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EMBARRASS, MN 55732
MAY 2018
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Sandy Gibson's Retiring!
Come Say Thank You!
May 14, 6:00 p.m.
Embarrass Town Hall

Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 28, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Coffee an' at Embarrass Town Hall



May 13, 2018

NEW Embarrass Clerk's Office Hours

5/1-5/10; Monday/Tuesday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday/Thursday 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

After 5/10/18: Monday-Thursday 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Embarrass Post Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 11 a.m., Saturday, 7 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Embarrass Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 9, 6:00 p.m.

Meetings for local groups are on the Page 2 Calendar

Please submit materials for the JUNE 2018 issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office by May 24.
218-984-2084, embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net

MAY 2018

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6 4-H Meeting	7 Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m. Garden Club Mtg, 6:30 p.m.	8 Ladies Coffee 10-11 a.m. Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m.	9 Embarrass Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10 <i>Sandy's Last Day!</i> Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m.	11	12
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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 218-984-2084 with any questions. ***** Thank you. Diane Nelmark, Editor

Town of Embarrass Board Meeting

April 11, 2018

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Bernie Mettler, Zane Beaton, Roy Worsham, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Rodney Dale, Chris Dale, Mickey White, Alvin Hanson, Sandy Hanson, Paul Knuti, Gene Wright

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Bernie Mettler with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Zane Beaton to accept the March 14 minutes. Second by Roy Worsham. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Bernie to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Zane. Carried 3-0.

Road report was given by Roy. Brushing on Sauna Road is complete by St. Louis County. A visitor complimented the brushing that was done.

Maintenance report was given by Zane. It has been reported that trash at the Nelmark from Christmas was not disposed of properly and was scattered all over the yard. Mary Novak says she will contact the Artisans to let them know it needs to be disposed of next time. Maintenance needs to order herbicide for the rink, ball fields, bike trail and Pyhala Farm and town hall.

Bernie has been speaking with Chris Alaspa about getting funds from St. Louis County for repairs and updates on the ball fields. Chris will be on the agenda for the St. Louis County meeting in 2 weeks to request the funds for the fields. Embarrass, Tower, Babbitt, Pike and Waasa have all donated towards the Embarrass Ball Fields. *Roy motions to approve the bid of \$750.00 from St. Louis County to make the 30x60 inch signs for the fields. Second by Zane. Carried 3-0.*

Fair Board is asking to use the walking path as in the past for the 5k run. *Motion by Zane to allow the walking path to be used for 5k run. Second by Roy. Carried 3-0.*

Motion by Bernie to renew the off-sale liquor license and sale of tobacco license for Trapline. Second by Roy. Carried 3-0.

Charlie Cherek contacted the clerk's office and Bernie he was inquiring about getting an easement through the cemetery. Charlie did not attend the meeting and the board tabled the subject. Residents explained to the board that this has happened in the past and the easement was turned down the residents do not like the thought of an easement being given through the cemetery.

The Post Office is up and running. There was a problem with the septic being frozen. Bernie explains with the gas furnace there was condensation, he contacted Corey Winger and Mike Mellesmoen they all worked on the issue together and fixed the problem. C&C Winger will be hauling black dirt on the property when the weather permits and also laying the asphalt for the parking lot.

\$500.00 was received from Operation Round Up (Lake Country Power) to go towards purchasing signs for properties. Paul Knuti states he feels that the most important sign that should be completed first is the Pyhala Farm parking lot. The board asked Paul to get a price estimate for all signs not just the one for the Pyhala Farm parking lot. Paul agrees and will present the board with estimates once he receives. Paul also thinks the board should speak with Casey about working on Cultural and Tourism Grant. Roy said he will contact Casey.

Questions were asked about the clerk office hours. The hours will be changing to Monday & Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Wednesday & Thursday Noon – 4 p.m. Starting on May 10 clerk hours will be Monday – Thursday, Noon – 4 p.m. Clerk will stay later or come in on Fridays if more work time is needed, but the office hours will only be till 4:00 p.m. Clerk informs the board that Deputy Clerk Sandy Gibson will be retiring on May 11.

