

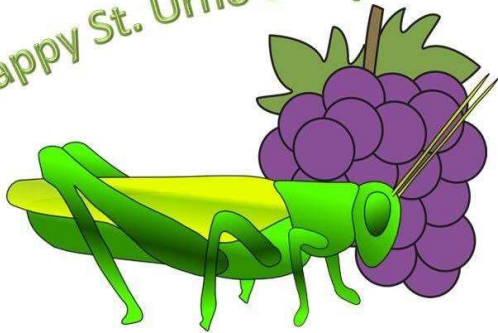
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EMBARRASS, MN 55732
MARCH 2021
ISSUE #356



Township
Annual
Meetings
3/9/21

 **3/14/21**
Spring Ahead! Daily Saving Time Begins.

Happy St. Urho's Day



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Embarrass Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please submit materials for the April 2021 issue to the
Embarrass Clerk's Office by March 24, 2021.

MARCH 2021

	1	2 Ladies Coffee	3	4 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	5	6
7  4-H Meeting	8 Flower & Garden Club meeting canceled	9 Ladies Coffee Township Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10 Township Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	11 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15 SISU Meeting	16 Saint Urho's Day Ladies Coffee	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. Fair Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Timber Hall	19	20
21	22	23 Ladies Coffee	24 Flying Finn Deadline	25 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	26	27
28 Palm Sunday	29	30 Ladies Coffee	31			

FROM THE EDITOR:

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

Town of Embarrass

February 10, 2021

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Gene Wright, Roy Worsham, Bernie Mettler, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: William Wright, Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chris Ismil (IRRRB)

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

Motion/Worsham: Second/Mettler to approve the January 2021 minutes. Carried 3-0.

Clerk explains to the board that the USDA truck grant (\$12,200) was received on February 4, and that it will show up on the February Treasurers Report being that the report being shown is for the month of January, also explained was the funds from the EVFCU motioned to be transferred to the general fund will be completed by the Treasurer this month. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to accept the Treasures Report. Carried 3-0.*

Commissioner McDonald speaks with the board about the Info/Visitor Center restroom project. McDonald has contacted other sources that may help with some funding for the project. Commissioner has been in contact with clerk with information for the clerk to inquire. Ismil from IRRRB also speaks with the board about the importance of the funding from IRRRB that was awarded (\$45,000) and the extension that was given. Commitment of \$10,000 from the township towards the project is needed. Ismil is also in contact with other possible sources for funding, as well as the clerk working on funding. Both the Commissioner and Ismil agree that this is a great project and encourage the township to keep moving forward. Clerk will be working with them to continue with funding resources and meeting with the Commissioner and Ismil when it is necessary. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to continue to move forward with the restroom project at the Information Center and to come up with the \$10,000 towards the project. Carried 3-0.* Supervisors, treasurer, and clerk are very thankful for the support and help.

Clerk notifies supervisors of furnace problems that have been recurring at the Post Office.

Maintenance report given by Mettler, snow cleanup on township properties, supply heating shack with firewood,

signs have been put up at the baseball fields to try and keep snowmobilers off the property, new truck box spray liner, toolbox, light, and rack installed. F350 went to Benville for fuel pump and filter.

Cemetery deeds were signed by supervisors.

Treasurer and clerk inform the supervisors about having the annual meeting over zoom. After discussion was had the supervisors decided the town hall has room to keep all those present safe and at a distance with masks required. *Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to continue to have the Annual Meeting in house at the Town Hall as previously scheduled. Carried 3-0.*

Discussion had on the Fire Department contract. The 3% increase in the contract asked by the department could not come to an agreement by the supervisors. Wright would like to give a cost-of-living instead of the yearly 3% increase. Worsham and Mettler show support for the 3% increase being asked, they feel with the cost of gear and supplies needed by the department the increase is justified and feel the amount is well worth what they do. Wright feels there should be no vote on the topic at tonight's meeting until this can be discussed further. *Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to stop trying to set up a meeting with the Fire Department at this time. Carried 3-0.*

