,000.00 for Fire Fund: Steve Sipola with support from Carroll Eckman. Motion carried unanimously

Mail Ballot Voting OR In-Person Voting was discussed. It was explained by the clerk that Mail Ballot Voting is provided by St. Louis County at no cost to the residents. A ballot would be automatically mailed out to the registered voters 1-2 months in advance. A vote in favor of In-Person Voting would mean we would continue to vote at our town hall but ballots could also be sent on request to your home, if desired. The clerk stated the cost of holding elections continues to go up. During the 2020 Election Year Waasa election expenses were approximately \$3750.00. Those in attendance felt they felt it their civic duty to vote in person and one person felt there is less chance for fraud in a smaller township setting. Several people expressed their gratitude to the Clerk and Election Judges for a job well done, especially during the Pandemic and the extra procedures and cleaning involved. Carrie Westvik moved to continue In-Person Voting at Waasa Town Hall. Carroll Eckman supported. Motion carried unanimously.

Mow Field Behind Town Hall OR Propose a Use or Desired Purpose: Some residents remembered days that the field was used for a playground, baseball field and a skating rink. Currently, we've been keeping it mowed down. Steve Sipola moved to table the issue for this year and continue mowing but not as often as the front yard. Mike Johnson supported. Carried.

There being no other business, Mike Johnson moved to close the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Carrie Westvik supported. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Kim Daugherty, Meeting Moderator

PIKE PLACE

TOWN OF PIKE - REGULAR MEETING Pike Town Hall January 11, 2022

Chairman Langowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All board members were present. The minutes from December 14, 2021 were accepted as read by Rasmusson/Johnson 3-0.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Jarve and was accepted on a motion by Johnson/Langowski 3-0. A transfer from the general fund to the fire fund and a transfer from checking into savings was accepted on a motion by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

Claim forms 2656-2663 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

NECS will find a contractor to do the feasibility study on broadband.

Pike Township joined the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS) group.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lorraine Jarve is retiring after 50 years of service as Town of Pike Treasurer. Thank you, Lorraine for serving your township for so many years. Glori Lundstrom has been appointed to fill the remainder of the term.

NEXT MEETING:

An Audit Meeting followed by a Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, February 8, 2022 @ 7:00pm, @ Pike Town Hall. Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Rasmusson/Johnson 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Jodi Backman, Clerk

Pike Town Hall February 8, 2022

Chairman Langowski called the meeting to order at 7:53 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All board members were present. The minutes from January 11, 2022 were accepted as read by Rasmusson/Langowski 3-0.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Lundstrom and was accepted on a motion by Rasmusson/Johnson 3-0. A transfer from the general fund to the building fund was accepted on a motion by Langowski/Rasmusson 3-0.

Claim forms 2665-2672 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Any contractor who works with NECS and is willing to do the feasibility study on broadband will get in contact with Supervisor Langowski.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

NEXT MEETING:

The Annual Meeting followed by a Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, March 8, 2022 @ 7:00pm, @ Pike Town Hall. Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Johnson/Rasmusson 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Jodi Backman, Clerk

These minutes have not been approved by the Town Board



Best Golden Knights Little League Manager (Majors and Minor) has resigned. Information and paperwork were left with the Clerk at The Town of Embarrass Office. The Township is very supportive of the Little League but will not be taking over the responsibility. Currently there is no Little League management for the upcoming 2022 season. If you are interested in taking this volunteer position please contact Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk at (218)-984-2084





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PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB

March 1, 2022 7:00 p.m. Pike Town Hall

Hostesses: Jean Haavisto & Kelly Sheffield Agenda: Reviewing any letters of interest in the scholarship announced in the February Flying Finn and planning the April 20, 2022 Community Bingo. (Deadline for submission is 4/5/22.)



2022 PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Pike Sandy Women's Club 2022 Scholarship Award will be given to a local graduating senior who lives in the Pike, Sandy, Wuori, or Embarrass Townships or in an Unorganized Township that borders Pike Township. The Scholarship Award will be announced at the April 5, 2022 meeting of the Pike Sandy Women's Club. Your Letter of interest in this SCHOLARSHIP must be received prior to or no later than April 5, 2022. Please include in your letter, which College or Technical College you will be attending and any personal information about yourself, including your curriculum plus any extracurricular activities in which you have participated. The Scholarship monetary award of \$300 is payable to the scholarship recipient upon the receipt by the Pike Sandy Women's Club of a transcript of the completed first semester/quarter with satisfactory grades.