Property Inspection to be held May 4 at 12:30.

Motion by Bernie to accept the claims and correspondence. Second by Zane. Carried 3-0.

Quarterly audit was completed by the board and all claims were found accurate and in proper order.

Motion by Bernie to adjourn meeting at 7:10. Second by Roy. Carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

Clerks Corner

It is a beautiful day here at the office today. The sun is shining and the snow is melting. Before you know it the kids will be out at the baseball fields playing ball.

Clerk office hours have changed. The new hours are: Monday and Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. After May 10 the hours will be Monday – Thursday, noon – 4:00 p.m.

The Post Office is now open. Hours are 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Road side cleanup will be the entire month of May. Please stop by the clerk's office to pick up garbage bags. Thank you to everyone who helps keep Embarrass clean and looking great!

Heritage Park Campground will be open soon. Sites are filling up fast so call and make your reservations here at the office 984-2084 or 410-7080. Please leave a message and your call will be returned.

Historic Embarrass tours will be starting after Memorial Day with Mike Salo returning as the tour guide. Tours will be Thursday – Saturday at 1:00 p.m., starting at the Visitors Center which is located on the corner of Hwy 135 & Hwy 21 (across from the old 4 corners gas station). Any questions please call the clerk's office.

Memorial Service will be held May 28 at 9:00 a.m. at the Embarrass Cemetery. Coffee and rolls will be served at the town hall after the service.

National Sauna Day will be on June 2 at the Nelimark Homestead Museum.

Mary Novak has been working on the Embarrass website. She has placed current pictures and upcoming news and events for the township. Check it out at www.embarrass.org.

Don't forget that the town hall is available to hold your summer events! Call and reserve your day before it's too late.

Sandy Gibson will be retiring as the Deputy Clerk of Embarrass in May. Sandy has been a great asset to Embarrass Township since April of 2006. She has taught me so much and will be greatly missed. Thank you Sandy, for your dedication and hard work over the years. Retirement celebration for Sandy will be held at the town hall on Monday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you here.

Next board meeting will be held May 9 at 6:00 p.m.

*Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk
218-984-2084, embarrastownship@frontiernet.net*

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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.



BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

- ❖ *Wednesday, May 2, 3:30 p.m. – Tree of Life Sun Catcher*
- ❖ *Monday, May 7, 1:00 p.m. – Library Board Meeting*
- ❖ *Monday, May 7, 2:00 p.m. – Book Club. Books that they will be discussing are “Bear Town” by Fredrik Backman and “Rules of Magic” by Alice Hoffman. Stop in and join this fun group. All are welcome.*
- ❖ *Monday, May 14, 6:00 p.m. – Friends of the Library Meeting*
- ❖ *Wednesday, May 16, 1:00 p.m. – Root Beer Lady. Barbara Cary Hall explains the journey of creating the vision of a musical, the process involved and how it came to pass. Told through slides, video and live music! Appropriate for ages 10 and older. This is funded with money from the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*
- ❖ *Wednesday, May 23, 1:00 p.m. – Cooking on the Oxcart Trails. Historical fiction author Jan Smith re-enacts Marie’s journal entries from 1858 while cooking for her family on their way from Fort Riley, Kansas, up into Minnesota on the back of an oxcart. Her journal includes frontier recipes for food and remedies, as well as the difficulties of their travels. This is funded with money from the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*
- ❖ *Thursday, May 24, 2:00 p.m. – Free Bingo. Stop in, meet new people and win some prizes. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.*
- ❖ *Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day – Closed*
- ❖ *Wednesday, May 30, 3:30 p.m. – Washi Tape Book Marks. This free craft program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.*

Lisa Pennala, Librarian

OPENING SOON!

