

**THE FLYING FINN
7503 LEVANDER RD
EMBARRASS, MN 55732**

**APRIL 2016
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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
April 2, 8-11 a.m.
Timber Hall**

Commissioner Rukavina – Community Town Hall Meeting
Monday, April 11 – 10am-12pm
Embarrass Town Hall

Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting
Tuesday, April 12
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Embarrass Town Hall

Embarrass Town Board Meeting & Board of Audit – Wednesday, April 6, 6:00 p.m.

Sisu Heritage Meeting – Monday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.

Embarrass Region Fair Board Meeting –Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

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E-mail address embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net.**

APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Pancake Breakfast Timber Hall 8-11:00
3  Vermilion 4-H Club Mtg @ Town Hall 4:00 pm	4 Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	5 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	6 EMBARRASS TOWN BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M. EMBARRASS TOWN HALL	7 Conversational Finn – 1-3pm Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	8	9
10	11 Commissioner Rukavina Community Meeting 10-12pm Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	12 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm Board of Appeal 6-7 PM	13	14 Conversational Finn – 1-3pm Exercise Grp 3:30-4:30 pml	15	16
17	18 Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	19 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	20	21 Conversational Finn – 1-3 pm Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm Fair Board Mtg 6:30 Timber Hall	22	23 Ruby's Pantry (Babbitt Municipal Building) 9:30-11:30 am
24	25 Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	26 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	27	28 Conversational Finn – 1-3 pm Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	29	30

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, e-mail them to embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net or drop them off during office hours (M-Th 8am-3pm) 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 984-2084 with any questions. ----- Thank you. Diane Nelmark

EMBARRASS TOWN BOARD NEWS

Town of Embarrass

Regular Meeting

March 2, 2016

Pending Board Approval

Present: Gene Wright, Joe Scherer, Zane Beaton, Roberta Pike, Diane Nelmark

Visitors: Mickey White, Jim Nelmark

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Zane with the Pledge of Allegiance.

February Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report were reviewed. *Motion by Gene, Second by Joe to approve February 3 minutes. Carried 3-0. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe to approve the Treasurer's Report pending future audit. Carried 3-0.*

Reports:

Maintenance: The rink is closed for the season. The Cub Cadet has been fixed by L&M (a pulley had broken). Crew has been clearing snow and minor jobs around the township. Gene and Roger have been reviewing the work lists for more projects that can be done weather permitting, including cutting down some trees at the campground. Waiting for the Pyhala project estimate from Matt Favet. Painting at the town hall will wait until windows can be left open for ventilation. A new deck for the John Deere mower is estimated to cost \$700, while a new Cub Cadet mower could be purchased for about \$1300, so the JD deck will not be replaced.

Roads: Brushing has started and will be completed in the next couple of weeks. One complaint was received, but upon review, Joe found that the brushing was done within the scope of the contract. The board discussed having future brushing wait until after the snow is gone.

Consent Agenda: *Motion by Gene, Second by Joe to pass the Consent Agenda (Claims 16047-16065, \$7,581.39 Payroll \$3,871.81 and Correspondence). Carried 3-0.* Correspondence included an estimate from Lake Connections to provide fiber-optic internet service

and phone service to the Embarrass Town Hall. Motion by Gene, Second by Zane to move to switch from Frontier to Lake Connections for 3 phone lines (2 unlimited long distance, 1 fax line with regular long distance) and 30/10 fiber-optic internet service at a cost of \$230/month less a 3-year contract discount of 25%. Carried 3-0.

Old Business:

Ely Design Works suggested modifying the style of brochure being printed and provided a sample of what it might look like. *Motion by Gene, Second by Joe to approve the new format of the brochure and authorize payment of 50% of the contract fee for Ely Design Works to begin setup of the brochure. Carried 3-0.* A copy the new brochure will be provided to the town board prior to printing. Final payment due upon final printing and brochure delivery.

2016 and 2017 Taconite Production Tax amounts were received from MN Department of Revenue. The board will take these amounts into consideration when planning the Levy for 2017. Information on how these numbers are calculated is available online in various documents.

Dan Furry has completed the electric work at the Info Center, Campground and Town Hall. *Motion by Gene, Second by Joe to approve payment to Dan for the work that has been completed. Carried 3-0.* Dan will also be providing an estimate to replace 5 24"x24" lights at the town hall.

2017 Levy discussion – board discussed various projects that need to be completed in 2016 and projects necessary in 2017. *Motion by Zane, Second by Gene to propose a levy of \$137,000 meaning no increase over 2016 levy. Carried 3-0.*

Joe updated the board on conversations he's had with a St. Louis County Commissioner regarding 9-1-1 signs for Embarrass. He is optimistic that the cost of the signs would be covered. The fire department is sending

a letter to St. Louis County that they would install the signs.

New Business:

A list of current fees for tours, campground, cemetery and other items was provided for review. *Motion by Gene, Second by Joe to keep all rates the same for 2016. Carried 3-0.*

Anticipating donation requests at the annual meeting, the board reviewed donation request procedures used by a couple of other township and forms provided by the MN Association of Townships. The board will discuss creating an ordinance or writing a resolution about handling future donation requests at the April meeting.