Levy was discussed. 2022 levy will be proposed to the public as follows:

General Fund	\$93,000
Road & Bridge	\$6,000
Fire	\$28,000
Town Hall	\$8,000
Recreation	\$4,000
PERA	\$5,000
Campground	\$0
Group Insurance	\$9,500
Historic Property	\$2,000
Capital Projects	\$7,000
Levy Proposal Total	\$162,500

The proposed levy is a 2.11% reduction (\$3,500) than the 2021 levy of \$166,000. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Mettler to approve the 2022 levy proposal to present at the annual meeting in the amount of \$162,500.* Wright would like included in the Flying Finn how the levy proposal was come up with that he has written up.

Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to accept the claims (17725-17752, \$8,838.09) and correspondence. Carried 3-0.

2021 Board of Audit was completed by the supervisors and all was found accurate and in order. *Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to approve the 2021 Board of Audit. Carried 3-0.*

Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to approve the yearly 2021 Board of Audit. All claims were found accurate and in perfect order. Carried 3-0.

Wright adjourned meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

Clerks Corner

The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, per Embarrass Board decision. Masks will be required, and distance must be kept between all those present. A proposal of the 2022 levy is included in this Flying Finn issue. You may call or email the clerk with any questions or comments that you would like to be brought up at the annual meeting if you are unable to attend.

Local Board of Appeal will be held on April 15 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

Town of Embarrass Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Embarrass Township, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (3/16).

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

Embarrass Town Hall
7503 Levander Rd.
Embarrass, MN 55732

Jennifer Boese
Town Clerk
February 16, 2021

2022 Levy Proposal from the Embarrass Town Board

See Board Minutes for exact dollar amounts.

General – Leave at \$93,000. We will have an increase in wages. We have a decrease in taconite aid. We need to bring the balance back to reasonable level. We should never drop below \$60,000. We did make some correction last year, so need to see after this year how we are doing.

Road & Bridge – We made correction to bring Road and Bridge back to reality with budget for this year. We will not need grader tires so amount can be reduced by that amount or \$2,500, \$0 total would be \$6,000 to cover plowing and chloride municipal state aid averages \$5,000 so this should cover the expenses.

Fire – What we are charged and have contract with the Fire Department \$28,000 stay

Town Hall - Remain the same at \$8,000. The balance is remaining steady at a good amount.

Recreation – Our balance is growing but we need to build it up so when we need new mowers, we will have some in the account that does the most wear on the machines. To remain at \$4,000.

PERA - \$5,000 remain the same it covers the PERA cost.

Cemetery - \$0 remain the same. However, we need to get out this year and figure what we need to open the next section.

Insurance - \$9,500 to remain the same. We have a healthy balance and should be able to handle any unforeseen increase.

Capital - Raise to \$7,000. We used for new plow truck and will need for town hall roof and Info Center restrooms if we are able to continue with the project. It is looking like we may be able to continue as funding has been coming available, will know more after few more meetings, possibly by the annual meeting.

Historical Property - Reduce to \$2,000. We have reasonable balance for the time being and will have to try and get guidance from Historical Society on Pyhala. Until we do, we have no idea what we need or where funds may be available.

Written by Gene Wright, Embarrass Town Board Chairman

This is a 2022 Levy proposal. The annual meeting will be March 9. If you are unable to attend the meeting please email the clerk at embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net or call 984-2084 with questions or concerns to be brought to the annual meeting.

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Embarrass MN 55732

Email embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net

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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.



Memorial Forest Monument:

Names can be added for the price of \$50 a name. The honoree does not need to be a resident of Embarrass Township. Contact Clerk's Office at 218-984-2084 for more information.