Heritage Park Campground

Sites are filling up fast so call 984-2084 or 410-7080 for reservations. Please leave a message and your call will be returned.



TOURS START IN JUNE!

Historic Embarrass tours will be starting after Memorial Day with Mike Salo returning as the tour guide.

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays @ 1:00 p.m.
Tours begin at the Visitors Center which is located on the corner of Hwy 135 & Hwy 21 (across from the old 4 Corners location). Any questions please call the clerk’s office.

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Waasa Township

Regular Board Meeting
February 6, 2018

Board Members Present: Mitch Lind, Phil Hebl, Emily Quick, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson; **Visitors:** David Hess, Kevin Kappes and Roy Worsham

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Board Chair Mitch Lind and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Minutes Approval: Emily moved to approve the January 2, 2018 Regular & Organizational Meeting Minutes. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report from January Meeting: Receipts: \$744.46 from St. Louis County for 12/17 Tax Apportionment, \$22.23 from Lake Country Power (Capital Credit Refund from Town Hall Apt.), \$52.53 from Embarrass Ver. Federal C. U. (Quarterly Dividend. Total Disbursements: \$4,637.81. Mitch accepted the report and Phil supported. Carried (3-0).

Approval to Pay Bills: Phil would like to see any itemized bill from Lakes Gas Co. There was no fill ticket sent with the bill, but the Clerk will call for one. Emily moved to approve payment of the bills listed below and payroll with support from Phil. Carried (3-0).

Approval to Pay Bills

- Gibson, Sandra \$ 32.97 Reg. fee for Notary, copy paper & carrying file box
- Keller, Bruce \$120.00 Snowplowing Town Hall Driveway & Parking (3x)
- Lake Country Power 92.99 Electricity for Town Hall
- Lakes Gas Co. #4, \$539.49 Propane for Heating Town Hall
- Range Office Supply \$12.10 W-2 Tax Forms for Treasurer
- St. Louis County Assoc. of Twps. \$519.12 MN Assoc. of Twp Dues & MN Assoc. of Twp Dues

Receipts Received by Clerk

- Lake Country Power \$22.23 Capital Credit Payment.
- St. Louis County \$744.46 10/17 Tax Apportionment
- Embarrass Vermilion Fed. C.U. \$52.53 Quarterly Dividend

Visitors: At this point in the meeting the issue of plowing by St. Louis County of the Waasa parking lot was addressed. St. Louis County has not done any plowing of our driveway/ parking lot at the Town Hall this fall 2017/winter 2018. There was discussion about this at the January 2, 2018 meeting. Given the depth of snow we had, plowing needed to be done, therefore, Bruce Keller was hired but considered to be temporary. After the January meeting the matter was checked into and it was learned that St. Louis County was told by a Waasa Board member

that we were now hiring it done by a private operator. Supervisor Lind stated that this board member was not given authority (by the other two board members) to make that notification to Dale Johnson (SLC).

Emily made the motion to have the Clerk write an email to St. Louis County official, Ken Strong Jr. with a cc to Brian Boder, Dale Johnson, Patrick Erchul and Commissioner Tom Rukavina requesting a snow-plowing contract from St. Louis County and ask them to resume plowing Waasa Town Hall. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0). Another motion was made by Emily to continue having Bruce Keller plow at the town hall until the contract begins. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

Road Report: None given.

Old Business: Both Phil and Emily have taken the Online LBAE Training before the February 1 deadline but, we do not know if their certification has gone thru. The Clerk will check the listing online. Mitch's certification hasn't expired yet. He will take the training in July when it is offered at the Summer Short Course.

The Menards Billing Application was signed by the board and ready to submit. (Clerk's note: A motion needs to be made at the March meeting to accept using Menards billing.)

New Business: A letter was sent out by St. Louis County from Brian Boder, stating there will be an increase in the cost per mile of snowplowing township roads. It is going from the current rate of \$895/mile to \$985/mile.