The board approved the 2016 Annual Meeting agenda.

St. Louis County's ATV ordinance is proceeding. February 25 was the last public input meeting and March 4 is the end of the public comment period. A draft ordinance should be in place by mid-March to be released for a 45 day comment period. Questions arose about how this ordinance could affect the Prospectors Trail. Signage will be put up in the spring of 2016 and the pilot program that allowed this action will be in effect until the county board makes a final decision.

Commissioner Tom Rukavina would like to host a community "town hall" type of meeting in Embarrass at the end of March or beginning of April. It will be posted in the Flying Finn if it is after the printing date. The commissioner's office also plans to put information in local newspapers to advertise the event.

Heikkila Road is on the border of Waasa and Embarrass. Motion by Joe, Second by Zane to contact Waasa to see if they'd be willing to pay for half of the brushing contract for that road and submit a bill if they approve. Carried 3-0.

After reviewing the Stewardship Plan, it was found that the Pyhala hay field should be mowed every-other year. This will be put on the project list as such. Rocks that protrude high enough to damage equipment have been marked. The plan is for the township to "mow" the field using the township owned brush cutter.

The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. and the next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 6 @ 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nelmark
Embarrass Town Clerk

**Town of Embarrass
TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
March 8, 2016 - 7:00 pm
Embarrass Town Hall**

Minutes Pending Approval at 2017 Meeting

Present: Diane Nelmark, Roberta Pike, Dave Pike, James Nelmark, Zane Beaton, Eugene Wright, Paul Knuti, Mickey White, Gary Rantala, Joe Scherer, Mike Mackai, Roxanne Wright, Bill Wright, Marti Kinnunen, John Kinnunen, Ron Sutton, Mary Novak, Tom Martin

Town Clerk Diane Nelmark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Rantala nominated Mickey White to be moderator, seconded by Paul Knuti. No other nominations. Motion by Gary Rantala, second by Roxanne White to cast a white ballot. Unanimous vote, motion carried. Mickey White took over the meeting as moderator.

The 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion by Gene Wriath, seconded by Gary Rantala. Unanimous vote, Motion carried. The 2014 Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Gary Rantala, seconded by Joe Scherer. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Township Reports

Roads: Culvert on Wirta Road was replaced, gravel placed on some township roads, Hanka-Nevala Road, Brushing was done on Hanka-Nevala, Laitinen and Pylka Roads (remaining roads to be brushed in 2016)

Maintenance Projects Completed in 2015:

Park/Campground/Recreation Areas:

- Continued statue repair
- Replaced lights overlooking outhouses and sidewalk at Info Center with LED dawn-to-dusk lights
- Volunteers installed fence at Little League ball field
- Installed new flag pole at weather center
- Installed new thermometer case and thermometer at Weather Center
- Updated rules for campground
- Brush-cutting used on Pyhala hay field
- Walking trails were cleared

Town Hall:

- Replaced two rows of tiles (repairing ridge between "rooms")
- Handi-cap space stenciled
- Painted Outhouses at Tennis Court
- Cellular Phone booster installed

Cemetery:

- Patched chimney hole in storage building
- Legion sign pole painted
- Replaced flagpole

Garbage Pickup (mid-May) – need more volunteers in future – limited number in 2014

Holiday/Ice Candle Celebration – December 19

New Website developed and is being maintained

Began working with Iron Range Attractions Council (tours and campground)

Future Projects and Goals: (Note: Not all projects are planned for 2016, but the board is aware these projects are necessary and will complete as time and funds permit.)

Town Hall

- Paint interior walls when windows can be open (Spring/Summer 2016)
- Continue working on landscaping in front of building (mulch, etc.)

Park/Campground/Recreation Areas

- Continue statue repair
- Fix pavement on Bike Trail (now that Balm-of-Gilead trees have been removed)
- Replace rotted logs on flower box by Weather Center
- Groundswork on ball fields
- Create Bird Checklist for Darwin Myers WMA and campground walking trail
- Replace 4-5 picnic tables per year or as needed
- Touchup paint on rink panels (as needed)
- Repair Bog Walk
- Signage stating which trails are accessible to horses (non-paved trails only)

Information Center

- Install “Tours” signs to inform visitors that tours are available and begin at this location

Historic Property:

- Reinforce basement beam at Pyhala house (waiting for estimate from Matt Favet)
- Following beam replacement, get estimate on other Pyhala house work
- Work on Pyhala Barn foundation and perform other Pyhala Homestead maintenance
- Create and install informational sign at Pyhala property as to historical significance of the property
- Painting needed on Nelimark House – Valspar grant suggested

Cemetery survey project 2nd Half of Phase 3 (Survey), all of Phase 4 (Plat Recording)

Community Cleanup (May)

Ice Candle Celebration (December 17)

Discussion of work needed at various historical properties: Pyhala (signage, beams, field, hay barn), Nelimark (painting). It was suggested that the board should prioritize the items so projects can be worked on

as funds allow and not to overwhelm the Historical Property Fund. Most projects needs outside expertise (beams, signage and painting). Deciding how to prioritize could include safety issues, public visibility, etc.