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Embarrass, MN

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Saturday

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m



Waasa Township

Regular Board Meeting & Reorganizational Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Visitors: Bonnie Keller (via phone)

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

Minutes Approval: *Steve moved to approve the December 2, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes with one small change. Mike supported. Carried (3-0).*

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

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

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

Set Compensation for Town Officers, Maintenance Person & Cemetery Sexton—*Mike motioned with support from Steve to leave pay the same for officers (\$15/hour), but to raise Sexton from \$15 per hour to \$17 per hour. Carried (3-0).*

Review Cemetery Rates – *Mike motioned with support from Steve to leave rates the same as 2020. Carried (3-0).*

Select Road Supervisor & Noxious Weed Inspector – *Mike motioned with support from Steve to continue Steve as Road Supervisor but change the Weed Inspector to Mike. Carried (3-0).*

Designate Official Newspaper (now: Babbitt Weekly News) – *Mike motioned with support from Steve to continue with Babbitt Weekly. Carried (3-0).*

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

Designate Bank/Financial Institutions as Town Depositories (now: Embarrass Vermilion Federal C.U.) – *Steve motioned with support from Carrie to continue business with EVFCU. Carried (3-0).*

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

Treasurer's Report: Receipts for today:

- State of MN, \$685.50, Township Aid
- State of MN, \$19.58, Market Value Credit-Ag

Total Disbursements December 2, 2020 Regular Meeting: \$1,757.88. *Steve accepted the report and Mike supported. Carried (3-0).*

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

- Sandra Gibson, \$52.19, Mileage Reimb: PNP Training & Misc.
- Lake Country Power (Capital Credit was Applied), \$11.07, Electricity for Town Hall
- St. Louis County Auditor, \$76.25, Proposed Tax Notice Prep & Delivery
- Sipola, Steve, \$16.24, Mileage Reimb. For Rd. Insp.—29 miles
- Superior Fuel Co., \$624.59, Propane for Heating T. Hall
- U.S. Treasury, \$143.94, 4th Quarter-941 Tax

Visitor In-Put: None.

Road Report: Roads were inspected yesterday. They are winged out adequately and looking good.

Old Business: New officers, Mike Johnson and Nina Honkola, took the Oath of Office on Monday, January 4. Welcome to the Board, Nina!

Mike reported that the informational signs (Waasa & Cemetery) he ordered have been received. Installation will be in the spring.

The "Wish List / To Do List: Mike has received one electrical estimate for 2 outlets at a price of \$800.00 and will seek another estimate. All of the new window plastic is up but, the sidewalk patching will need to wait for warmer weather in the spring. Carrie put up a piece of siding that is a close match for the back of the town hall.

Waasa Township follows the MN mandates at all meetings during the pandemic. Each person in attendance must wear a mask and social distancing is in practice. But, for those that would like to join in on the meetings remotely please make the **TELECONFERENCE CALL: 701-802-5057 & USE ACCESS CODE: 3131553.**

Mike attended the Annual Meeting of the Embarrass Region Volunteer Fire Department held via Zoom on January 5. The total volunteer hours for 2020 were 1,399 hours compared to 1,684 in 2019. Projects include paving their parking lot and installing double-sided fire numbers. The department plans to raise their budget by 3% for 2022.

Carrie has completed testing and has received her certificate for Local Board of Appeal training. Waasa now has two certified supervisors on MN Department of Revenue list as of January 5, 2021.

New Business: The county plow currently comes thru the town hall driveway to make a turn- around for the Mesabi East School bus. More space needs to be cleared afterwards to accommodate parking for meetings. Steve will call on Bruce Keller to wing out the space up to the garage when needed. Steve checked out the snowblower and it seems to run better now.

The Annual Township meeting being held on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. was discussed. It is assumed that Pandemic Mandates will be in place. If there are more than the 5 residents in attendance the meeting will need to be reconvened at a determined date. *CLERK'S NOTE: Anyone can attend via phone by dialing: 701-802-5057 & USE ACCESS CODE: 3131553.*

Mike will fill out and return the State Noxious Weed Form.

