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EMBARRASS, MN 55732  
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## **Pancake Breakfast**

**April/May Canceled**  
**See you in the fall!**

# ***COVID-19/Coronavirus***

*Multiple meetings/events are affected.*

**We recommend contacting your clerk's office about township meetings or your group/church leadership for details and updates about meeting time/date/location/information.**

**Per Governor's Directive Stay Home, Stay Safe!**

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EMBARRASS TOWN HALL IS CLOSED AT THIS TIME.

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## **Embarrass Town Board Meeting**

**Scheduled for April 8, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**\*\*Meeting may need to be postponed, contact Clerk's Office at 984-2084 for update.\*\***

**Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting will continue as scheduled.**  
**Embarrass Township is asking you to Contact Clerk's Office to schedule your meeting time.**  
**St. Louis County Auditor will attend via Conference Call.**

**\*This information is as of 3/29/20. Please contact your clerk as meeting date nears.**

Please submit materials for the May 2020 issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office by April 23, 2020.

# APRIL 2020

<p>Ladies Coffee, Conversational Finn, Exercise Group and Bookmobile Services are all canceled for an indefinite period of time.</p>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
 <p>4-H Meeting</p>			<p>Embarrass Town Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Potential for Cancellation Contact Clerk's Office or view notice at Hall.</p>	<p>5:00-6:00 p.m. Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. – Call Clerk's Office to be added to the schedule.</p>		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<p>Flower &amp; Garden Club Meeting <b>CANCELLED</b></p>			<p>Timber Hall: Fair Board Mtg 6:30 Potential for cancellation. Contact Fair Board as meeting date nears.</p>		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<p>Sisu Meeting Town Hall 6:30 p.m. Potential for cancellation. Contact Sisu Member as meeting date nears.</p>					
26	27	28	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](mailto:embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net) or drop them off during office hours (M-Th 9 a.m.-3 p.m.). 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

Board Meeting  
March 11, 2020

## PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Gene Wright, Roy Worsham, Gary Rantala, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Rodney Dale, Chris Dale, Mickey White

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Worsham with The Pledge of Allegiance.

*Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to approve minutes with one minor correction to a motion with Wright's name printed twice. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to approve Treasurer's Report other than the Post Office Fund. Carried 3-0.*

Rantala reports that the roads are in good shape for this time of year. Need to keep an eye on Hanka Nevala road.

Wright reports that the maintenance new hire is doing very well. Outhouse is being finished at the rink. Cellphone booster at the town hall has been looked at and now waiting to see if reception is any better.

Novak reports she attended an invasive species meeting. Some of these weeds she has seen in the area and have been reported. Novak will be placing some information posters at the town hall for the residents to look at. More discussion was had. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to accept Novak's Invasive Species Report and to have poster put up. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to allow Babbitt Lions Club to temporarily sell liquor during the Embarrass Regional Fair in 2020. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to approve the Board of Canvass presented by the Clerk. Carried 3-0.*

Worsham signs the certificate for the USDA Grant Application.

Wright, Novak and Boese will be meeting with Marlin Bjornrud to discuss tours and how to promote.

Clerk will register all supervisors and treasurer for the spring short courses on April 3 in Duluth.

Small discussion was held on winter maintenance hours Wright would like maintenance winter hours to be discussed again at a later date.

*Motion/Worsham: Second Wright to approve Claim's 17426 - 17458 in the amount of \$6,567.71. Carried 3-0.*

Memorial Day volunteers will be needed to prepare the cemetery for Memorial Day service. Anyone willing to offer some time are requested to call the clerk's office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 by Worsham.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

### ADS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Suggested donation to The Flying Finn

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Full Page = \$22

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*The Flying Finn, 7503 Levander Rd  
Embarrass MN 55732*

Email [embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net](mailto:embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net)  
or call the Embarrass Town Clerk at 984-2084.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Persons interested in subscribing to The Flying Finn may drop off or send a donation of \$15 for one year, payable to the Town of Embarrass, 7503 Levander Road, Embarrass, MN 55732.

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.

## Town of Embarrass Annual Meeting

March 10, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

PENDING TOWN APPROVAL

Present: Tom Martin, Gene Wright, Chris Dale, Rodney Dale, John Kinnunen, Marti Kinnunen, Carol Knuti, Roxanne Wright, Bill Wright, Paul Knuti, Roland Fowler, Doug Nelson, Debbie Nelson, Zane Grey Beaton, Roy Worsham, Mickey White, Susan Beaton, Lori Worsham, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Town Clerk Jennifer Boese called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with The Pledge of Allegiance, Gene Wright was voted in as the moderator by those present.