Paul asked about how the township is advertising the Darwin Myers Wildlife Management Area. Currently the property is included in our brochure, listed on the website and listed in some of the ads for tours/township, however because the property belongs to the MN DNR, the board is reluctant to promote a property which we don't own. Also, it was commented that several parts of the WMA are not safe to enter (holes in dikes, etc.) Mickey White is currently working on a birding list for the WMA and the campground. These lists will be available at the campground and information center and can be put online when they are completed.

Discussion of the Woodland Stewardship Plan. It is currently being reviewed by Roger Marks from Natural Resources Conservation Services. He will meet with a board member when the review is complete. Gary mentioned that a forester could be provided by the St. Louis County Soil & Water Conservation District if assistance is needed in implementing the plan. Suggestion to have volunteer groups (4-H, school, scouts, etc.) to plant trees if necessary.

A question arose about invasive species that could possibly be found in the area. The board will watch notices to see if we need to take care of these issues.

Other Organization Reports

Fire Department Report (presented by Fire Chief Tom Martin): In 2015, the department added two new trucks, a 1990 fire truck purchased for \$10,000 from Eveleth and a Brush Rig for \$1,000 from Tower. These trucks could have cost \$90,000 and \$40,000 respectively on the open market. Due to the purchases, the department modified the 1977 Brush Rig (which had been purchased new in 1977) by adding a plow to the front.

RUN REPORT 2015

Medical	36	Mutual Aid to	7	Total 2014 Runs=65
Structure Fires	23	Mutual Aid from	4	Total 2013 Runs = 67
Wildland	9	False Alarm	6	Total 2012 Runs = 56
Public Assist	1	Powerline Down	4	Total 2011 Runs = 53
TOTAL	69	Vehicle Accident	9	

4 new members are being trained. There are currently 18 volunteers on the fire department. The department plans aggressive training in the coming year, both in-house and with the college. They are also working with St. Louis County Commissioners on the new two-sided 9-1-1 signs, and plan to install these signs when they are received. Tom noted that the Mesabi Community

College plans to do a training burn at Four Corners, but needs to wait until the underground tanks are removed. A \$1,125 donation was received in memory of Mitch Omer, former owner of Hell’s Kitchen. He had requested that memorials be designated to one of three charities he liked and his wife said he often talked about and fondly remembered his weekend here in Embarrass.

Sisu Heritage: John Kinnunen updated attendees about the proposal from the Apostolic Lutheran Church board to donate or sell the property to Sisu Heritage. A \$500 transfer fee will be incurred, and a church member has agreed to pay this fee. A committee of Sisu members has been created to see if it would be feasible for their organization to manage/maintain the property. It was asked if the township would be interested in entering into an agreement with them to assist in maintaining the property. The Sisu church committee is discussing options for the property, including adding to tours and using as a community center and/or rental for various events. It was suggested from the audience that not everyone in the township wants their tax money used to maintain the building like they do with other historical properties. John expressed that no decision has been made as this point, but Sisu is gauging community interest in the project. Board members stated they would be willing to discuss at a future meeting, but would like more specifics on the type of assistance Sisu is looking for, even if it’s just a letter of support. Motion by Bill Wright to support Sisu with their exploration of taking over the church as long as there is no liability to any taxpayers at any time. No second to the motion, so the motion died. No further action taken.

Tours: Mike Salo was tour guide in 2015. Total Income from Tours = \$487.00, Total Expenses \$1,239.99. Mike will return in 2016.

Campground Report: Total Income (\$7,195.01) Less Expenses (\$4,757.97) = Net Income of \$2,464.04

2015 Caretakers included Harold Mastin (May to mid-June) and Steve Hendrickson (mid-June to mid-August) with Roger Davies covering weekends as needed when no caretaker was available. Cindy Koivisto will return as caretaker in 2016 and will be on-site May 19.

Embarrass Region Fair Association: Paul Knuti requested a \$500 donation from the township to the Embarrass Fair Association. The clerk provided information (along with the annual meeting agenda) on the instances in which townships may donate funds to an organization. The board is currently looking at creating a policy on how organizations may request donations or assistance from the township. There is a provision that townships can contract with a group or organization to

provide social, health or recreational services to township residents. If an organization (like the Fair Association) would like to contract specific services with the township, a contract must be completed and approved by the Embarrass Town Board. The board stressed that while a donation may be for the benefit of the community, it doesn’t necessarily mean they can legally make the donation or contract. Motion by Paul, Second by Gary for the township to donate \$500 to the Embarrass Fair Association. Motion passed on a vote of 8 in favor, 7 against. (Note: Several in favor did comment that they voted as such as long as the donation was done legally.) The board will look at going through the formal process at a regular board meeting.