Spring Short Course is planned (in person) for Friday, April 2, 2021 at the Duluth DECC.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Mike moved to close the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and was supported by Steve.

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

Waasa Township Annual Meeting Notice

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

Waasa Town Hall, 3795 Hwy. 2, Embarrass, MN

Waasa Twp. Follows MN mandates during the pandemic, masks & social distancing are practiced.

For those that would like to join in remotely:

TELECONFERENCE CALL:

701-802-5057 & USE ACCESS CODE: 3131553

In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the 3rd Tuesday in March.

Sandra Gibson, Clerk



Pictured above are Waasa officers Mike Johnson, Sandy Gibson and Nina Honkola.

Mike Johnson and Nina Honkola took the Oath of Office at Waasa Township on January 4. Mike was appointed and had served out a vacated board position. Last November Mike was elected to a 4 year term as town board supervisor and Nina was newly elected as town treasurer for 4 years.



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Town of Pike

REGULAR MEETING

Pike Town Hall

January 12, 2021

Chairman Langowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All board members were present. Officers took their Oath of Office. The minutes from December 8, 2020 were accepted as read by Rasmusson/Johnson 3-0.

The Treasurer's report included a transfer to the Fire fund on a motion by Rasmusson/Langowski 3-0. The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Rasmusson/Johnson 3-0.

Claim forms 7788-7799 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Langowski will do some price checking on a new riding lawn mower.

NEXT MEETING:

Audit Meeting followed by a Regular Meeting: Tuesday, **February 16, 2021** starting 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 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Jodi Backman, Clerk

****These minutes have been approved by the Town Board****

Pancake
Breakfast



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Embarrass Region Fair Association Pancake Breakfasts are **cancelled** until further notice.



PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB



The Pike Sandy Women's Club 2021 Scholarship Award in the amount of \$300.00 will be awarded to a local graduating senior who lives in the Pike, Sandy, Wuori, or



Embarrass Townships or in an Unorganized Township that borders Pike Township. A letter of interest in this SCHOLARSHIP must be received prior to or no later than April 6, 2021. Please include in your letter which college or technical college you will be attending and any personal information about yourself, including your curriculum plus any extracurricular activities in which you have participated. The Scholarship Award will be announced at the April 6, 2021 meeting of the Pike Sandy Women's Club. The Scholarship monetary award of \$300 is payable to the scholarship recipient upon the receipt by the Pike Sandy Women's Club of a transcript of the completed first semester/quarter with satisfactory grades.



Please send your letter to:

Sandy Gorrill
6801 Taylor Road
Embarrass, MN 55732.
749-2408

Embarrass Flower and Garden Club



The Embarrass Flower & Garden will not be scheduling any in-person meeting in February due to COVID 19. Please check the Flying Finn for future announcements. For further information, please contact: Linda Cox, President (218) 984-3002 or (218) 780-4143.

This is a story about Finnish Americans who are trying to make this world a better place to live. What is there not to like about a product called Ten Finns produced in Minnesota? I thought it would be fun to write a small article about the dairy when my daughter brought a half gallon of milk to my house bought at a store in the city where she lives.

Submitted by Mary Novak

This article was not endorsed by Embarrass township nor is it meant to be an advertisement for the business.



From the Web page

<https://www.tenfinnscreamery.com/>



We're Joel and Amanda Hendrickson, fifth-generation Finnish (and proud) dairy farmers three miles south of Menahga, Minnesota. The family is exclusively breeding an A2 herd and preparing A2 milk for sale. "We're the first in Minnesota to do that," said Joel Hendrickson, a 2003 Menahga High School

graduate.

Our kids — Zach, Maddie, Julia, Lucy, Lily, Maria, Lane, Nora, Finn and Emma — are the inspiration behind Ten Finns Creamery. We know the great nutritional value of dairy for our kids, your kids, and adults everywhere. We also know that regular milk doesn't work for everyone, so we made the switch to A2 cows.