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed by those present; Gene Wright requests a clarification on wording. (Gene says the only way out of the lease is to sell it. It is meaning the Pyhala) *Motion/Roland Fowler: Second/Chris Dale to approve the March 12, and June 6, 2019 Annual meeting Minutes. Unanimous vote. Motion carries.*

Treasurer's Report was reviewed after some explaining of the Post Office fund, *Motion/Bill Wright: Second/Roy Worsham to accept the Treasurer's Report after the treasure's explanation of the Post Office Fund. Unanimous vote, Motion carries.* At the 2019 annual meeting it was asked by some to put the Post Office rent money put into the Treasurers records in a way to follow it better. The future funds were put in as asked but not the previous funds. Some wanted an explanation and wanted it changed to start from the beginning of 2019.

Road Report was given by Roy Worsham and Gene Wright. Roads are in good shape. Chloride was put on few roads in 2019, chloride will be placed on selected roads again in 2020. Roads were plowed by Eric Garman while the county was on strike.

Subject of the Pyhala Homestead was brought up and the liability of the township. Gene Wright explains there is safety issues that need to be taken care of and this will be discussed at regular meetings after meeting with an attorney.

### 2019 Maintenance Report

- Replaced ceiling tiles in town hall with grate tile to prevent small kitchen water line from freezing
- Replaced exhaust fans in restroom
- Tracked down person dumping trash at the Info Center – Sheriff dispatched
- Water leaks town hall
- Met with Lake Country Power on heaters at the town hall
- Replaced door handle on GMC drivers' side

- Replaced heater in maintenance building at rink
- Prepped pole barn for insulation application
- Husqvarna mower in for new transmission
- Repaired stove small kitchen
- Culvert replaced at Info Center
- Extensive tree trimming at the Nelimark
- Cleared culverts on bike trail
- Revamped vestibule at town hall
- Bad Boy mower in service
- Handled complaints at cemetery. Hakkela gravesite and Minier plot
- Installed gorilla lift on large trailer
- Built sandbox at ball field
- Replaced landscaping timbers town hall planter
- Log slab installed on town hall wall
- Painted new concession stand at the Lamppa Field
- Cleared fence line at the town hall
- Replaced several benches along the bike path
- Removed old water heater/ hall heater stacks from town hall roof
- Repair made to bog walk to make it usable
- Soap dispensers installed in campground shower house
- Second outhouse at rink started – near completion
- Replaced exterior light at the Post Office
- Reorganized maintenance office
- Replaced brusher on JD broom
- New campground sign on shower house

### 2020 Projects and Goals

- Garbage Pickup (mid-May)
- Purchase Plow truck (waiting on response for grant)
- Work on Info Center restrooms with grant money received
- Have Town Hall roof fixed or replaced
- Two new tires on grader
- Chloride few roads
- Memorial Day Service at cemetery May 25, 2020
- Holiday Ice Candle Celebration December 19, 2020
- Projects identified during the Spring 2020 Property Inspections and monthly Board Meetings

One township employee is currently out on Workman's Comp for an injury and another is recovering from knee surgery. A temporally maintenance employee has been hired.

Roland Fowler requests that the sidewalk at the campground gets repaired, the gazebo and outhouses need to be stained and should be put on the list for the 2020 Property Inspection Meeting.

Gene Wright mentions that the supervisors would like to let the township residents know that volunteers are needed for Memorial Day preparation.

Paul Knuti requested to have the windows at the Nelimark painted. Roland Fowler says that the buildings that belong to SISU at the Nelimark need maintenance and that this should be discussed with the SISU board members.

Discussion was held on the maintenance time sheet presented. The maintenance time sheets completed by the maintenance workers include the following categories: Roade and Bridge, Town Hall, Recreation, Cemetery, Campground, Nelimark, Pyhala, Post Office and Other. Questions by Bill and Roxane Wright on what the "other" tasks are on the time sheets. Gene Wright hands two notebooks to Bill and Roxanne Wright to be reviewed and explains what jobs might be described as other. Bill Wright does not accept the maintenance report. Bill would like the report/time sheet needs to be more clarified in the "other" category because this tells him nothing.

