Happy Thanksgiving!

Post Office Moving Day.....October 21, 2017

More pictures on Page 13!

Last minute Ice Candle Orders – 984-2084. Donation $3 each.

Embarrass Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 8, 6:00 p.m.
*Mee*t*ings for local groups are now included on the Page 2 Calendar*

Please submit materials for the DECEMBER 2017 issue to the Embarrass Clerk’s Office by November 22.
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Town of Embarrass
Regular Board Meeting
October 11, 2017

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Zane Beaton, Roy Worsham, Jennifer Boese
Visitors: Kirk Saranpaa, Cassandra Hainey, Paul Knuti, Patricia Palo, Phyllis Constant, Carl Baranzelli, Amanda Nelson, Cindy Koivisto

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Zane Beaton with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Zane to approve the September minutes. Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Zane to approve the Treasure’s Report, pending Audit. Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.

Campground Report was given by Caretaker. Caretaker to be leaving for the season. Camping Patron is still at the campground for few more days. Maintenance to shut off water for the winter.

Maintenance Report was given by Roy. Brush mowing the Pyhala. Painting at Weather Station. Ramp for the shed at the Town Hall was built. Damaged benches along the bike path repaired. Trees were removed on several roadways, cemetery roadway and bike trail. Trailers were repaired by Auto’s Repair. Larger trailer needs new tires. Office door was replaced and a complaint was sent to Menards because casing was broken, not milled and the trim was not installed properly. Request for replacement door was sent by Roger and Clerk. Brushing on the bike path has started. Final mowing of properties in progress. Ice Candles markers being put out as orders are coming in. Regular maintenance duties throughout the month completed.

Road Report was given by Dennis. Roads are in pretty good shape. Covered with needles and leaves at this time of year. The grader is now parked at the Town Hall for the winter. The Info Center was graded, it has been holding water because of the spring that is there. Blade may need to be replaced on the grader next season. Dennis suggests that the grass along the roads be cut.

New Business:

Roy motions to approve Gary Rantala to make signs along the walking trail naming some of the trees. Second by Zane. Carried 2-0.

Amanda Nelson tells the board about herself and offers her services as a grant writer. She would like to talk with the community and come back in a month to get public input. Amanda has spoken with IRRRB and there is money to expand opportunities. Board asks Clerk to help Amanda get in contact with Chris Alaspa.

Cassandra Hainey tells the board about herself. She has spoken with Roy in the past about foundation and restoration and what types of funds are available. Cassandra hands the board a resolution to make application and accept funds from IRRRB along with a scope of work and CDBG focus areas. Roy motions to hire Cassandra as a grant writer at $50 per hour/ 35 hour per year. Second by Zane. Carried 2-0. Zane suggests Cassandra get the pre-application done and get in contact with the clerk to get the boards contact information. Roy gives Cassandra all the bids he has received. Board looks over resolution. Motion by Zane to accept resolution. Second by Roy. Carried 2-0. Resolution signed.

Land owners discuss with the board the issue they are having. Roy points out to Dennis and Phyllis Constant that this is done and the township isn’t responsible to pay for a survey if the logger went off it is not our fault. Witness posts used to be on the property by the bridge but it is believed that were taken out by the loggers or the bridge workers. Board suggests that they call the logger and Tom Rukavina to see if he is able to help them with the post being removed. Roy also gives the Constant’s a name of a St. Louis County employee to get ahold of from Duluth. Kirk Saranpaa points out that the Township gave him an easement years ago to allow Kirk to get to his property.

Bids were opened by the board. Roy motions to accept furnace bid of $140.00. Second by Zane. Carried 2-0. Roy motions to accept bid for Cub Cadet Lawnmower for $125.00. Second by Zane. Carried 2-0. Maintenance to remove furnace on Monday. Board agrees to remove the
air conditioner at the same time and put it up for bids again.