The recommended 2019 Levy was discussed. Mitch felt we are doing alright presently. But, perhaps a year from now we may have to make increase. *Mitch motioned to leave the levy the same as it has been for several years: General Fund \$15,000.00, Road & Bridge 8,000.00, Fire \$11,000.00. Total: \$34,000.00. Emily supported. Carried (3-0).*

An email was received by the Clerk regarding a tentative schedule for Local Board of Appeals. Waasa's meeting is set at May 9, 2018 at 4:00-6:00 p.m. The date was approved by the board.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

A yearly audit of the Clerk's and Treasurer's books and bills was performed by the board supervisors. Randomly, a bill from each month of the past year was compared to the Treasurer's Ledger. Everything was in order and matched.

Adjournment: Mitch moved to close the meeting at 5:55 p.m. and was supported by Phil.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk, Mitch Lind, Waasa Board Chair



Waasa Township

Regular Board Meeting March 6, 2018

Board Members Present: Mitch Lind, Emily Quick, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson; **Absent:** Phil Hebl; **Visitors:** David Hess, Kevin Kappes and Jim Suihkonen

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

Minutes Approval: Emily moved to approve the February 6, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mitch supported. Carried (2-0).

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: \$9,159.00 from St. Louis County ('17 Taconite Production Tax, \$3,114.17) and St. Louis County Auditor (Town Road Aid-2017). Total Disbursements from February 6, 2018 Regular Meeting: \$2,120.57. Mitch accepted the report and Emily supported. Carried (2-0).

Approval to Pay Bills: An itemized bill from Lakes Gas Co. from January was received and reviewed. Emily moved to approve payment of the bills listed below and payroll with support from Mitch. Carried (2-0).

Claims

- Lake Country Power \$92.99, Electricity for Town Hall
- Lakes Gas Co. #45 \$363.34, Propane for Heating Town Hall
- MN Benefit Association \$405.00, Life Insurance Bronze Plan

Receipts Received by Clerk

- St. Louis County \$9,159.00, 2017 Taconite Production-'18 Distribution
- St. Louis County \$3,114.17, 2017 Township Aid

Visitors: It was asked of the board why St. Louis County has not plowed more of the snow out of the Town Hall parking lot and driveway.

Road Report: Many gravel roads are breaking up in the spring thaw.

Old Business: There was a discussion about plowing and removal of snow on the sidewalk at the hall. A snow-blower would be very helpful. Mitch got price quotes and Emily motioned to have Mitch purchase the Cub Cadet for \$1,688.88 at L&M Supply. Mitch supported. Carried (2-0).

Confirmation of the Menards Billing Account was received. A motion was made by Emily to accept using Menards billing with support from Mitch. Carried (2-0).

The Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Emily and Phil are on the list of those that have completed the LBAE Training with an expiration date of 7/1/21. Mitch's training expiration is 7/1/18. He plans to take training at the Summer Short Course.

New Business: St. Louis County sent a letter regarding Classification of State Tax Forfeited Land. No action was taken by the board.

The clerk will send in the Rural Community Survey.

The Annual Meeting will be held on March 13 at 6:30 p.m. The agenda was discussed.

Ken Stowe will no longer be mowing at the cemetery. Someone with the proper liability insurance and equipment will to be sought and will be asked to attend the April Board Meeting.

The April 3 Regular Board Meeting needs to be re-scheduled since there won't be a quorum. Emily motioned to set the next meeting at April 11 at 7 p.m. and Mitch supported. Carried (2-0). This change of date will be posted at the usual places.

Emily motioned to cover costs for Sandra and Bonnie to attend the Spring Short Course on either April 5 or 6. Mitch supported. Carried (2-0).

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

A yearly audit of the Clerk's and Treasurer's books and bills was performed by the board supervisors. Randomly, a bill (from the Clerk's records) from each month of the past year was compared to the Treasurer's Ledger. Everything was in order and matched.