This is a family affair — including our cows. That's why instead of getting tagged with a number, each cow is tagged with their own name picked out by our kids. The kids play a big role in the daily love and care of the herd.



According to the information the family provides in the past, cows used to only produce A2 protein milk. However, a natural mutation occurred and cows began producing A1 protein in addition to A2 protein. Thankfully, there is a safe way to test cows to see which protein their milk contains! Breeding only cows with A2 milk more people with milk sensitivities can comfortably enjoy creamy, real milk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Embarrass Region Fair is recruiting New Fair Board Members & Volunteers.

Fair Board Members: Responsibilities include attending one meeting per month and helping to supervise the fair.

Volunteers are needed for the following:
Working at the admission gates (fair weekend)
Fairgrounds maintenance
Fair event committees

For more information call
Jerry at 984-3506



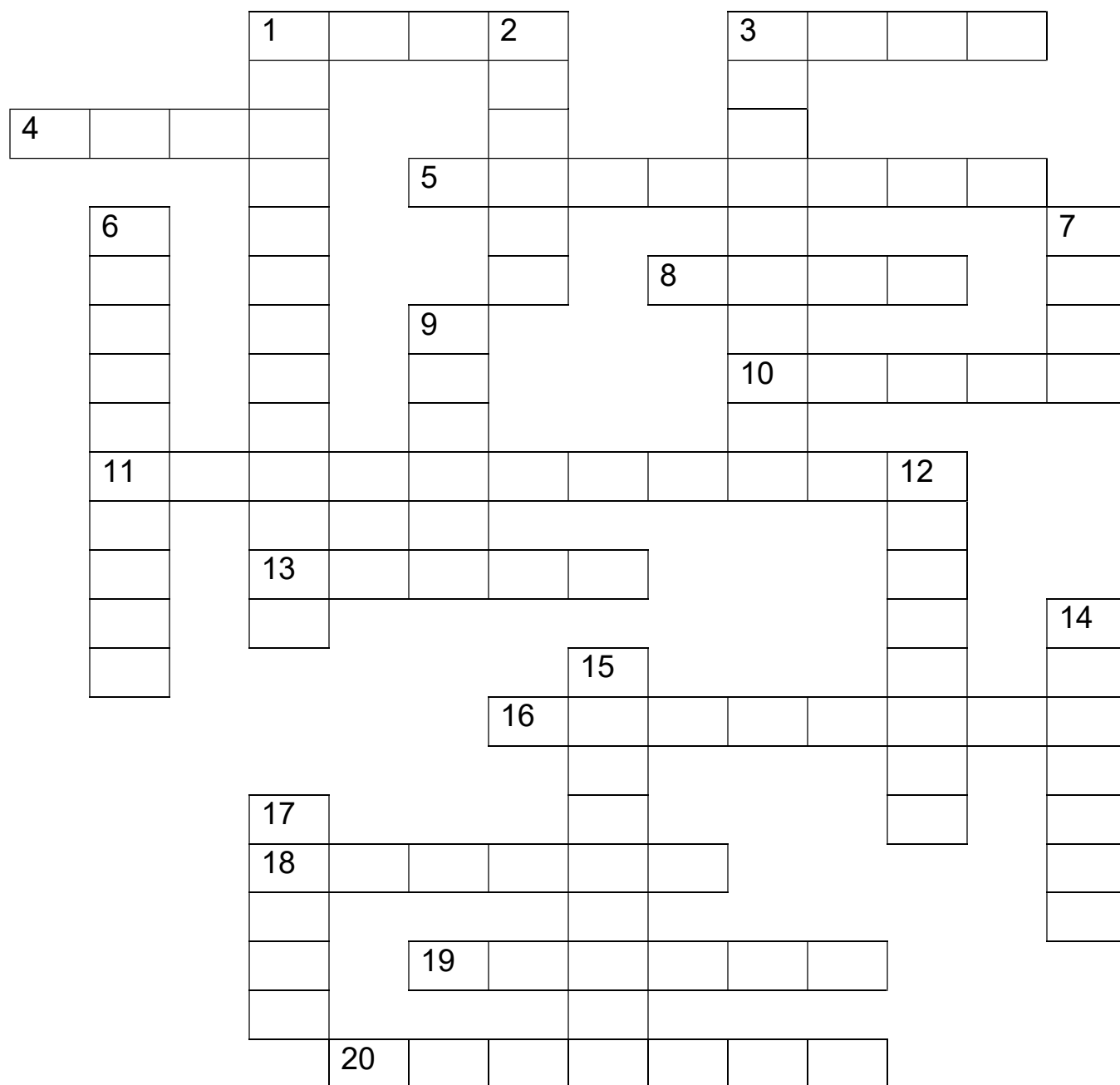
SISU MEETING MINUTES

February 2021

Present: Marlin Bjornrud, Jack Lamar, John Kinnunen, Cindy Scherer, Linda Koskela, Heather Mahoney, Carol Knuti, Ron Sutton

1. January minutes were reviewed and accepted with no corrections.
2. Financial reports were accepted as presented with a motion by John K. for an addition of a new line item: professional services, to the budget for the Apostolic Lutheran Church, second Jack L., MC.
3. Newsletter materials are needed to report our up-coming events.
4. A nominating committee will be selected at the March meeting to contact members for filling two board positions. Jack L. will continue serving on the board until the Annual Meeting has been rescheduled. Linda K has agreed to remain on the board.
5. Jack L. continues to search for grant writers.
6. Both bids for contractors, Arrowhead Roofing & Greenstone, have been contact for the work on the Apostolic Lutheran Church. Motion John K. to pay 25% to Greenstone properties to begin work in July, second Heather M., MC. Motion by Jack L., second John K. to accept added expenses to Greenstone's work project. MC.