Old Business:
Clerk is still waiting for quotes on furnace and air conditioning units. Clerk will be contacting more companies to ask for quotes. (Clerk has called and sent information for quotes to six companies). Clerk has been in contact with USPS Project Manager. He is looking for updates and dates on when building will be moved. Building will be moved when the weather allows. The wet grounds have caused delays. Clerk informs the board that Todd Saterbak (USPS Project Manager) will be here Thursday the 19th at 1:00 along with 6-10 construction employees with the USPS to discuss the pre-construction. They wanted to meet at the Post Office building but being that the building is not at the site they are meeting at Town Hall. Todd would like the board to come if possible. Clerk has since posted the meeting and informed Tower Postmaster.

Motion by Zane to approve correspondence and claims 16611-16636 ($9,091.51), Payroll ($4,797.47). Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese, Town Clerk

Clerks Corner
Well the month of October just flew by!
The guys have been busy putting the flags out at the cemetery for ice candles orders. So if you haven't ordered yours yet you still have time. Please stop by or send a check to the Clerk's Office ASAP. The Ice Candle Celebration will be held December 16. If you are wanting to volunteer this year to help in any way please call 984-2084. A lot of work goes into this event and any and all help is much appreciated.
The campground is now closed for the season. Thank you so much to our caretaker Cindy Koivisto for a great job again this year.
Happy Belated Birthday to Wally our Sexton and Mike our Tour Guide.
Looking for a place to hold your event? The Town Hall is available to rent. Call soon to reserve your date.
Tis the season to really start watching for deer as your driving. Hit another one with my car. 😊 I won't tell you how many that makes for me. So with that I wish you all GOOD LUCK this year hunting!!
Have a great month everyone and Happy Thanksgiving!

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

Ice Candle & Holiday Gathering
Saturday, December 16, 2017

Join us at Embarrass Cemetery for the Display of Candles in memory of loved ones.

Holiday Gathering will be at the Town Hall from 4-6 pm.
Christmas goodies (Coffee An’) will be served along with crafts and movies for the kids!
Come and enjoy the Holiday Spirit in our community and the beauty of ice candles.
We will be taking donations of Christmas cookies or bars for the Ice Candle & Holiday Gathering. If you can donate cookies or a pan of bars to this worthy event it will be greatly appreciated by all who attend.
Volunteers are also needed to help place ice candles at the cemetery that afternoon. This is a fun time for everyone to get involved.
Call the Clerk’s Office at 218-984-2084 if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.
Thank you for your help!
ADS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES
Suggested donation to The Flying Finn
1/4 Page = $8; 1/2 Page = $13; Full
Page = $22
To place an ad, write to:
The Flying Finn, 7503 Levander Rd
Embarrass MN 55732
Email
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 $12 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.
**Waasa Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 7:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Mitch Lind, Emily Quick, Phil Hebl, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson  

**Visitors:** Creighton Cox, Floyd Joki, David Hess, Linda Koskela and Kevin Kappes  

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

**Minutes Approval:** Mitch moved to approve the August 8, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Emily supported. Carried (3-0). Minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on August 22, 2017 were approved by Mitch & supported by Phil. Carried (3-0).

**Treasurer’s Report from August Meeting:** Receipts: $8,953.00 from State of MN (2016 Taconite Production Tax) and $811.69 from State of MN (20017 MN DNR PILT). Total disbursements were $31,898.33. Mitch accepted the report and Phil supported. Carried (3-0).

**Approval to Pay Bills:** Emily moved to approve payment of all bills listed below & on the agenda with support from Mitch. Carried (3-0).

- Babbitt Weekly News $32.00, Special Town Meeting Ad  
- Blomberg & Sons $13.02, Gas for Mowing T. Hall  
- Gibson, Sandra $25.00, Reimb. For County Plat Book  
- Lake Country Power $93.00, Electricity for Town Hall  
- Lakes Gas Co. #45 $343.66, Heating Propane for Town Hall

Emily motioned to have Operation Round Up taken off our Lake Country Power bills from now on. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

**Visitors Addressed:** Floyd asked the board’s permission to do some brushing on the back side of the lower section of the cemetery. This offer was met with approval since this will make snowplowing the cemetery easier around Christmas time. He was thanked for doing this for the township.