Adjournment: Mitch moved to close the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and was supported by Emily.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Mitch Lind, Waasa Board Chair

WAASA CEMETERY NOTICE:

All flowers, real or artificial, must be placed in a movable planter. Decorations made of plastic or Styrofoam fastened to the ground by wire are NOT ALLOWED! These tend to blow away in the wind and make maintenance of the cemetery difficult. For more information, please call 218-984-3305.

PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB



Community "Pot Luck"

Family Night

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

6-9 p.m. - Pike Town Hall

6862 Hwy 68, Embarrass, MN

COMMUNITY WELCOME!

Join us for an evening of good food, good music and community friendship.

Please bring a pot luck food item:

hot dish, sandwiches, casserole, pie, cake, bars, cookies, veggies, salad, anything you wish.

Coffee, lemonade and water will be provided.

Music provided by:

HUTTER BUNCH

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: The Pike Sandy Women's Club is pleased to announce that the winner of this year's Pike Sandy Women's Club 2018 Scholarship is Maryssa Baty of Britt, MN.

New members are welcome. Come to a meeting to see what we are all about. If interested, please call Sandy Gorrill @ 749-2408.

National Sauna Day

Coming in June!

Sisu Heritage, Inc. of Embarrass will host its annual "National Sauna Day" on Saturday, June 2. The celebration will take place on the grounds of the Nelimark Homestead Museum and Gift Shop at the corner of Highway 21 and East Salo Rd.

From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., visitors can spend time shopping, browsing the exhibits, and visiting with friends in the Nelimark Museum.

Outside, all the log buildings on the property will be open, and visitors can take a look inside.

A lineup of saunas will be on site for you to tour.

Food will be served throughout the day. There will be log construction and sauna stove demonstrations, Finnish boot-throwing contests, and Eli Bissonett, the "strolling fiddler"!

Business sponsors for this event include Wintergreen, Benville Service, Fortune Bay Resort and Casino, Garson Tile and Stone, Embarrass Vermilion Federal Credit Union, and C&C Winger. If you have questions or would like to bring your sauna to add to the sauna lineup, call 218-984-3012 or 218-984-3402.

Visit www.sisuheritage.org for information and photos from last year's celebration.

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Saturday

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POSTAL NEWS



Embarrass MN Post Office

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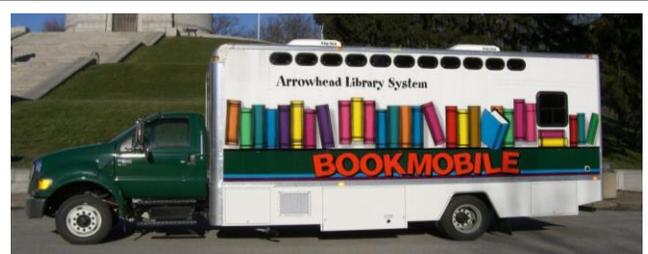
Embarrass Flower and Garden Club

New Meeting Day: FIRST Monday of the Month
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.

EMBARRASS TOWN HALL.

Some discussion(s) at the next meeting include: local plantings, time and place, and we will be determining our local garden tours. If you have an interest in gardening (flowers or vegetables), preserving, or canning, please come and join us. We have a fun summer planned.

If you have any questions about our club, please contact: Linda Cox, President, (218)780-4143.



ALS BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

Visit your library on wheels, the Arrowhead Library System bookmobile. Local stops and times include:

Wednesday, May 15

Four Corners: 5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, write or call the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768; (218) 741-3840 or check out our web site at www.alslib.info.



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SUMMERTIME FUN IN EMBARRASS

Submitted by Ron Sutton

CELEBRATE

Finnish heritage celebration hosted at the Nelimark June 2nd with National Sauna Day to mark summer's arrival.

SUMMER

Embarrass Farmstead Artisans to kick off the summer season on Thursday, May 31. Fresh out-of-the-oven bread arrives on Friday morning.