**Fire Department Report** was given by Fire Chief Tom Martin. Full report is in the files. 21 members in the Embarrass Fire Department. Tom is very happy with the high number of members. 1684 hours of volunteer service, with no injuries. 100 two sided 911 signs were received last year. Added another 6,000-gallon tank in the parking lot with an electric pump, able to get more done with less people with the new tanks. Working on getting a landing zone for helicopter in the parking lot at the Fire Department. Tom states the Fire Department is ready to handle the coronavirus in the area if it comes here. Couple township board members went to the annual fire department meeting on January 7.

**Fair Board Report** was given by Sue Beaton. Annual meeting was in February. Timber Hall is being used for the pancake breakfasts, which some have had a great attendance. Fair will be August 28-30 in 2020. Sue has been working on getting vendors along with Janine Patten. \$500 worth of township labor is being asked for by the fair board. *Motion/Debbie Nelson: Second/ Lori Worsham to give the fair board \$500 worth of labor from the township employees for the 2021 fair.* Motion carries. Gene Wright talks about the Prospectors ATV Club and hosting a VIP ride on Sept. 19, 2020 that will be starting at the Timber Hall.

**SISU Heritage Report** President Marlin Bjornrud sent a report for all to review, included in files. Paul Knuti talks about a Historic Task Force and welcomes participation.

**Campground Report** Campground is already booked for the Embarrass Fair. Question was asked about the campground funds and what was the big expenses. A portion of the new Bad Boy lawnmower was taken out

and work completed on the bog walk, explains Gene Wright. Mary Novak stated she has been marking some of the walking trails.

**Tour Report** Mike Salo was the tour guide in 2019 and has intentions on returning in 2020. Starting in 2019 the tours have been starting at the Nelimark. Suggestions by visitors were to have tours maybe start earlier to accommodate people, offer discounts rate for groups such as schools, have tour guide on call. Some suggest getting volunteers to give tours and to start promoting. Gene Wright explains meetings with Marlin are being set up to discuss promoting and other ideas. Some speak to say tours should not be an expense to the township and suggested that SISU takes on the expense. Discussion was held on possible virtual tours in the future. Mike Salo's knowledge should be recorded to keep on file.

### 2021 Levy

A \$166,000 proposal for the 2021 Levy was presented.

General	\$93,000
Road & Bridge	\$8,500
Fire	\$29,000
Town Hall	\$8,000
Recreation	\$4,000
PERA	\$5,000
Cemetery	\$0
Insurance	\$9,500
Capital	\$5,000
Historic Properties Fund	\$4,000

Paul Knuti asks about what was spent on Historic Properties. Gene Wright offers him records. Mickey White asks about money that is carried over from the Fire fund. Explanation given that the money is carried over to pay the fire contract that will be due.

*Motion/Rodney Dale: Second/Zane Beaton to accept the 2021 proposed levy of \$166,000. Discussion held.* Questions asked about Capital Fund and what will be needed for the new truck that is going to be purchased. Moderator explains waiting to hear about the grant before we can make a decision on where money would come from if grant is not approved. Increase in general fund was questioned. Moderator explains because increase in wages and roof at the town hall. *4 opposed 11 in favor. Motion carries.*

*Motion/Roxane Wright: Second/Paul Knuti to have total cash control for the last three years at the next annual meeting. 0 opposed. Motion carries.*

*Motion/Zane Beaton: Second/Roy Worsham to set time and date for the 2021 annual meeting on March 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Gene Wright adjourns meeting at 9:02 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

# Waasa Township

## Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

**Board Members Present:** Mike Johnson, Mitch Lind, Steve Sipola, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson

**Visitors:** Dave Hess

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

**Minutes Approval:** *Mitch moved to approve the January 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Steve supported. Carried (3-0).*

**Treasurer's Report:** \$582.46 was received from St. Louis County in 12/2019 Tax Apportionment, Metals MN and \$36.17 in Quarterly Dividends from Embarrass Vermilion Federal C.U. Total January Disbursements: \$3,075.24. *Steve accepted the report and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).*

### Approval to Pay Bills:

- Gibson, Sandra, \$471.36, Acer Computer (with Windows 10) & Micro. Word
- Gibson, Sandra, \$11.46, Food & Supplies for Election Training
- Lake Country Power, \$48.41, Electricity for Town Hall—Credit was applied
- MN Benefit Association, \$405.00, Term Life Insurance for Board--Bronze Plan
- Range CO-OP, Babbitt, \$14.18, Gasoline for Snowblower
- Range Office Supply, \$17.30, W-2, 1099 and Transmittal Forms
- St. Louis County Auditor, \$81.78, Proposed Tax Notice Prep & Delivery
- St. Louis County Association of Townships, \$517.44, Dues to County: \$173.20 & MN Assoc: \$344.24
- St. Louis County, \$1,538.28, Blading or Dragging Twp. Roads (Oct. 2019)

*Mitch moved to approve payment of all bills listed on the agenda plus board payroll and PERA. Steve supported. Carried (3-0).*

**Visitors Addressed:** None.

**Road Report:** Township roads are in good winter condition. There were no un-plowed road complaints received by the clerk during the St. Louis Plow Drivers strike.