7. As representatives from SISU Heritage Marlin B. & Ron S. are planning to attend the March – Embarrass Township Annual Meeting.

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela

**ACROSS**

- 1 Brian Birk church
- 3 Looking for Volunteers
- 4 ____ Line
- 5 Transfer Station Open
- 8 Norma ____ Jofs
- 10 zUP ____
- 11 April 6 - ____ Deadline
- 13 Saint ____ Day
- 16 Garden Club President
- 18 Oath of ____
- 19 Newspaper Babbitt ____
- 20 Waasa Treasurer

DOWN

- 1 Don't Limit ____
- 2 EFree Youth Group
- 3 Daylight Savings Begins
- 6 Sisu Contractor
- 7 Oldest Hendrickson Child
- 9 MDH: MN Dept of ____
- 12 Saint ____ Day
- 14 ____ Weed Inspector
- 15 Jodi Backman title
- 17 Pandemic

*All answers found in the Finn except one.

*** OBITUARIES ***

Wilbert W. Luhta, 95

Wilbert W. Luhta, 95, originally of Waasa Township, peacefully passed into the arms of our Lord Jesus on Feb. 12, 2021, at his home in Ely. A gathering of family and friends to celebrate Wilbert's life will be held later in the spring. Interment will be at the Waasa Cemetery.

He was the first born on March 29, 1925, at his parents' farm in Waasa Township in Embarrass. He was an experienced truck driver and cat skinner in the logging and mining industry.

Wilbert is survived by his wife of 16 years, Joan Carlson Luhta; niece, June (Wesley) Boyle; great-niece, Tammy (Mark) Phillips; great-nephew, John (Sara) Robich; Joan's children, Karen (Craig) Thom and Donna (Leonard) Raati; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Helia Luhta; brothers, Carlo and Melvin; sister, Lempi (Emil) Anderson; niece, Ruth Anderson; and nephew, Wilbert Anderson.

Marlene Akkanen, 85

Marlene Akkanen, 85, of Babbitt, passed away on Feb. 6, 2021, at the Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital. No services are being held at this time. A celebration of life is being planned for spring with burial in Argo Cemetery in Babbitt.