OPENING

The long awaited opening of the 2018 summer season at the Nelimark Homestead Museum begins on the last day of May and continues through the fourth weekend of September.

RECREATION

National Sauna Day is Saturday, June 2 with a full schedule of recreational activities and guest exhibitors for opening weekend.

LINK

The neighborhood visiting spot will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday each week from 10 am to 4 pm. The Nelimark Museum is across from Timber Hall next door to the Embarrass Fire Hall on Highway #21. Hot coffee with fresh baked goods are featured at the community gathering spot as folks gather for conversation and linking with neighbors and friends.

MUSIC

Saturday, June 2 there will Finnish music, food and crafts and a number of sauna exhibits to check out. 10-4.

HISTORY TOURS

Embarrass has seven sites registered on the National Register of Historic Places. Guided tours of Embarrass community sites and homesteads will be available by special appointment on Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2 at 1 p.m. Phone ahead for tour reservations (218-984-2084). You can enjoy a leisurely and educational three-hour tour of a number of community points of interest.

CAMP OUT

RV and tent camping sites will be available for rental at the neighboring Heritage Park and Campground. Call ahead for reservation of campsites (218-984-2084 or 218-410-7080). The Nelimark Homestead is a short walk from the campground on the community exercise trail. Stroll down to the Embarrass River and visit the Pyhala Homestead site in the evening.

PICNIC

Families are invited to bring their picnic baskets and chairs to Saturday's event. Hot dogs, chips and brats and all the fixings will be available for sale at the Sisu Tent site. Sit in the shade and enjoy the music and conversation.

YOUTH BASEBALL

If you want to watch, there is a full day of youth baseball slated next door at the Embarrass ball field on Saturday.

FOOD

If the first weekend is not available for you Rhubarb Days at the Nelimark are June 7 through 9. Ethnic foods, baked goods and everything rhubarb will be available.

Let the summer begin!



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Embarrass Region Fair Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2018

Pending Approval

Present Board: Jerry Meier, Dan Theel, Terri Joki, Sue Beaton; Trustees: Paul Knuti, Floyd Joki, Rodney Dale

Members Present: Bonnie Meier, Chris Dale, Audrey Kalinowski, Ed Hanson, Tiana Hess, Janine Patten, Amber Johnson, Darwin A Salo, Dale Martin, Kevin & Mavis DiCatri, Karla Martyler, Tom Helgerson, Lisa Gibson, Jim Hardy, Sherrie Joki, Dave Joki, Jim Suihkonen, Jeff Anderson

Call to Order

Jerry called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes of the March 15 meeting were distributed. Sue asked if anyone had any additions or changes. Two items were clarified: (1) Friday of Fair weekend, only the North gate will be open and weekend wristbands will be for sale at that gate; and (2) concerning the waxing the floor, we already have wax available in storage in the Timber Hall.

Paul moved to accept the minutes. Charlie seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Terri provided the Treasurer's Report. Attendance at the April 7 pancake breakfast was about 125 (similar to previous months). After some discussion, Terri clarified that the dollars shown in the lower right corner of her ledger reflect monies received year-to-date and are therefore a true reflection of the amount of money collected for the 2018 Fair. *Ed moved to accept the treasurer's report. Charlie seconded. Motion carried.*

Old Business

- Policies. Sue reported that she is unable to meet again until mid-July. Paul, Chris, and Lisa agreed that we could put off meeting until then.
- Timber Hall Rental Update. Terri announced that Lori Worsham has resigned as the hall rental coordinator. A huge thank you to Lori for her years of service. Anyone interested in taking over the duties of renting out the hall should contact Terri Joki.
- Timber Hall floor. Thanks Rodney for cleaning the floor. Jerry stated that he has cleaned the floor scrubber and it can wax and buff. No one should operate the machine without proper training. The floor will be waxed prior to the Fair.