**Old Business:** The clerk reported that she is pleased with her new computer with Windows 10. She also stated that training held for the Presidential Nomination Primary went well last week. Seven judges were present. The PNP Election will be held on March 3, 2020. The polling hours will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the town hall.

**New Business:** The 2021 recommended levy was discussed. *Mike motioned that the levy stay at \$35,000.00. Steve supported. Carried (3-0).*

*Approval of the 2020 Election Judges was made by Mike and supported by Mitch. Carried (3-0).* A formal resolution was drawn up and signed by Chair Mike Johnson. The judges list for all 2020 elections are: Linda Asleson (alternate), Lois Asleson, Kim Daugherty, Lorenda Daugherty, Bonnie Keller, Linda Koskela, Carole Marks, Megan Martin and Julie Shere.

The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is tentatively scheduled for 04/22/20, from 4-5 p.m. at the Waasa Town Hall.

The Board was also reminded of the Annual Meeting being held on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m.

**Correspondence:** All mail was read and filed.

The yearly Audit of the Treasurer's and Clerk's records was performed by Mitch, Mike and Steve. *All records were found to be accurate so stated by Mike and supported by Mitch. Carried (3-0).*

**Adjournment:** Mitch moved to close the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and was supported by Steve.

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

### A Word From Waasa...

Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk  
March 19, 2020

In light of school closures, business' and churches closing, it is also business at a minimum for our township. The Waasa Town Board will be holding our next meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 7 p.m. However, I would recommend caution when attending this meeting and keep a 6 foot distance between yourselves, as the CDC recommends for the general public. The board needs to keep our bills paid on time but, other business will be kept to a minimum until further notice, and so that the meeting can be kept short. If you have business or concerns, please contact me by calling 218-984-3305 or email me @ [sgclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:sgclerk@yahoo.com). Again, the PUBLIC IS WELCOME to attend but, let's practice "safe social distancing" during this time of uncertainty.

Thank you & stay well *everyone!*

### WAASA LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION

Will be held at the Waasa Town Hall

April 22, 2020 – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

If you have questions, please call Clerk Sandra Gibson at 218-984-3305.

# Waasa Township Annual Meeting

Waasa Town Hall

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Arlene Eckman, Carroll Eckman, Jim Suihkonen, Carole Marks, Steve Sipola, James Devine, Tom Martin, Ken Pulkinen, Mitch Lind, Floyd Joki, Phil Hebl, Sandra Gibson, Bonnie Keller, Mitch Lind, Evelyn Esala, Linda Koskela, and Dave Hess

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. Bonnie Keller nominated Carroll Eckman and he accepted. Steve Sipola supported the motion. Carried (Unanimous). At that time Carroll assumed the position as moderator.

**The 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes** were read and Dave Hess motioned to approve them. Jim Suihkonen supported. Carried (Unanimous).

**The 2018 Treasurer's Report** was reviewed. We currently have \$112,169.42 in CD's and \$111,998.16 in available savings at EVFCU. Dave Hess motioned to approve the report and Steve Sipola supported. Carried (Unanimous).

**The Embarrass Regional Volunteer Fire Department Report** was given by the Fire Chief Tom Martin. Last year 83 total runs were made with the majority being EMS. 1747 hours were volunteered.

SOME OF THE IMPROVEMENTS IN 2018 WERE: Gutters were installed and rain water plumbed into the static tank, construction was started on an addition to the out building, new extrication tools have been purchased, and with 2 grants awarded last year, 2 AEDs and a turn out gear washing machine was purchased.

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR 2019: Purchase newer, safer PPE to stay compliant and minimize exposure to carcinogens, continue to search for funding to replace all old 911 signs in our protection area, work on a Firewise Program and other public education programs, finish the addition to the out building, add another 10,000 gal. static tank to our rain water collection system and as always, continue to serve the community.

The Fire Department has increased the contract percentage by 3% to offset inflation and the rising cost of fire equipment. The Fire Department Board of Directors has increased the oversight of how expenses are distributed through more detailed budgeting.

Tom Martin was thanked for his service to the communities as well as all of members of the ERVFD's.