Please send your letter to:

Lynne Stucky P.O. Box 616 Virginia, MN 55792 218-410-0167

Lynnestuckey04@gmail.com



Sisu Heritage, Inc.
Annual Meeting.
Sunday, February 27, 2:00 p.m.



Embarrass Town Hall
Business meeting...door
prizes...featured speaker...coffee
and refreshments



Does anyone have a picture of Spirit Jack?

He was known to live in the area during the early 1920- 1930s. In Finnish he was known as Henki Jacki.

If you please respond to rantala@lakeconnestions.net
The info would be valuable for our Sisu Heritage group.



Babbitt Public Library
Monday-Thursday 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm
Friday 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm

Curbside service is also available.

*** OBITUARIES ***

Marvin W. Norha, 85

Marvin Wayne Norha, 85, of Brunswick, Maine, passed away peacefully on Jan. 27, 2022, due to complications from Parkinson's. A special thank you to Russell Park Living Center in Lewiston for the wonderful care they provided. A private service will be held in late June at Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Augusta. Memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or Midcoast Humane.

Marvin was born in Embarrass on June 29, 1936, the son of the late Wayne Norha and Ellen Salo Norha. He graduated from Embarrass High School in 1954.

Marv was a proud veteran and served in the United States Navy beginning in 1955 to when he retired in 1975. He valued his 20 years of honorable service in Naval Aviation. After retiring, Marv moved his family to Gilbert for several years, followed by a final move back to Brunswick. He worked for Ray Labbe & Sons and Hubbard Construction.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 61 years, Janice Moreau Norha of Brunswick; children, Mark (Darcy) Norha of Virginia, Kelly (Billy) Wilson of Durham, N.C., and Kim (Roland) Rios of San Antonio, Texas; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Delores Clark of Virginia; and countless family and friends.

Janet L. Horoshak, 78

Janet Lynn Aysta Horoshak, 78, passed away on Jan. 22, 2022. A virtual memorial service will be held at a later date

Janet was born on Feb. 13, 1943, in Virginia. She attended Embarrass High School and graduated from Bemidji State College. Janet taught elementary school for a few years in Hibbing and Midway. She married Eugene "Sonny" Horoshak on June 12, 1965. They had two daughters. She devoted herself to caring for her family.

Janet was truly a fun-loving, beautiful wife, mother, grandmother and a good friend to all who knew her. She was very hospitable, kind and generous, always thinking of others. She loved to entertain and visit with her friends and family. Janet was very crafty, liked to bake, and had many collections, especially dolls. As 100-percent Finnish, she lived all her married life on the Iron Range on the Northside of Virginia with a beautiful view of the golf course.

Janet is survived by her loving and caring husband of 56 years, Eugene; daughters, Bethany (Tim) Muraski and Kristen Mason; grandchildren, Andrew and Rachel Mason, Jenna and Jillian Timm; siblings, Gary Aysta, Jon (Barb) Aysta and Paul (Becky) Aysta; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Eleanor Aysta.

Rinzie Garman Jr., 68

Rinzie Garman Jr., 68, of Aurora, died on Jan. 19, 2022, at Essentia Health-Virginia. A memorial service at United Methodist Church will be held in the spring.

Rinzie was born on April 2, 1953, to Rinzie Sr. and Isabel (Glover) Garman in Brainerd. He grew up on a farm in Embarrass and graduated from Babbitt High School in 1971. He was united in marriage to Marie Forsberg on May 10, 1975. The couple made their home in Aurora where they raised two daughters.

Rinzie worked hard to provide for his family, most notably, working in the mining, construction, trucking, and logging industries in the area. He was well known in the area and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and visiting with friends and neighbors, always willing to lend a hand. Rinzie will be remembered as a friendly, loving and helpful husband, father, friend and neighbor.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Marie; daughters, Melissa Rickman of Mt. Iron and Heidi Garman of Aurora; and several nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gordon and Wayne Garman; and nephew, Pete Garman.

Jean L. Suomi, 85

Jean Louise Suomi, 85, of Babbitt, died on Jan. 26, 2022, at Edgewood Vista Senior Living in Virginia, surrounded by her family. Graveside services will be held at a later date in the Embarrass Cemetery.

She was born on June 13, 1936, in St. Louis County, the daughter of Gaylord and Ellen (Hermiston) Bailey and was a graduate of Eveleth High School. Jean married John Suomi on Sept. 10, 1955, and had resided in Babbitt since 1960. She was employed as the manager of the Babbitt Steelworkers Credit Union, and a member of the Woodland Presbyterian Church in Babbitt.