Presentation and Discussion of 2017 Levy Proposal

<u>FUND</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
100 – General	\$79,000	\$79,500
225 – Road & Bridge	1,000	5,000
226 – Fire	27,000	26,500
227 – Town Hall	11,000	10,000
230 – Recreation	5,000	4,000
231 – PERA	3,000	4,000
232 – Cemetery	1,000	0
233 – Insurance	8,000	8,000
255 – Campground	0	0
260 – Hist. Properties	0	0
<u>401 – Capital</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL Levy	\$137,000	\$137,000

(no increase)

Motion by Gary Rantala, Second by Ron Sutton to accept the 2017 Levy as presented by the town board. Unanimously carried.

Other Items:

Diane Nelmark informed the attendees that she has accepted another job, but plans to continue as town clerk for a time to calculate the number of hours necessary for some parts of the clerk’s job. Deputy Clerk Sandy Gibson will be in the office 2-3 days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday and some Monday’s) to handle day-to-day activities. (Clerks Note: On 3/11/16, Diane found out that it may be necessary to resign early due to a possible conflict of interest with her new job because the clerk files taxes for the township. The Town Clerk position was posted for applicants on 3/14/16.)

2017 Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Motion by Gene Wright, Second by Mickey White for the 2017 meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Moderator Mickey White adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Nelmark, Town Clerk

ADS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Suggested donation to The Flying Finn

1/4 Page = \$8

1/2 Page = \$13

Full Page = \$22

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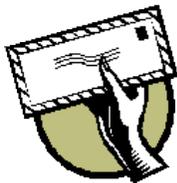
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Embarrass MN 55732

Email embarrastownship@frontiernet.net
or call the Embarrass Town Clerk at 984-2084.

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The Flying Finn makes a great gift for someone who has moved out of the community!



The Flying Finn and the Town of Embarrass welcome announcements about community events and community groups. These submitted announcements are printed here and on following pages. Neither the Town of Embarrass nor The Flying Finn necessarily endorses the viewpoints or ideology of these groups or their events. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or submitted material

Embarrass Transfer Station



7530 Koski Rd
Embarrass, MN



Hours of Operation

Thursday

10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m

POSTAL NEWS



Tower MN Post Office

508 Main St - 218-753-5797

Pickup/Retail Hours:

Monday-Friday

9:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Pickup time at Drop Box by
Embarrass Credit Union is 11:30 a.m.

Bookmobile

Schedule

Visit your library on wheels, the Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile, at the local stop listed below.

Four Corners Parking Lot

Wednesday, April 20

5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-a-Book services write the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt Iron, MN 55768, call 218-741-3840, or check out the website at www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us



Waasa Township Regular Board Meeting Thursday, March 3, 2016

Pending Board Approval:

Board Members Present: Mitch Lind, Emily Quick, Russ Webb, and Sandra Gibson; **Visitors:** David Hess, Carroll Eckman and Jim Suihkonen

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: Russ moved to approve the February 4 Meeting Minutes and Emily supported. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report: Total disbursements for the month of February were: \$1,689.43 and receipts received: \$2,644.44 from St. Louis County Auditor - (Town Road Aid) and \$10,756.00 from St. Louis County Auditor - (15 Taconite Production Tax). Emily accepted the report and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

Approval to Pay Bills: Emily motioned to approve payment of all bills listed on the agenda plus board payroll and PERA. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

Road Report: Dan Muhvich of Arrowhead Brushing LLC communicated that he planned to start roadside brushing today. Embarrass has contracted Mr. Muhvich to do Heikkila Road but Waasa will reimburse them for our half of the work.

Old Business: The 2017 levy was discussed. Emily motioned to recommend the levy stay the same as last year (\$34,000.00). Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

New Business: Mitch attended the St. Louis County meeting held in Ely on February 22 concerning the proposed ATV Ordinance. Comments must be submitted to the county by Friday, March 4, 2016 to be considered in the initial draft of the proposed ordinance. After the meeting, Mitch spoke to County Commissioner Tom Rukavina, asking about the status of the repair of the Kaunonen Lake Road Bridge (County Bridge #516). Mitch was assured that the steel has been saved for our bridge but, no date has been set for repair to begin.

Community members expressed interest in attending Commissioner Rukavina's Community Meeting coming up at the Embarrass Town Hall. (Clerk's note: After this meeting the date of the meeting was set at Monday, April 11 from 10:00-12:00 a.m.).

The Clerk, Treasurer and at least one Supervisor will attend the Spring Short Course on April 1.

The Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, April 19 for 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Waasa Town Hall.

A request to use the town hall on June 4 for a wedding reception and/or borrow tables and chairs was approved. One of the tables needs to be repaired and returned before June 3.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Emily moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. with support from Mitch. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Emily Quick, Board Supervisor

Waasa Township Annual Meeting Waasa Town Hall Tuesday, March 8, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Minutes Pending Approval:

Present: Sandra Gibson, Bonnie Keller, Russell Webb, Mitch Lind, Emily Quick, Evelyn Esala, Linda Koskela, Carroll Eckman, Arlene Eckman, Dave Hess and Creighton Cox

Town Clerk Sandra Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandra asked for nominations from the floor for a meeting moderator. Creighton Cox nominated Russell Webb and he accepted. Emily Quick supported the motion. Carried (Unanimous). At that time Russell assumed the position as moderator.