Tom left the meeting at this point, since he needed to give the same fire report at other townships that evening.

Representative from Twin Metals MN, James Devine, (in charge of Field Operations) was present to answer any questions about the lease agreement made between TMM and Waasa Township. After the document was signed, TMM presented us a check for \$5,000.00. TMM will be using approximately one quarter of an acre near the Amanda Cemetery on Kauonen Lake Road. Brushing has been done and gravel will be applied to the driveway. 2-3 wells will be drilled probably in June and will be made up of stainless steel casing. Ground water will be monitored. A third party company will do the testing under the requirements of MN Department of Health. The wells will be capped and locked also as required by state law.

**The Roads Report:** Supervisor Phil Hebl stated that when weather is favorable graveling of all township roads is planned, as well as roadside brushing. Barricades were professionally installed last summer on South Skarp Road for the closure of that road.

**The Cemetery Report:** Wally O'Farrell continues to serve as Waasa Sexton but was not present. The board will again check into getting a STS Crew this spring to do raking at the cemetery. Comments were in favor of the lawn care done by Dave Hatfield. He will continue that job for this year. The public is reminded to put flowers in a sturdy planter rather than a light weight styro-foam item anchored only by wire. This is one of the cemetery rules for Amanda Cemetery and will hopefully, keep the grounds looking neat. If any decorations or flowers are found to be blowing away, they may be disposed of by Mr. Hatfield or the Sexton.

**Old Business:** The Clerk reminded those present that renting the hall is free to residents but, non-residents are charged \$50. Each renter is required by the state to provide proof of homeowner's insurance and the board requires a \$100 deposit check. Contact Sandra Gibson to reserve the hall for an event.

**New Business:** The town hall building was discussed. We have an old building with some problems but, it was agreed that the facility is sufficient for now with the exception of the lighting in the main room. It is difficult with the present fluorescent lights to read into the late night during election counting. It was suggested to add another whole bank of lights. Linda Koskela motioned to have the town board check into LED lighting with Arlene Eckman supporting. Carried (Unanimous).

A letter was sent to the town board by Northwoods Partners seeking a donation. This is a non-profit organization based in Ely, MN. Board member, Carole

Marks was present to explain the mission of the group and the services they provide which focuses on the elderly in our area. They are made up of a board of directors consisting of several people in the medical field and approximately 75 volunteers. Jim Suihkonen moved to give Northwoods Partners a donation decided upon by the town board. Dave Hess supported. Carried (Unanimous).

Discussion took place on township funds being used for appreciation gifts, flowers and/or special cakes for town officers in recognition of service or illness. All residents present seemed to be in agreement that this was a good practice and did not see a need to limit on the spending. They felt it should be at the board's discretion.

Mail Ballot Voting was explained by Clerk Sandra Gibson. If adopted by Waasa, St. Louis County would mail out ballots to all registered township voters 30-40 days in advance of the election. In 2018 the township spent a total of \$3,194.12 for holding the primary and general elections. Having St. Louis County mail out ballots would be a free service but the town clerk would still administer the elections. No voting would take place at the town hall in this scenario. After much discussion, a hand count-vote was taken on the interest to switch to this way of voting (4). 10 people were against. No change will take place for Elections. Voting will continue at Waasa Town Hall.

The board recommended levy for 2020 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 it has been since 2015.

**General Fund: \$15,000.00**—Motion by Dave Hess, supported by Arlene Eckman

**Road & Bridge: 8,000.00**—Motion by Steve Sipola, supported by Dave Hess

**Fire Fund: 11,000.00**—Motion by Phil Hebl, supported by Mitch Lind

**Total 2020 Levy: \$34,000.00** (All 3 motions were carried unanimously)

**Set Time and Place for 2020 Annual Meeting:** Carroll moved to begin the 2020 Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Waasa Town Hall. Mitch Lind supported. Carried (Unanimous).

**Adjournment:** Carole Marks moved to close the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mitch Lind supported. Carried (Unanimous).

Clerk's Note: Carroll declined the \$25 payment which has been approved by the town board for moderators.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Carroll Eckman, Meeting Moderator

## PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB



**April 2020 Meeting and the April Bingo Bazaar and Bank Sale have both been canceled due to concerns over the COVID-19 virus.**

### PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB 2020 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Pike Sandy Women's Club 2020 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 7th 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 7th, 2020. 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.

Please send your letter to:

Sandy Gorrill,  
6801 Taylor Road  
Embarrass, MN 55732.

New members are always welcome. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Pike Sandy Women's Club is encouraged to call Sandy Gorrill at 749-2408.