- Property Issues. (1) Concern for the Fairground boundaries was expressed. A survey is scheduled to be performed in November. (2) The north side of the grounds butts up to private property and is not to be used for dumping or riding. Kevin volunteered to make six permanent signs and post them before the fair that indicate "private property" and "no trespassing."
- Fair Gate Hours for Ticket Sales. Sign-up sheets and the hours that gates will be open will be determined closer to Fair time.

New Business

- Jerry stated that we must use our grant for providing handicapped parking by July 2018. Jerry will secure estimates.

Standing Committee Reports

The following Committee Reports were noted:

- **Fairbook and Exhibits.** Audrey Kalinowski. Committee chairs should review their phone numbers for the inside of the book to ensure the correct names and numbers are listed. All ads and corrections are due by May 20. Since we meet May 17, this is a good time to ensure all submissions are correct.
- **Livestock building.** Amber Johnson. Amber presented the information she has gathered regarding mats. After much discussion, because the base is inadequate, mats are not a viable option. The first step is to get estimates for Class 5. If we scrape, level, add Class 5, and compact using volunteer labor, we can save money and have a level base. Danny reported that he will donate a white board to the Livestock building.
- **Entertainment.** Gus Schroeder. Sound system demo postponed.
- **Bean Bag Tournament.** Julie & Dave Bialke have replaced Adam Klimek
- **Mud run.** Floyd Joki. The sanction fee is the same as 2017.
- **Team penning.** Jeff Anderson will request representation from the Team Penning group for future Fair Board meetings; Team Penning meets Monday, April 23. *Lisa moved to pay the fee for cattle not to exceed \$2500. Audrey seconded. Motion passed.*
- **Flying Finn Fun Run.** Same route as 2017 through the campground was approved by the Township.

- **Classic Car & Truck Show.** Darwin Salo. 1,000 fliers are being distributed and the goal is 100+ cars at the show.
- **Parade.** Sherri Joki reported that Northeast Range marching band will participate in the parade. Leadership for the parade is still needed.
- **Vendors.** Sue Beaton. Sue reported that several vendors have submitted their money and paperwork.
 - The Babbitt VFW is relinquishing its post and will no longer provide Bingo at the Fair. They will help us find a replacement so that Bingo continues.
 - Wizard's Kingdom has confirmed that they will participate this year.
 - Machinery Hill continues to be weak but we may get some entries later. Paul volunteered to contact Lulich.

Miscellaneous

- Camping fee. No final decision was made regarding a fee for camping on the grounds, however, Lisa agreed to draft a list of rules for those who camp including, parking "extra" vehicles in designated parking areas, and dogs being on a leash. Lisa will present her draft at the May meeting.
- Pancake Breakfast. (1) Jerry received a letter from the Embarrass School Class Reunion committee requesting that the Fair Board consider hosting a pancake breakfast for the reunion. More information is needed. (2) The Trapper's Association is using the Timber Hall the weekend of August 11 and also requested a pancake breakfast. That is the same weekend as the St Louis County Fair and we will not have the resources to provide breakfast that Saturday.
- Audrey requested that a sandbox be added to the north end of the Fairgrounds. Floyd agreed to create a sandbox.
- Jim asked if we would sell him the small riding lawn mower. This request was tabled until we have had a chance to review the mowers and the needs of the Fairgrounds. He stated that the starter was his and Jerry agreed that he should have his starter.

Charlie moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dan seconded. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susan K Beaton, Secretary

Town of Pike

REGULAR MEETING

Pike Town Hall, March 13, 2018

Chairman Rasmusson called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from February 20, 2018 were accepted as read by Rasmusson/Langowski 3-0. A motion to transfer money from the General Fund to the Building Fund was made by Rasmusson/Langowski 3-0. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on a motion by Rasmusson/Langowski 3-0.

Claim forms 2144-2148 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

At present time, half of the new LED lights have been installed in the hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Short course training for Township officers will be held April 5, 2018 in Grand Rapids.