Jean is survived by her daughters, Jayne (Keith) Peterson of Cotton and Joan (Gary) Mellesmoen of Port Richey, Fla.; brother, Don (Katie) Bailey; brother-in-law, Doug Vollom; sister-in-law, June Drazenovich; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John; daughter, Janelle; grandchildren, Alyssa and John; and siblings, Judy, Margaret and Gordon.

Embarrass Region Fair Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2022

Pending Approval

Present Board: Gustave Schroeder, Jerry Meier, Janine Patten, Sue Beaton Trustees: Floyd Joki, Bonnie Meier.

Members Present: Jo Hardy, Amber Johnson, Lisa Gibson, Mike and Tana Johnson.

Call to Order. Gus called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. Gus noted that the Flying Finn published the date of our meeting on their calendar as February 10 rather than February 3 and that, combined with the extreme cold, may have kept people from attending tonight. Therefore, he asked for discussion regarding changing our annual Board & Trustee election to our next meeting, March 3. All agreed that moving elections to next month was appropriate.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 6 meeting were distributed to the membership for review. Gus asked for any changes, additions or corrections; there were none. Lisa moved to accept the minutes. Bonnie seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

A printed copy of the treasurer's report was not available but Jerry reviewed some of the highlights from January, including a "late" payment made for the dumpsters (three months of bills were never received resulting in a \$800 payment), payments of the electric bill and pancake supplies that will last through spring. He reported income from rentals and pancake breakfast. The driveway was plowed twice in January and tonight. Sue clarified that when the bids were sent, it was for the entire driveway so rather re-bidding for a partial plow arrangement, the Board accepted the bids as is. Sue moved to accept the treasurer's report. Lisa seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Timber Hall Doors. Jerry stated that he and Floyd repaired the back door (thanks!). The issue with the doors is that they don't close properly and they are worn and drafty. Jerry said that at the January Pancake Breakfast we received \$33 in donations for the Timber Hall doors. Discussion led to the following action items:

Jerry will look into creating a "GoFundMe" page specifically for the doors

Jerry will ask Craig Johnson about the front doors and who we hired and costs to replace them; the new doors will not

have the electronic accessibility feature but some good estimates for the North, South, and West doors are needed so that we can put forward a grant request for the next grant cycle (2023 grant applications were due in November)

Tana stated that she would help with grant writing if someone else (perhaps Cassie Hainey would take the lead).

Required Timber Hall maintenance work was also discussed to include possible recoat of the logs and repair/replace some. Analysis and a priority list will be discussed ongoing with work to commence in the spring/summer.

Kitchen Equipment – Michelle was not present so discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

Fair food vendor & kitchen rental rates. Sue stated that the letter for craft and food vendors typically go out in the mail during February or early March. She said that every year she has asked food vendors if our prices were in line with other fairs they attend and has been told repeatedly that we are right in the middle. Sue stated that as far as renting the kitchen, that does not need to be decided right away and she would prefer to wait until we hear from Michelle. Jerry suggested that we only rent it out for Saturday and Sunday and serve breakfast only on Fair weekend. Sue may have a vendor interested in a 7 to 12 pancake operation. Jerry stated that the Special Event Food license for 2022 does cover both Saturday and Sunday in our kitchen.

Board & Trustee Nominations/voting – as stated in the Call to Order, voting is moved to our March 3 meeting.

New Business

2021 Highlights. Sue stated that each year at the Embarrass Township annual meeting, ERFA requests \$500 of labor for Fair weekend for the following year. She noted that other Embarrass organizations typically present a summary of their accomplishments during the year. So, using the minutes from last year's meetings, she created a list of 2021 ERFA highlights to present to the Township Board in March. Copies of the highlights were distributed and discussed and will be available at the March 3 meeting for review prior to the Township's Annual Meeting on March 9.

Pancake Breakfast. Jerry said that only 38 breakfasts were served at the January Pancake Breakfast. He also said that we have all supplies for the next few months. Better advertising for pancake breakfasts was discussed and the following actions assigned:

Create a few signs that could be set at Four Corners and on Highway 21 stating PANCAKES THIS SATURDAY. Jerry volunteered materials and Janine offered to paint but on Feb 5, Jerry, Sue, and Janine reviewed a sign draft secured by Gus that is professional and cost-effective. Jerry to give Gus the go-ahead to have the signs made.