## SISU HERITAGE

February 23, 2020

40 plus people attended the meeting at the Embarrass Town Hall

1. President Marlin Bjornrud gave a welcome and gave out information. He then introduced special guests Tom Mattson, Paul MacDonald, and David Lislegard.
2. President Bjornrud presented his report of 2019 activity. This can be found in the March Flying Finn and will appear in the spring Sisu Heritage, Inc. newsletter.
3. Paul Knuti gave a report from the committee charged with forming and "Historic Task Force". He presented the need for the task force and the work that the task force will be doing in the future. He also formed the audience that an application has been made to place the Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church on the National Register of Historic Places.
4. Ron Sutton reported that Sisu Heritage had received a Blandin Technology grant to purchase equipment that can be used at the museum.
5. Mickey White gave the membership report. We presently have 163 members, of which 28 are lifetime members.
6. Treasurer, Cindy Scherer, gave the 2019 financial report and then presented the 2020 proposed budget. Gary Rantala moved and Pat Heikkila seconded to approve the 2020 budget. Carried
7. Motion by Jack LaMar and seconded by Ron Sutton to case a white ballot to approve the election of four persons to the board of directors: Mickey White, Marlin Bjornrud, Heather Mahoney, and John Kinnunen were elected
8. Marlin Bjornrud moved and Paul Knuti seconded to elect Ron Sutton as our representative to St. Louis County Historical Society board of directors. Carried
9. Featured speak for the day was Kristen Vake, evening news anchor for Channel 3 CBS News out of Duluth. Kristen talked about growing up in Chisholm in a mining family and her journey toward TV journalism. She showed a sample of her weekly "Eye on Mining" report and led a very informative question and answer time.
10. Door prizes were given out to David and Roberta Pike Doug Nelson, Deb Shaw, Jeff Jokela, Wes Silverberg, and Mike Johnson

Respectfully submitted by Marin Bjornrud

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The Arrowhead Library System (ALS) has suspended its Bookmobile service indefinitely, according to Executive Director Jim Weikum. The

ALS Bookmobile has over 60 stops across Saint Louis, Carlton, Itasca, and Koochiching counties. The service is being suspended due to health and safety concerns for both the public and the staff stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. Weikum states that "the Bookmobile is a relatively confined space where we simply cannot comply with social distancing recommendations necessary to protect our staff and our loyal users."

While no date has been established for resuming the service, the suspension will be re-evaluated within 6 weeks. Materials borrowed from the Bookmobile will be automatically renewed until the Bookmobile is back on the road. ALS would like to remind library users that many residents of the ALS service area (the counties of Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, and Saint Louis) are eligible to use the Mail-A-Book service offered by ALS. Check out the ALS website for more information: <https://www.alslib.info/services/mail-a-book/>

If you currently have library books and materials checked out from other public libraries in the area, please feel free to return them to any public library book drop in the seven-county area. Interlibrary loan sharing between libraries across the state has been suspended as of March 17, so if you have items that have been requested, please contact your local public library for more information.

While most area public libraries are closing due to health and safety concerns, ALS has encouraged libraries that offer free public Wi-Fi access to keep that service turned on and available outside of closed buildings. The ALS Headquarters facility in Mountain Iron will have free Wi-Fi service available outside of the building as well.



School is closed until at least May 4, 2020. The school is providing distance learning for all students. School buses will be stopping at homes in the afternoons to pickup and drop off homework. Please watch for buses!!

**POSTAL NEWS**



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**Thursday**

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## Embarrass Region Fair Meeting Minute March 19, 2020

### Pending Approval

Present Board: Jerry Meier, Dan Theel, Terri Joki, Janine Patten; Trustees: Floyd Joki, Rodney Dale

Members Present: Doug Mattson, Amber Johnson, Lisa Gibson, Frank Maki, Darwin A. Salo, Chris Dale, Lori Lilienthal, Roland Fowler.