The 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes were read and Creighton Cox motioned to approve them. Mitch supported. Carried (Unanimous).

The 2015 Treasurer's Report was reviewed. We currently have \$84,816.76 in CD's and \$101,254.21 in savings at EVFCU. Carroll Eckman motioned to approve the report and Dave Hess supported. Carried (Unanimous).

The Fire Department Report was given by Creighton Cox. Last year 69 runs were made as compared to 65 in 2015. 1736 volunteer hours were supplied in 2015 as compared to 1919 total hours were supplied by 21 Volunteer Fire Fighters in 2014. Three of the department's 21 fire fighters have recently resigned. At this time, it has not been decided if all three positions will be filled. Joe Scherer is working on getting funding for double-sided 911 signs. The department has upgraded their cold storage building and purchased a 1990 fire engine, which is in very good condition, for the price of \$10,000.00. A 3% levy increase in contract fees is in the works for 2017.

The Roads Report was given by Russell Webb. Brushing of township roadsides has begun. 29 letters have been sent in an effort to notify property owners of the work on Appaloosa, Beckman, Dale, Koskela, Niemi, Skarp and Heikkila Roads. Koskela Road is in poor condition. Class 5 will be added as soon as possible to firm it up.

The Cemetery Report: The sexton was not present to give a report. Linda Koskela remarked about the great condition the grounds have been in. Credit was given to Brother's Lawn Service, who has been hired to mow the grounds. The board will again check into getting a STS Crew this spring to do raking at the cemetery. It was mentioned by one person in attendance that the water barrel provided at the cemetery for watering plants was vandalized and no longer useable.

Town Hall building was re-roofed last fall by Woodland Builders. The faulty CertainTeed shingles were removed as well as two old chimneys that were no longer used. The septic system is working again. Russell is planning to check into the lines and the tank in an effort to alleviate the problem we have had each spring.

Old Business: None

New Business: Appreciation was voiced for the two active Fire Wardens in the township. Creighton Cox moved to give both Bruce Keller and Richard Niemi a 10% increase in compensation to \$110.00 for this year. Linda Koskela supported. Carried (Unanimous).

The board recommended levy for 2017 was reviewed. It was felt no increase is needed. The residents of the township approved the levy as presented to them, keeping the levy the same as 2016 and 2015.

General Fund: 15,000.00

Motion by Creighton Cox, supported by Dave Hess

Road & Bridge: 8000.00

Motion by Dave Hess, supported by Mitch Lind

Fire Fund: 11,000.00

Motion by Creighton Cox, supported by Mitch Lind

Total 2016 Levy: 34,000.00

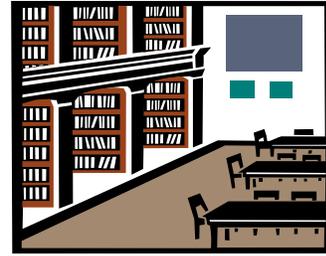
(All 3 motions were carried unanimously)

The status of Kaunonen Lake Road Bridge (County Bridge #516) repair was discussed. No date has been set as of this date. The importance of keeping the bridge open was mentioned by several in attendance. Commissioner Tom Rukavina will hold a Community Meeting for area residents on Monday, April 11th at the Embarrass Town Hall. Several in attendance were interested in attending this meeting.

Set Time and Place for 2015 Annual Meeting: Creighton Cox moved to begin the 2017 Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Waasa Town Hall. Russ supported. Carried (Unanimous).

Adjournment: Russell Webb moved to close the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Dave Hess supported. Carried (Unanimous).

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Russell Webb, Meeting Moderator



BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hours:

Mon-Thur 12-6;

Friday 12-5

📖 Minnesota/RMS Titanic Connection April 6 at 3:30 p.m. at the Babbitt Library

Leading up to the April 15 anniversary of the 1912 sinking of the great ship, Christopher Welter archivist at MN Discovery Center, will provide a condensed version of his article, "Voice Cast Upon the Sea: MN Titanic Passengers," which was published in the autumn 2007 issue of MN History magazine. Welter will speak about several individuals from northern MN, including from the Iron Range and Duluth.

📖 Spirit Sings! OboeBass! The Vecchione/Erdahl Duo April 19 at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a program that travels through time as the Spirit Sings and explores the legacy of African Americans and their contribution to American music, from slave songs that evolve into our unique American music form, jazz, and also pivotal classical performers like the great opera singer Marian Anderson.

📖 Minnesota State Fair – The Storied History, April 20 at 3:30 p.m. When you walk through the gates of the MN State Fair, you are enveloped with sights, sounds, smells and more that is unlike any other time of the year. You know what the State Fair is like now, but do you ever wonder how it came to be?