She was born on May 4, 1935, in St. Paul, to Gust and Hulda (Palo) Stone and moved to Embarrass as a young child, graduating from Embarrass High School in 1953. She married John Akkanen on July 25, 1953, and they made their first home in Wawina. In 1957 they moved to Babbitt where Marlene had lived since.

Marlene had several careers, including as supervisor for the Arrow Shirt factory in Virginia, seamstress, cook, baker and cake decorator. She enjoyed sewing, knitting and crocheting and has left behind many heirloom projects. She and John enjoyed traveling across the country from Alaska to Florida and many states in between, and to Finland in 1997.

Marlene is survived by three children, John (Jean) Akkanen of Embarrass, Gust Akkanen of Brainerd and Linda (Steve) Graupman of Cloquet; sister, Dorothy Mellsmoen of Oakdale; 11 grandchildren, Questa (Jon) Knapper of Aurora, Jenna (Pat) Rosenquist of Larimore, N.D., Lanay (DJ) Asmus of Alexandria, Ben (Amanda Hilde) Akkanen of Virginia, Darren Akkanen of Hibbing, Rachel (Jesse) Wiitanen of Embarrass, Ross (Dawn) Graupman of Eagan, Neil (Kristina) Graupman

of Hermantown, Amy (Matt) Eldridge of St. Johns, Fla., Lindsey Allrich and Michael Allrich, both of Andover; 11 great-grandchildren, Abigail and Nathan Graupman of Hermantown, Trent and Ryan Graupman of Eagan, Alaina, Calin and Avery Eldridge of St. Johns, Fla., Dan and Johanna Knapper of Aurora, Ken Akkanen of Virginia and Weston Rosenquist of Larimore, N.D.; daughter-in-law, Lori Akkanen of Gilbert; and son-in-law, Scott Allrich of Andover; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John in 2018; three children, Kenneth Akkanen, Melanie Allrich and infant son Aaron Akkanen; grandson, Shawn Akkanen; and siblings, Leonard (Lois) Stone, Emma (Lee) Smith, Doris (Richard) Erickson, Elsie (Clyde) Johnson and William Stone.

Russell L. Smith, 72

Russell "Russ" Lewis Smith, 72, of Maplewood, passed away on Jan. 27, 2021, at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park. A celebration of life will be held on Sept. 11, 2021, in Virginia. Memorials preferred to the MN DFL party, or to donor's favorite charity. Remembrances and photos may be posted on the Facebook page: Remembering Russell Smith.

Russell was born in Virginia, on June 26, 1948, to Lillian Maude (Lahti) and William Thomas Smith. He graduated from Mt. Iron High School in 1966. While in college, Russ met his beloved wife, Patricia. Russ claimed they "had chemistry" in physics class, where they were lab partners. Russ and Pat were married in 1971 and made their home in Embarrass. After working as an electronics technician for 12 years at Minntac, Russ and Pat moved their family to Maplewood, where Russ worked at 3M for 31 years, serving as union steward for part of that time, retiring in 2015.

A lifelong Twins and Vikings fan, Russ was well informed on politics, both current and historical. He was a devoted volunteer at the MN State Fair DFL mini-donuts booth for many years. Russ maintained relationships throughout his life in his Minnesota communities of Embarrass, Virginia (Parkville) and Maplewood.

Russell is survived by his son, Jacob William Smith (Joan) of Fridley; daughter, Siiri-Aline Sutphen (Rick) of Watertown; brothers, Bruce Smith (Gwen) of Fergus Falls and Charles Smith (Terri) of Mesa, Ariz.; grandchildren, Jacob Smith Jr. (Briana) of St. Cloud, Adryan Smith of Plymouth, Zackery Smith of Anoka and Emma Sutphen of Maplewood; as well as many loving nieces, nephews and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife, Patricia McElderry Smith; sister, Lynnal Smith Popilek; and brother, Warren Smith.