Include the Manney Shopper in promoting our pancake breakfast. (Sue)

Bonnie provided Sue with information regarding Girl Scout Cookies sales. Sue has since confirmed that Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts from Troop 1807 will be selling cookies at the March 5 Pancake Breakfast. Cookies are \$5/box.

Spring Rummage/Summer Market. Shireen was not in attendance but Sue is interested in exploring this further.

Advertising for Volunteers. Thank you to Amber for advertising our volunteer needs on Facebook.

Miscellaneous

Sue said that she and Janine will share the role of secretary until a new one has been elected. Gus thanked Janine for her service over the last three years and complimented her on the fine job she has done.

Janine suggested that we consider an acknowledgement plaque to recognize people who make donations with levels of donation or maybe campaign to "sponsor a door". Tana suggested that the ERFA is more than just the Fair and that perhaps considering a name change to better reflect the property could be considered. This would require a review/rewrite of Mission statement/Bylaws, and may be worth a future discussion. Revisit at a later date.

Jerry reported that every time someone "likes" our Facebook page, he gets a notice. He says he averages 5 to 10 per week.

Lisa reported that the annual ALS Ride, Raffle, and Roll event and the Team Penning event are both scheduled for Saturday, August 20, and that they are working together in an effort to co-exist on the grounds that weekend. Of course, a consideration is that motorcyclists stay on the south side of the Timber Hall away from the horse arena. Jerry reported that our liability insurance includes team penning.

Amber stated that she will not have time to work on the Fair Book this year. Gus said that he would contact Sue Maroult to see if she is interested.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn. Lisa seconded. Motion carried. Gus adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Beaton, Interim Secretary

The Embarrass Region Fair Association will meet again
Thursday, March 3, 2022
6:30 p.m. at Timber Hall.
New Members are Welcome!

The Embarrass Region Fair Association



Where

Timber Hall/Fair Grounds 4855 Hwy. 21, Embarrass MN

When

Now through Fair Weekend, August 26, 27, 28

The ERFA meets on the Thursday before the first Saturday of the month (March 3, March 31, May 5, etc.).

Volunteer Jobs

Exhibit Hall Coordinator

Parade Coordinator

"Miss" OR "Little Miss" Embarrass Region Fair Pageant Coordinator

Gate Keepers during the weekend

Volunteers in any area are always welcome

Behind the scenes of every event is a small and earnest group of volunteers who make the event happen. This year, the ERFA needs volunteers to coordinate the events listed above or they simply will not happen.

Help and leadership in each area is needed. Please step up and help make sure that the 82nd Embarrass Region Fair continues to offer all of the event's fairgoers have come to expect.

For more information, please contact Amber Johnson at 218-600-8517 or join us at our monthly meetings.

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Italian Bakery

---lots more!

READY TO GO:

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ATM

Lottery

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FROZEN ITEMS:

Ice Cream

Pizzas

OTHER:

Cleaning Supplies

Baking/Cooking

Items

Toilet Paper

Misc Personal

Care

Some Auto Fluids

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 5088 Hwy 21, PO Box 1076, Embarrass

Office hours

Tues & Thurs 4:30-7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com 218-984-2037

All regular church services begin at 10:30 a.m. with Interim Pastor, Brian Birk of Tower, MN. Confirmation Instruction at 9:30 a.m.

God welcomes all people! You are welcome here!

PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169) www.apostoliclutheran.org All Services at 10:30 a.m.

March 6 Jon Salo

Holy Communion

March 13 TBD

March 20 Gerry Southerton

March 27 Jerry DeVries



EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

5606 E Taylor Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732 218-984-3402

www.efreechurch.com
E-mail: marlinb@efreechurch.com

Sunday

Family Bible Classes, 9 a.m. (Adult Electives: "2 Timothy: Finish Well" and "Words For Growing Marriages" Worship, 10 a.m.

Monday

Women's Bible Study – 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study – 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study – 9 a.m. Kids on the Rock – 4 p.m. ENGAGE Youth Ministry – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Men's Prayer – 6 a.m.

Special Events

Membership Class

Sunday, March 6, 11:30 a.m.

Ministries Team Meeting

Sunday, March 20, 11:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 26, 8:00 a.m.

Potluck and Movie

Sunday, March 27, 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY MESSAGES:

March 6	"The Lord's Response" (Genesis
	3)
March 13	"The Good Shepherd" (John 10)
March 20	"Safe and Secure" (John 10)
March 27	"Blasphemy or Truth" (John 10)

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