Donation requests will be tabled until April meeting.

All board members signed the account authorization form from EVFCU.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Tax meeting **Tuesday, April 10, 2018**, from 6-7pm followed by a Re-organization meeting and a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. @ Pike Town Hall. Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Langowski/Rasmusson 3-0.

Respectfully, Jodi Backman, Clerk

These minutes have been approved by the Town Board

NORTHEAST RANGE NIGHTHAWKS

Baseball

(dates subject to change due to weather)

All games @ 4:30 p.m.

May 7 @ Mesabi East

May 8 vs Ely (home)

May 10 vs Chisholm (home)

May 17 vs Silver Bay (home)

May 18 @ Northwoods

May 22 @ Wrenshall

May 24 @ Cherry

May 25 @ Cook County

Spring Track Meets:

May 1 @ Two Harbors, 4:00 p.m.

May 5 @ Esko, 9:00 a.m.

May 8, Crosby Ironton, 4:00 p.m.

May 11, Duluth Denfeld, 4:00 p.m.

May 16, Two Harbors, 4:00 p.m.

May 23, Eveleth, 9:00 a.m.

May 31, UMD, 10:00 a.m.



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hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com
218-984-2037

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee an' follows each worship service

Holy Communion:

May 13, 20, 27

Other Events:

Coffee & Crafts: Thursdays 9 a.m.

Sunday, May 20, Confirmation Sunday

Hope's Day Camp (Vacation Bible School) will be July 16-20. It is open to all kids who complete grades K-5 this spring. Day Camp will be led by staff from Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry. Registration starts in June. Mark your calendars and save the date!

All are welcome! YOU are welcome!

PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)

www.apostoliclutheran.org

Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.

May 6 – Jon Salo

May 13 – Gerry Southerton

May 20 – Bob Tumberg

May 27 – Jerry DeVries

Holy Communion

May 6

Coffee/Fellowship

Saturday, May 19, 9:00 a.m.

*Every Third Saturday @ the church

*All are welcome to discuss the bible and fellowship with friends/congregation members.

Host: Jon Salo

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF EMBARRASS

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

Website: www.efreechurch.com

E-mail: embfree@frontier.com

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

Family Bible classes: 9:00 a.m.

Family Worship: 10:30 a.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.

Special Events:

Ministries Team Meeting. Sunday, May 20,
12:15 p.m.

ENGAGE Senior Night. Wednesday, May 23,
6:30 p.m.

Sunday Messages:

May 6 "About the Kingdom"

May 13 "About the Spirit"

May 20 "Go!"

May 27 "Time To Go Home"



2018	Mar. 19 7/34	Mar. 20 22/35	Mar. 21 10/27	Mar .22 5/35	Mar. 23 1/31	Mar. 24 5/34
Mar. 25 14/32	Mar. 26 19/37 snow 4" pc .25"	Mar. 27 28/31 sn 1.50" pc .11"	Mar. 28 23/42	Mar. 29 29/43	Mar. 30 15/28	Mar. 31 6/21 trace sn trace pc
April 1 6/20	April 2 2/24	April 3 1/25	April 4 11/26	April 5 -6/25	April 6 6/25 trace sn	April 7 8/17
April 8 0/25	April 9 -10/35	April 10 11/37	April 11 0/32 trace sn	April 12 12/44 snow 2" pc .20"	April 13 26/41	April 14 17/40
April 15 15/27	April 16 17/22 snow 8" pc .40"	April 17 15/28	April 18 14/48	April 19 21/44	April 20 10/52	April 21 14/56

2017						April 1 19/53 trace pc
April 2 28/50 trace pc	April 3 26/55	April 4 39/54	April 5 26/54	April 6 20/50	April 7 20/47	April 8 15/55
April 9 38/65	April 10 34/65	April 11 28/43	April 12 12/50	April 13 18/55	April 14 18/65	April 15 32/63
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