📖 These programs are sponsored by the Arrowhead Library System and funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Lisa Pennala, Director, 218-827-3345



**PIKE SANDY
WOMEN'S
CLUB**

**April 5, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Pike Town Hall**

April Hostesses:

Rebecca Aluni & Jeanette Rinta

*Program Presenter Tom Aluni
What's science got to do with it?*



**CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
2016 NOTICE:**



The Pike Sandy Women's Club 2016 Scholarship Award will be given to a local graduating senior who lives in Pike, Sandy, Wuori, Embarrass Townships or in an Unorganized Township that borders Pike Township. The scholarship award will be announced at the April 5 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, 2016. Please include in your letter of interest, which College or Technical College you will be attending and any personal information about yourself, including your curriculum plus any extracurricular activities.

Please send your letter to:

Sandy Gorrill
6801 Taylor Rd
Embarrass, MN 55732.

Bingo-Bazaar-Bake Sale

Wednesday, April 13 – 7-9 p.m. – Pike Town Hall

There will be 25 games of BINGO!!!

The 25th Game is a Coverall!

*BINGO Prizes *** Bake Sale Items
Coffee & Snacks *** Fun for all ages*

Great Community Event

***For more information about the Pike-Sandy
Women's Club (questions, donations or
volunteer opportunities) please contact Sandy
Gorrill @ 749-2408.***

New Members are always welcome!

Town of Pike

REGULAR MEETING

Pike Town Hall

March 8, 2016

Chairman Langowski called the meeting to order at 8:14pm. All board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from February 9, 2016 were accepted as read by Rasmusson/Johnson 3-0. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on a motion by Rasmusson/Johnson 3-0. Transfers were made from the General fund to the Fire and Road & Bridge fund.

Claim forms 1840-1849 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

The township will purchase a large commercial JenAir stove from Jenia's. The Audit has been finished.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MN Association of Township's training course for Town Board members will be held April 1st, at Black Bear Casino.

The Local Board of Appeal & Equalization will be held Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 6-7 pm at the Pike Town Hall.

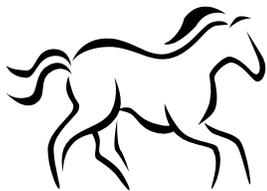
Road work will be done as needed until road inspections are done.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be a Re-Organization meeting followed by a regular meeting, **Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 7:00 pm** @ Pike Town Hall. Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

Respectfully, Jodi Backman, Clerk

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Town Board



Northwoods Saddle Club

March 10, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Secretary's minutes read & approved. Treasurer's report read & approved. Ed went over the Income & Expenditures for 2015, and also went over the 2016 Budget. Motion made to pay the Judge for the Horse Show, arena tilling, pooper scoopers, & porta-potty pumping for the year 2016.

Motion made to purchase another set of jump stands. Terri was given approval to purchase at the Horse Expo if the price is right.

Motion made for Daniel to purchase the necessary supplies for 2016; toilet paper, duct tape, batteries, garbage bags, etc. We will look into price of new lenses for the sensor on the timer.

We do have youth groups that will be providing the concessions at our PlayDays & Horse Show. Motion was made that if we do not have someone to fill the concession on our September 24 Play Day, the Saddle Club will host the concession on that day.

COGGINS CLINIC will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Old Embarrass School Parking Lot. If there is still a lot of snow, it will be held in the Credit Union Parking Lot. Please bring a shovel to clean up any manure. Reminder, Ann will vaccinate small animals. Please call her (218-780-9441) so she knows what other animal(s) you may be bringing or if you need other vaccinations. Prices are as follows: Coggins \$35...WNV/EWT \$40....Rhino/Flu \$25.....Rabies \$20.....Strangles \$30.

Nominations were held & the following were nominated for Officers: Audrey K – President; JoAnn S – Vice President; Ed H – Treasurer; Miranda K – Secretary; Senior Advisor – Lisa G; Junior Advisor – Morgan G.

Discussion was had on Parades & this year we need more participation.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14 at 7 P.M. at Timber Hall.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Terri Joki, Secretary

Northeast Range News

♪ Elementary and High School Band Concert - April 28th starting at 7 pm at the NE Range School Auditorium.

♥ The Volunteers in Education (VinE) is looking for tutors at the NE Range School. Tutors are needed to help students of all grade levels in all areas of subjects especially in reading and math. Hours are flexible during and after school depending on the teachers and volunteers schedules. Please consider volunteering and helping students become successful. If interested, contact Christine at 984-3064.

🤖 The Northeast Range First Robotics team, the "Iron Mosquitos," is participating in the First Robotics regional competition at the DECC in Duluth. This is the second year that our team is competing. Our robot is doing very well!



EMBARRASS REGION FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Pike Town Hall, April 6, 6:30 P.M.

Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month.