The new Kaunonen Lake Road Bridge is now open, to the delight of many in attendance. It was suggested that the clerk send County Commissioner Tom Rukavina a letter of thanks for working hard to keep the bridge open and then to be re-built. Many in the township were persistent in conveying this need to the county board. We are grateful to again have easy access to the cemetery from the town hall.

An individual in attendance asked if more info was obtained on the MnDot Road Funding application. Emily had talked to Patty Locken and was told that we would need to show how South Skarp Road is a significant route in our area/region.

**Old Business:** The Heikkila Road sign has been replaced. An email was received from SEH Road Engineer, Jason Chopp. He and Phil had met last month to get an estimate on re-building South Skarp Road. After that meeting, Mr. Chopp had a follow up meeting with Mark Gothard from Braun Intertec. Upon inspection they both agreed that soil borings along the road would not provide much value to the township. He stated that the road was built through a swamp and is slowly sinking into the organic soils below. The most basic solution would be to raise the grade of the road (approx. a foot or so) and perhaps place a geogrid material under the class 5 to slow the settlement process. Unfortunately, raising the road will increase the loading weight and further compress the organic soils underneath. His rough estimate to raise the road and add geogrid will cost $75,000 to $100,000. This solution would not be permanent and will require long term maintenance as the road continues to slowly sink.

The board was reminded that there was a motion made at the Special Board meeting on August 22 to hire Braun Intertec to perform the soil borings on South Skarp Road. But, after reading the email from and noting that Jason Chopp has changed his mind about the need to perform the boring, Emily stated that we should wait and make a final decision at the October meeting.

We have been informed that St. Louis County will no longer put their road grader or snowplow equipment on South Skarp Road. Equipment could get stuck and also cause further damage to the road. The road remains closed.

Emily will get price quotes from 3 different sign companies to use to warn of the closed road and for barricades.

Improvements are moving forward on Beckman Road: Brushing and gravel will be applied. A larger culvert will be installed on South Skarp near the corner of Damian Road.

The new sign will be placed at the cemetery soon. The location was discussed. It will be placed so that it is visible when coming from both directions on Kaunonen Lake Road near the gate in the upper section.

The tables and chairs were returned in good condition last month.

The Clerk was not able to attend the MAT District 10 Meeting in Grand Lake Town Hall on August 24, 2017.

**New Business: None**

**Correspondence:** A hard copy was received from Lakes Gas Company quoting propane at the price of $999/gallon for the up-coming season. All other mail was read and filed.
Note: At this point in the meeting, the board and several Waasa residents drove to the new Kaunonen Lake Road Bridge. After a few photos were taken, adjournment took place.

**Adjournment:** Emily moved to close the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Supported by Mitch.

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

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**IN THE MAIL.....**

Just wanted to extend a big Thank You to the Embarrass Northwoods Saddle Club for all their hard work on maintaining the arena at Timber Hall. It is wonderful to see all the families and their children enjoying it with their horses everyday throughout the year. Whether they are going around the barrels, through the poles or just playing around, this is a great asset to Embarrass and the surrounding area. A place where friends can get together & just have some outdoor fun with their equine partners. When Charlie Fowler from the Embarrass Region Fair Board asked the Northwoods Saddle Club to move to the property over 30 years ago, it was one of the best moves they ever made. Looking forward to next year when the horses & children are out playing again in the Summer sun.

Sincerely,
Horse loving lifetime residents of the Embarrass Area.

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**Black Birch Ranch**
Snowman Ponies & Tack Shop

Luke and Nora Lukas
7576 Matson Rd.
Embarrass, MN 55732
(218) 984-2414
www.blackbirchranch.com
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.

Embarrass Flower and Garden Club
Monday, November 13
6:30 p.m.
Embarrass Town Hall
The public is welcome.