**Call to Order.** Jerry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

### Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were distributed for review. *Lisa moved to approve the minutes; Chris seconded. Motion carried.*

### Treasurer Report

The financial report was distributed showing checking & savings account activity and balances for the period 2/20/20 – 3/18/20. Roland stated that businesses are buying Fairbook ads. Jerry asked about summer utilities cost for Timber Hall. Terri said costs averaged \$150 -\$200 per month. *Floyd moved to accept the treasurer's report. Frank seconded. Motion carried.*

### Old Business

- Running electricity to the arena and/or barns. Jerry spoke with an electrician and was told that wire must be buried at least 2 feet deep, photographed and then hooked up by a licensed electrician. Jerry said that, to prevent damage from post hole digging etc. wire should be buried at least 3 ft. deep. He will look into the cost of wire. Floyd said that, in the past he's bought wire on sale for less than \$1 per foot. The membership also discussed moving the announcer booth to the other side of the arena and possibly purchasing a barn fan.
- Pens and panels for barn. Amber and Frank will get together to design and purchase panels in the Spring, after the barn is empty.
- Policy update. Tabled until the April meeting.
- Nominations/Elections for new Board & Trustees. Jerry asked for nominations/volunteers to serve as Board Chair and there were none. After discussion among the membership, *Lisa motioned to make an emergency exception to the by-laws to keep the current Board for another year (Jerry Meir: Chair - 4<sup>th</sup> year, Dan Theel: Vice Chair – 3<sup>rd</sup> year, Terri Joki: Treasurer - 4<sup>th</sup> year, Janine Patten: Secretary - 2<sup>nd</sup> year). Chris seconded. Motion carried.*

### New Business

- COVID -19 ramifications to Embarrass Fair & Pancake Breakfasts.

Jerry said that we may have to stop holding monthly ERFA meetings. Membership decided that, for the time being, the April 16 meeting will NOT be canceled. Jerry stated that we may have to cancel the Fair. After membership discussion, it was decided that for now, we will plan to have the Fair, and make a final decision at the May 21 ERFA meeting. Jerry pointed out that, even if we have a Fair, attendance may be low. Frank asked if Team Penning could still have their events even if the Fair is canceled. Jerry said that it would depend on Covid-19 rules regarding crowd size. Lisa asked about vendor response. Janine said, so far, no vendors have sent in paperwork, but it is early and many vendors wait to sign up. There was discussion about refunding vendor fees and Fairbook ads if the Fair is cancelled and the membership decided that vendors would be refunded and Fairbook advertiser would receive a refund or credit towards next year's Fairbook.

- Pancake Breakfast. Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the membership decided to cancel the April & May Pancake Breakfasts.
- Township Report. The report was distributed with the minutes for the membership to review. Jerry went over the highlights.
- Fair Event Pages. Terri asked committee chairs to update their Fairbook event pages.
- Miss Embarrass Region (Janine/Bonnie). Janine said that flyers were updated and that she believes Bonnie has started to place newspaper ads for Queen candidates.

### Miscellaneous

- Darwin requested \$400 for The Car Show. Jerry said that it fine since it is already in the budget. Darwin also asked about who photographs the Fair, and pointed out that last year there were no photos of The Car Show in the Babbitt Weekly. After discussion, the membership decided that the fair should hire a photographer directly.
- Jerry said that we need volunteers for lawn mowing, working the gates and other Fair events. Amber suggested holding a prize drawing for volunteers. Volunteers would receive a drawing entry for each hour they volunteer.

*Bonnie moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dan seconded. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.*

Respectfully submitted, Janine Patten, Secretary

**The Embarrass Region Fair Association will meet on  
Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Timber Hall.**

**New Members are Welcome!**



# **WANTED!**

## **EMBARRASS FAIR QUEEN CANDIDATES**

### **Miss Embarrass Region Fair Queen Scholarship Pageant**

The Embarrass Region Fair is seeking queen candidates for its scholarship pageant.  
**The winner will receive a \$1000 scholarship, the runner-up a \$500 scholarship, and Miss Congeniality \$100 cash.**

Candidates must be female, ages 15-18, student in good standing, drug & alcohol free, and live in or be affiliated with family members in Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Breitung, Britt, Eagles Nest, Ely, Embarrass, Greenwood, Hoyt Lakes, Kugler, Morse-Fall Lake, Palo, Pike Sandy, Soudan, Vermilion Lake, Waasa, White, Winton or Wuori.

**For more information,  
contact Bonnie Overton at 218-780-3058 by April 15.**

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**OTHER:**

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## **BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Babbitt Library is closed although we do still have services that are available to the Public.

Some of these services are:

Online e-circulation of books, audios, and magazines is working normally. If you have never used any of these services, now might be a great time to try them out!

Go to [alslib.info](http://alslib.info) / Resource link. There are many magazines and many books to pick from and that's all you need is a library card.

Free WiFi outside library

Little Free Library has books available in two locations. There is a Variety of Adult, Teen, and Children's Books.

- Blomberg Oil -25 Central Blvd
- 105 Central Blvd. in Parking Lot.