*Come and Share your experience with us!
Coffee an' will be served.*

***For further information,
please call 984-3002.***

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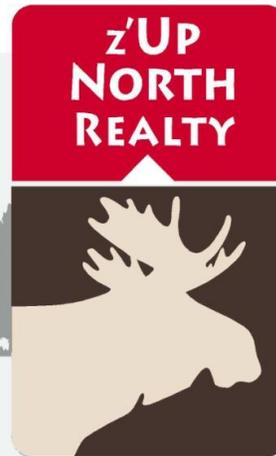
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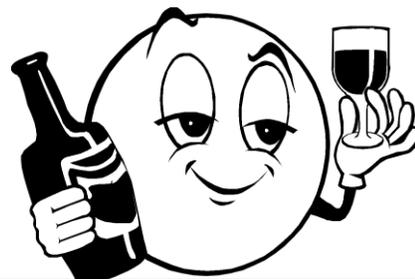
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ONWARD

*Now I've received
So much in life,
Including my
Delightful wife*

*Who has been gone,
These many years,
No longer do
I shed the tears.*

*For now what's left
Is hard to know,
Remaining days
Are moving slow.*

*Not much remains,
Not even strife,
Since that dark day,
I lost my wife.*

*So now I sit
Here at my desk,
And try to not
Be too grotesque,*

*And then perhaps
It's worth a try,
To put words down,
That some decry,*

*For I'll go on,
There I no choice,
But using my
Tentative voice.*

HISTORICAL REALITY

*Yet hardly will
The rich decide,
To let the thoughts
Of war subside.*

*For they've resolved,
To have their say,
And history proved
They had their way.*

*But now the times
Have changed a bit,
And warmongers
Are in a snit.*

*Poetry Submitted By,
William Lamppa, Embarrass, MN*



**EMBARRASS
REGION FAIR
ASSOCIATION**

Pancake Breakfasts Are Back!

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Saturday, April 2

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Upcoming Events at the Fairgrounds:

- June 11** **Saddle Club Play Day**
- July 9** **County Fair Summer Series**
- August 26-28** **Embarrass Fair**
- August 26, 27** **Team Penning**
- September 17** **Ranch Sorting**

***More information about these
events as they draw closer***

**TRAIL PROSPECTOR ALLIANCE
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**



TOWER CIVIC CENTER

TUESDAY, APRIL 19
6:00 P.M.

THANK YOU! **...and things I've** **learned from you all**

I've been trying to come up with the right words to express my thanks and appreciation for all that Embarrass has given me over the past 7 years. If you haven't heard yet, I've accepted a position with MN Department of Revenue in Ely and began work on March 23. One of the hardest decisions I've ever made. I have loved working for Embarrass Township and was fully prepared to continue at least until all my girls were out of school or as long as you all felt I was what you needed at the Town Hall in the office of the clerk. However, plans change and I was presented with an opportunity to use my education to benefit my family in a new way.

Reflecting on my time in the Clerk's Office, I'd like to share a few things I've learned or seen in Embarrass:

- *Make the coffee strong! ☺*
- *There are many names for Finnish Biscuit (Pulla, Nissu, finnish biscuit, cardamom bread)*
- *Pyhala is a tough name to pronounce for most people. And you will get corrected by someone no matter how you say it.*
- *The colder the weather the more the phone rings*
- *A town named Embarrass is intriguing to 5th graders...or at least their English teacher. We've received letters nearly every year I've been in office from 5th graders around the US (twice from Hutchinson, MN) who are told to write to a city whose name they find interesting.*
- *EVERYONE knows Edgar!*
- *We have one of the most beautiful cemeteries around (from comments of visitors). Thanks goes to the maintenance crew for their hard work year after year.*

- *You can always find someone willing to speak on TV about the weather, snow, cold, history, or anything else about Embarrass – we are proud of our little community.*
- *Lisa Dale Gibson is a sport! (Quick phone call offering a trip to New York and she's in...plus she's brilliant on live TV!)*
- *The Embarrass Fair is looked forward to by people from all over the East Range. The mud run, demo derby, softball tournament, crafts, food, games...*
- *The Embarrass Town Hall is a well-kept secret. Most people don't realize the little gem hidden on Levander Road has a playground, tennis court and a great space for community gatherings.*
- *There are some very great pancakes served up once a month at the Timber Hall and the company/conversation is equally as appreciated.*
- *If you make coffee....they will come. A few years ago we started a Ladies Coffee morning on Tuesday mornings as a way for ladies to get together to just...talk. At first it was just a few ladies (4-6 or so), but it has grown large enough that at times we've had to add an extra table for the 20 or so that show up to visit. What a blessing you have all been to our weekdays and keeping the Town Hall filled with friendship and laughter. I'll miss you most of all!*
- *There are a few men who never miss a chance to shoot-the-breeze with "the guys" at lunchtime. Again...more coffee. You never know what will be learned from these pillars of knowledge (or at least of opinion.)*

There is so much more, but I just wanted to say THANK YOU and KIITOS! for seven very enjoyable years. See you around!

*Diane Nelmark
Embarrass Town Clerk
March 2009-March 2016*

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In the Mail...

LIFE BEGINS AT THE END OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE
Neale D. Walsch

As we're sure you already know, Mitch (Omer)'s sudden passing left our family absolutely shattered, but the outpouring of love tha surrounded has helped our broken hearts start healing. We're deeply grateful that so many of you shared storied (many that we had never even heard) which made us laugh and cry at the same time.

Thank you for loving Mitch as much as he loved life. Thank you for celebrating this magnificent man that touched and truly loved an astonishing number of people from all walks of life.

Note: Along with this memorial notice, donations totaling \$1,125 were received by the Embarrass Region Volunteer Fire Department. Mitch's obituary requested donations be identified to one of his favorite charities of which ERVFD was one.