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

- Wednesdays: Nov. 8, 29; Dec. 20
  Embarrass - Four Corners
  5:15 p.m. - 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.

BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY
- Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. starting 11/2/17: After School Time
- Wednesday, November 8, 3:30 p.m.: Origami Program, Make your own bookmark.
- Tuesday, November 14, 1:00 p.m.: Author Lorna Landvik, Experience the writer’s life of Lorna Landvik, author of recently released, Once in a Blue Moon Lodge. Patrons from teens through adults will enjoy this witty and informative discussion.
- Thursday, November 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: Bingo
- Library will be closed Thursday/Friday, November 23/24.

Lisa Pennala, Librarian
The Pike Sandy Women’s Club will meet on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pike Town Hall

Hostesses:
Nan Beckman & Sandy Stahl

Come join us! New members are welcome and needed.

For more information please contact Sandy Gorrill at 749-2408

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**PIKE SANDY WOMEN’S CLUB**

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**Town of Pike**

**REGULAR MEETING**
Pike Town Hall
October 10, 2017

Supervisor Langowski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Chairman Rasmusson was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from September 12, 2017 were accepted as read by Johnson/Langowski 2-0. The Treasurer’s report was accepted as read on a motion by Johnson/Langowski 2-0.

Claim forms 2084-2096 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 2-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**
None

**NEW BUSINESS:**
The lights in the hallway will be replaced with new LED lighting, made on a motion by Langowski/Johnson 2-0.

**NEXT MEETING:**
The next regular meeting will be, **Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:00pm @ Pike Town Hall.** Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Johnson/Langowski 2-0.

Respectfully, Jodi Backman, Clerk

**These minutes have not yet been approved by the Town Board**

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**RODNEY’S SAND & GRAVEL**

290-0377
OR
984-3215
RANCH SORTING RESULTS:
The Embarrass Region Fair held its annual ranch sorting event on September 16. Ranch sorting is a competition derived directly from ranch work. A two-person team has 60 seconds to sort ten head of cattle in numerical order from one pen to another. This year a total of 25 teams participated in the beginner runs. For the first time, riders age 15 and under had two free sorts. A total of 35 teams entered the competition runs. Jessica Huxol and Jeff Thurlow sorted 13 head in their three runs with a total time of 161 seconds. They won $200 plus buckets. Jessica Huxol and Dianna Thurlow won second place with 11 cows, and Matt and Wyatt Shultz sorted nine cows for third place.

Top Ten Sorters
- Jessica Huxol and Jeff Thurlow – 13 cows
- Jessica Huxol and Dianna Thurlow – 9 cows
- Matt and Wyatt Shultz – 9 cows
- Jeff and Dianna Thurlow – 9 cows
- Danny Theel and Paul Knuti – 8 cows
- Jessica Huxol and Heather Anderson – 8 cows
- Wyatt Shultz and Paul Knuti – 6 cows
- Gary Kouppela and Bridger Shultz – 6 cows
- Dianna Thurlow and Paul Knuti – 5 cows
- Matt and Bridger Shultz – 5 cows

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Pancake Breakfast!
The First Saturday of each month (October-May), 8-11 a.m. All you can eat pancakes, choice of ham or sausage links, fruit, juice and a bottomless cup of coffee.
Adults $5
Children (6-10) $3
5-Under FREE
Sponsored by the Embarrass Region Fair Association
Wanted: Holiday Craft Vendors
When: Saturday, December 2. Set up will be 7 to 8 am; sales open from 8 to 11 am; tear down must be completed by noon.
Where: Timber Hall. One 8-foot table and two chairs provided; you provide table skirt/covering.
Cost: $15 (checks made out to Embarrass Region Fair Association or ERFA)
Commit: Complete the form and return with payment by November 25 to:
Sue Beaton, 5308 Highway 21, Embarrass, MN 55732
Questions? Call or text Sue at 218-750-2718

The Holiday Boutique and Pancake Breakfast is a fundraiser for the Embarrass Region Fair.