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Andrea Zupancich, Broker;
Jan Erchul, Assoc Broker;
Sara Powell, Kim Borgeson, Beth Rykken,
Norma Jean Jofs, Harry Drabik, Joyce Giblin,
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Trapline Convenience Store

4897 Hwy 21 - - - 218-984-2962

Monday – Saturday 8am-10 pm, Sunday 11 am-6 pm



SNACKS:

Pop, Juice
Energy Drinks
Candy, Chips

GROCERIES:

Milk, Eggs
Bread, Butter
Italian Bakery
---lots more!

READY TO GO:

Sandwiches
Ice
Coffee

ATM

Lottery
Cigarettes
Tobacco Products
DNR Licenses
Landfill Cards

FROZEN ITEMS:

Ice Cream
Pizzas

OTHER:

Cleaning Supplies
Baking/Cooking
Items
Toilet Paper
Misc Personal
Care
Some Auto Fluids

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Office hours

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

[hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com](mailto:hopenlutheranembarrass@gmail.com)

218-984-2037

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

COVID guidelines will be adhered to. Please
call the church for further updates.

God welcomes all people!

You are welcome here!

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

5606 E Taylor Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732

218-984-3402

www.efreechurch.com

E-mail: embfree@frontier.com

Sunday Family Worship, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Sunday School Classes, 10:20 a.m.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Wednesday Kids on the Rock, 4 p.m.

Wednesday ENGAGE Youth, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 20: Men's Trivia Tournament
and Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY MESSAGES:

March 7 "Power and Fear"

March 14 "Who Is This Person?"

March 21 "Tradition!"

March 28 "A Pivotal Point"

PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)

www.apostoliclutheran.org

All Services at 10:30 a.m.

March 7 Jon Salo (Communion Sunday)

March 14 Gary Kangas

March 21 Gerry Southerton

March 28 Jerry DeVries (Palm Sunday)

PALM Sunday



Jan. 24 13/22 sn 1.60" pc .08"	Jan. 25 -19/13	Jan. 26 -20/8	Jan. 27 -30/9	Jan. 28 -30/2	Jan. 29 -27/15	Jan. 30 -8/25 trace sn trace pc
Jan. 31 21/27 sn 2.50" pc .19"	Feb. 1 20/30 sn .80" pc .03"	Feb. 2 18/30	Feb. 3 17/25	Feb. 4 19/34 sn .30" pc .03"	Feb. 5 -6/25 sn .80" pc .06"	Feb. 6 -14/4 trace sn trace pc
Feb. 7 -27/-9	Feb. 8 -36/-9	Feb. 9 -37/-5	Feb. 10 -32/-3	Feb. 11 -38/-4	Feb. 12 -38/-6 sn .10" trace pc	Feb. 13 -42/-9
Feb. 14 -40/-10	Feb. 15 -42/-9	Feb. 16 -42/4	Feb. 17 -37/12	Feb. 18 -32/12 sn .40" pc .02"		2021

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Feb. 2 18/35 sn .20" pc .02"	Feb. 3 18/35 trace sn trace pc	Feb. 4 -11/22	Feb. 5 -19/22	Feb. 6 4/30	Feb. 7 2/28 sn 1.50" pc .03"	Feb. 8 -21/28 trace sn trace pc
Feb. 9 -23/17 sn .20" trace pc	Feb. 10 -17/16 trace sn trace pc	Feb. 11 -17/28 sn .30" pc .01"	Feb. 12 14/25 sn .30" pc .02"	Feb. 13 -31/21 trace sn trace pc	Feb. 14 -34/1	Feb. 15 -35/17 sn .40" pc .03"
Feb. 16 -21/27	Feb. 17 -20/14 trace sn trace pc	Feb. 18 11/25 snow 3" pc .21"	Feb. 19 -25/25	Feb. 20 -35/6	Feb. 21 -35/19	Feb. 22 3/38
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