Dearest Fire Friends:
Mitch still talked about the wonderful experience in your fabulous town. Thank you ALL for making him feel so welcome, so special. He would have been thrilled to know that so many folks supported your tireless work with a small memorial. Please use this however you wish. I know he would ♥ it if you would use the donation specifically for your F.D. Best, fondly, and always so grateful you let us into your hearts and town.

Cyn
(Mitch's wife)

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Pastor Evelyn Panula Weston

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hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com

218-984-2037

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Open Communion 1st & 4th Sunday

Coffee an' follows worship

Coffee & Crafts: Thursdays 9 a.m.

Sunday School – April 3, 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class: Saturday, April 9 & 16, 9 – noon

Member Appreciation Luncheon – Sunday, April 24
following worship (RSVP by April 10)

Dow Habitat House Groundbreaking – Sunday, April
24, 2:30 p.m. in Virginia

All are welcome! YOU are welcome!

Evangelical Free Church of Embarrass

5606 E Taylor Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732

218-984-3402

Website: www.efreechurch.com

email: embfree@frontier.com

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday Family Bible Classes – 9:00 a.m.

Family Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Monday - Women's Fellowship – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Men's Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.

Kids on the Rock – 4:00 p.m.

ENGAGE Youth Gathering – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday - Men's Prayer – 6:00 a.m.

Other Events:

Sunday, April 10, 12:00 p.m. – Ministries

Team Meeting

Sunday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.

Movie Night "Woodlawn"

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGES:

April 3 Testimonies from the Men's Retreat

April 10 "The Worst Option"

April 17 "We have Been Forgiven"

April 24 "I Forgive"

* OBITUARY *

Mildred C. Manninen, 91

Mildred C. Manninen, 91, of Virginia, died on Feb. 21, 2016, at the Virginia Care Center. A memorial service was held on March 3 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Virginia with Pastor Nathan Sager officiating. Spring inurnment will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Virginia.

She was born on June 26, 1924, in Embarrass, to Wilpas and Sadie (Koivisto) Wiitala and grew up there, graduating from the Embarrass High School. Mildred was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Virginia and the Virginia Senior Citizens. She worked at the Pioneers Infirmary and the Virginia Convalescent Unit for many years, retiring in 1986. Mildred's greatest enjoyment was when she was with her family and friends.

She is survived by three children, Roger Manninen of Britt and his children, Todd (Alicia Dahl) Manninen of Eveleth and Tasha (Eric) Ratliff of Haslet, Texas; Joyce (Al) Rosati of Bothell, Wash., and their children, Pam (Jerry) Kopec of Seattle, and Steve (Amy) Rosati of Maple Valley; and Judy (Mark) Johnson of Hibbing and their children, Scott (Kelly) Johnson, Chris Johnson and Mike (Ashley Draskovich) Johnson, all of Hibbing; Paul Pollock of Cook, Amy (Jon) Tonko of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Sarah Pollock of Boca Raton, Fla.; 13 great-grandchildren, Ellie, Ryan, Juane, Mia, Sumyah, Tyler, Edie, Ava, Tyler, Mason, Bailey, Danielle and Megan; special nieces, Mary Schweich and Jolene Meier, both of Hastings; sister-in-law, Joyce Wiitala of Hastings; and two special friends, Millie Sandnas and Martin DeLuca, both of Virginia

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arthur Manninen; daughter, Sharon Pollock; and brother, Melvin Wiitala.

MARCH 2016

	Feb. 22 22/24 snow 1" pc .05"	Feb. 23 -12/25 trace sn	Feb. 24 22/25 sn 2.5" pc .18"	Feb. 25 24/34 trace sn	Feb. 26 8/24	Feb. 27 -7/37
Feb. 28 24/47	Feb. 29 19/24	Mar. 1 -1/10 snow 3" pc .16"	Mar. 2 -19/20	Mar. 3 -17/24	Mar. 4 5/29	Mar. 5 -12/28
Mar. 6 17/30	Mar. 7 22/51	Mar. 8 18/48 trace sn pc .08"	Mar. 9 36/40 pc .23"	Mar. 10 29/34	Mar. 11 29/39	Mar. 12 20/51
Mar. 13 24/60	Mar. 14 33/55 snow 2" pc .07"	Mar. 15 37/47	Mar. 16 36/44 pc 1.66"	Mar. 17 32/33 snow 6"	Mar. 18	Mar. 19

**Storm of March 16-17 – appx. 8-9 inches of snow,
no precipitation meltdown available at press time**

MARCH 2015

Mar. 1 -20/22 snow 1" pc .10"	Mar. 2 7/22 snow 3" pc .19"	Mar. 3 -17/27	Mar. 4 10/22	Mar. 5 -17/0	Mar. 6 -36/12	Mar. 7 3/30
Mar. 8 23/24 sn .50" pc .04"	Mar. 9 23/40	Mar. 10 18/49	Mar. 11 30/50	Mar. 12 22/44	Mar. 13 21/52	Mar. 14 35/44
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