Name______________________________
Address______________________________
____________________________________
Phone Number _________________________
Email________________________________

Types of Items I Sell
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Finnish Biscuit (pulla) is a favorite on Fridays. The cinnamon rolls fly off the shelves as well and Grannie Mae’s artisan bread has become popular this summer, a one-pound loaf with a unique crunch and chew, popular because of its flavor and texture. Another fast seller is cinnamon swirl bread for toasting and served as french toast. Saturday has become the day for visitors to enjoy a slice of homemade apple or blueberry pie with ice cream and coffee. You would be surprised who stops in and then stays for the usual two-or-three-hour visit. The Museum is slated to open up on the second weekend of deer season with Friday the usual bread day, spiced up with many fantastic sweet treats and Thanksgiving breads. Pumpkin goodies and early Christmas goodies will be available along with many crafts and special creations. Look for many new things this season. The biggest day will be on Saturday, November 11 from 10-4. This is a good opportunity to stop in for a free cup of coffee or cider while all the guys are out in the woods and then select your favorite gifts for the holidays.

This November and December season’s theme is Birches, Berries and Boughs. Come celebrate with us! You might even find a savory pumpkin pie for your table or that fresh smelling evergreen wreath to decorate your hallway or door for Christmas.
**NORTHEAST RANGE NIGHTHAWKS**

**SWIMMIMING**

Sat 11/4 Little Giant JH Invitational, 
Thur 11/9 Section Tournament

**HOCKEY (Ely/NER)**

Fri/Sat 11/24 & 11/25 Kittson County Central

**BAND/MUSIC**

The Northeast Range Music Department will present its fall band concert on

- Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 7 pm
- Northeast Range School Auditorium
- Both the Elementary and High School Bands will be performing under the direction of Kevin Ryks
- Admission is free but donations are appreciated

The band students are also beginning two important fundraisers that will help out with future music trips to Florida and the Twin Cities area. Butter Braid orders will be sold between November 1-17. Delivery will be December 7. Business discount cards will also be available for sale in November. These cards have a total of 26 area businesses plus extra coupons for more businesses that range from dining to retail throughout the country. They are $10 and will be available at the concert. Both fundraisers are sold by band students. If interested in either fundraiser, please contact Christine Mackai and she will find a band student to assist you. 984-3064. Please support our students and music department. Thank you!


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**Honoring our Veterans**

**Ralph Rahkola**

Honor Flight Arizona

Korean War Veteran Ralph Rahkola was invited to participate as a veteran on Honor Flight Arizona on September 5-7, 2017 to Washington D.C. He attended the honor flight with a group of Arizona Korean War veterans as a thank you and recognition for their service in the Korean campaign.

As a part of Embarrass’ rich history, Ralph was an original member of the Flying Finns in Embarrass, and Ralph also served on the Embarrass Town Board and as a Constable. It was his honor to serve Embarrass also.

Thank you Ralph & all local veterans for your service!
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
5088 Hwy 21, Embarrass, MN 55732
Pastor Evelyn Panula Weston
Office hours are changing, please leave a message on the answering machine.
hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com
218-984-2037

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Open Communion
Coffee an’ follows worship
Coffee & Crafts: Thursdays 9 a.m.
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.

November 5: TBD
November 12: TBD
November 19: Bob Tumberg
November 26: Carl Lamppa

BY JENNY BOESE, TOWN CLERK: POST OFFICE MOVE
The building was moved to the site on October 21. It was a wonderful thing to see!! I am very excited about this and I hope others are also. I believe we are very fortunate to have the opportunity to have a Post Office back in the community.
It has been an interesting and fun project to be a part of. The Embarrass Board has been great. C&C Winger has been a huge part of this and worked so hard. I can’t thank them all enough.
The Post Office will be coming in to take over construction once the building is set on the concrete wall. As for an opening date, that I do not know for sure yet. It all depends on how fast things get done. With winter right around the corner it could be next spring before we see it open.
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