

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **July 12th, 2016**, at 7:00 pm, at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Supervisors John Buhaug, Tim Erickson, and Steve Sorenson, Treasurer Susie Braseth and Clerk Claudia Hanson.

A. **Call to Order** by Chairman Erickson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. **Minutes** from the June 28th regular meeting were approved, with a motion by Steve, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The bills/claims were signed.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Karen Garrity** – Karen was present to advise that the natural gas line is being dug in their area. She lives on Cormorant Beach Road. She was informed by the natural gas company an easement is needed on the north end of Cormorant Beach Rd. Karen owns a small skinny portion of land that she is willing to let the township have so an easement can be granted. Board not sure why easement necessary if digging of gas line is done in the road right-of-way. Board will look into further and try to contact gas company direct. Otherwise, Board will need to have a quit claim deed done for land transfer if that is what route Board will take on easement issue.
- 2) **Storm Damage** – Water came into the basement of the community center by the Watershed office. Ila thinks the downspout outside overflowed. She would like to have the rain gutters checked in the area where the water might have come in. A lot of branches and trees broke down from the storms. Brush and compost site is very full with dead trees and branches.
- 3) **LREC Pole Waiver** – Board reviewed and signed form for 2 electrical poles to be installed on the community center park area.
- 4) **Addition to Security System** – Steve provided an estimate for additional cameras and upgrading the system. This will add two more cameras in parking lot, 2 more in back of center by the dumpster and another camera inside. Tim motioned, seconded by John to accept estimate for system improvements.

D. **Old Business**

- 1) **Newsletter** – Jo provided a draft for the July issue. A few additions were made, otherwise Board approved to have newsletter sent out.
- 2) **Treadmill** – New treadmill has been set up and is working well. The old treadmill was still kept and now is not being used much at all. May consider removing the old treadmill.
- 3) **Mill Pond** – John has been working on obtaining the building permit to have bridge installed. Board is hoping to have bridge here and set up on the footings before the end of July. Mary Erickson is working on the history of Mill Pond yet for a historical plaque.

E. Recycling

- 1) HHW Day - Claudia sent reminders to tar crew to help work for this on July 22nd. Hours will be from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Brush/Compost site sign – This sign needs to be repainted, as it is very faded and can not read well. Steve will check into.

F. Roads

- 1) **Mowing** – Joe Crabtree completed ditch mowing other than Thunderbolt Ranch Road which has a bad thistle patch in one area. Tim will have him finish that road too.
- 2) **Sherbrooke Beach Lane** – Supervisors are working on installing a snow fence in the curve by Tony's Campground to help avoid major snow drifts over the road in the winter.
- 3) **Holiday Beach Road** – Tim advised a resident on this road inquired about rip rap on the slough side.
- 4) **Mailbox swing away post set** – Another request was made by resident on Loon Lane. Gopher One Call will be done by clerk.
- 5) **Asphalt Proposal** – Steve provided proposal from Anderson Bros. to do asphalt patching on several township roads and to asphalt Fearing Drive. They could complete these projects during the second and third week of August.

6) **Shouldering** – Board still looking at options who could do this work

G) Other Business

1) Building permits – There were several at this time:

- a. Barta, Randy, Gov't Lot 6 on Danielson Beach, Parcel #06022300x, Sect. 16 (barn)
- b. Bloom, Phillip, 14490 Nelson Lake Rd., Sect. 15 (new house, garage, deck)
- c. Feir, Gary, 11150 Braseth Beach Rd., Softing Bch. 1st Addition, Turtle Lake, Sect. 7 (detached garage)
- d. Jack, Richard, 10393 W. Lake Ida Lane, Ida Oaks, Lake Ida, Sect. 34 (deck, shed)
- e. Johnson, Don & Asleson, Margaret, 10106 Buffalo Lane, Sect. 33 (relocate house)
- f. Julian, Rick and Sharon, 11645 Grondahl Rd., Lake Ida & Lake 605, Sect. 27 (new shed)
- g. Lau, 10213 Sherbrooke Bch. Lane, Gov't Lot 2 &3, Sect. 34 (new shed)
- h. Moothart, Christopher and Angela, 15655 E. Tony Johnson Rd., Sect. 2 (decks)
- i. Sampson, Svetlana, 15591 Wermager Beach Rd., 3rd Addition, Big Cormorant Lake, Sect. 14 (stairway to lake)
- j. Schroeder, Craig, 14706 Birch Point, Birch Bay, Upper Cormorant Lk., Sect. 9 (deck)
- k. Torgerson, Joel and Tammy, 13720 115th Street, Sect. 28 (patio)
- l. Zeller, Bruce and Jodi, 14401 Cty. Hwy. 5, Cormorant Park Place, #22, Sect. 11 (new house, and garage)

2) Election Judges - Claudia advised of the trained judges to be appointed which are: Susie Braseth, Cara Bjerken, Ila Lindstrom, Nan Heinrich, Laurie Wanke, Mark Nielson, Tim and Ginger Lenzmeier, Donna Lutz, Sharon Olson, Jane Nelson and Dave Olson. Tim motioned, seconded by Steve to appoint these judges, carried 3-0.

3) Becker County Hearing – A hearing for a request of certificate of Survey for Jay Fearing/Melissa Fearing-Gooselaw is being heard tonight at Becker Cty. Planning Commission for Fearing Drive. Board had no opinion on this hearing.

4) Board of Appeals Training – A reminder was received from Becker Cty. Assessors Office for online equalization training. John Buhaug will need to be trained next year. Tim's training expires 7/1/2018 and Steve's training expires 7/1/2017.

5) Incorrect payment from Becker County Auditor – We were advised from the Auditor's office that they accidentally issued the CLWD check to Cormorant Township. Susie will refund the funds.

6) Miscellaneous Mail – Board reviewed. We also received a thank you note in

appreciation of the new treadmill.

H) **Treasurer's Report** - Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month.

Available upon request.

Beginning Balance	\$ 313,312.62
Receipts	+ \$ 267,490.25
Disbursements	- 24,978.00
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$ 555,824.87</u>

Investment beginning balance	\$210,946.84
Investment purchased	-0-
Investment transferred/sold	-0-
Investment interest	<u>\$43.35</u>
Investment ending balance	<u>\$210,990.19</u>

The Treasurer's Report was approved with a motion by Tim, seconded by John.
Carried 3-0.

I) **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with a motion by Tim, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Hanson, Clerk