## **Embarrass Flower and Garden Club**

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Embarrass Flower and Garden Club is suspending meeting for the month of April. We will assess the situation again in April for the May meeting and post upcoming meetings in the Flying Finn. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Cox, President, (218) 984-3002.



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218-984-2037

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, all church services are being canceled based on information from the Minnesota Department of Health and Governor Walz's office. For further information contact the church office at 984-2047.

**God welcomes all people! You are welcome here!**

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6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)  
[www.apostoliclutheran.org](http://www.apostoliclutheran.org)

Due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus outbreak we are canceling all services for the foreseeable future. We will revisit as time goes on.

We invite you to join us as we visit multiple Apostolic Lutheran's Churches across the country. Here are a few of the churches who have services available online:

YouTube: Kingston Apostolic Lutheran Church (Bob Tumberg, Kingston, MN)

YouTube: Eastside ALC Media (Greenville SC)

[www.sprucegrovealc.org](http://www.sprucegrovealc.org) (Wolf Lake, MN)

[www.nymalc.org](http://www.nymalc.org) (New York Mills, MN)

[www.apostoliclutheran.org](http://www.apostoliclutheran.org) (links and information for all churches in the federation)

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All large group gatherings have been suspended. This includes Sunday gatherings, kids weekly ministry and youth group. We will re-assess the situation as the month progresses.

A series of messages on marriage, called "Back to the Altar", will tentatively begin April 19.



**Palm Sunday – April 5**

**Maundy Thursday – April 9**

**Good Friday – April 10**

**Easter Sunday – April 12**



<b>2020</b>						<b>Feb. 22</b> 3/38
<b>Feb. 23</b> 3/48	<b>Feb. 24</b> 10/41	<b>Feb. 25</b> -3/41	<b>Feb. 26</b> -4/33	<b>Feb. 27</b> -12/20	<b>Feb. 28</b> -24/17	<b>Feb. 29</b> -26/22
<b>Mar. 1</b> -26/40	<b>Mar. 2</b> 23/42	<b>Mar. 3</b> 22/36 sn .20" trace pc	<b>Mar. 4</b> 11/33 trace sn trace pc	<b>Mar. 5</b> 9/36 sn .70" pc .04"	<b>Mar. 6</b> -16/29 sn 2.50" pc .21"	<b>Mar. 7</b> -16/36
<b>Mar. 8</b> 31/49	<b>Mar. 9</b> 20/54	<b>Mar. 10</b> 8/31	<b>Mar. 11</b> 7/37	<b>Mar. 12</b> 6/41  trace pc	<b>Mar. 13</b> 18/39 trace sn pc .08"	<b>Mar. 14</b> 8/28
<b>Mar. 15</b> 2/30	<b>Mar. 16</b> 2/33 snow 1" pc .06"	<b>Mar. 17</b> 13/33 trace sn trace pc	<b>Mar. 18</b> 7/35	<b>Mar. 19</b> 22/35 sn 1.40" pc .14"	<b>Mar. 20</b> 10/34 trace sn pc .04"	<b>Mar. 21</b> -17/25
<b>Mar. 22</b> -18/33 sn .30" pc .01"	<b>Mar. 23</b> 23/33 snow 2" pc .14"	<b>Mar. 24</b> 11/42				

<b>2019</b>					<b>Mar. 1</b> -15/24 sn .60" pc .05"	<b>Mar. 2</b> -22/17
<b>Mar. 3</b> -28/10	<b>Mar. 4</b> -24/-2 trace sn trace pc	<b>Mar. 5</b> -15/8 trace sn trace pc	<b>Mar. 6</b> -14/10 trace sn trace pc	<b>Mar. 7</b> -26/17	<b>Mar. 8</b> -25/23	<b>Mar. 9</b> -25/28 trace sn trace pc
<b>Mar. 10</b> 24/36 sn 2.40" pc .19"	<b>Mar. 11</b> 6/28 sn .30" pc .01"	<b>Mar. 12</b> 6/30	<b>Mar. 13</b> 4/43 trace pc	<b>Mar. 14</b> 33/42 pc .87"	<b>Mar. 15</b> 24/38 trace sn pc .08"	<b>Mar. 16</b> 17/38 trace sn trace pc
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<b>Mar. 24</b> 15/53	<b>Mar. 25</b> 4/37	<b>Mar. 26</b> 3/39	<b>Mar. 27</b> 8/45	<b>Mar. 28</b> 30/56	<b>Mar. 29</b> 18/40	<b>Mar. 30</b> 15/42 trace sn trace pc