

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **January 26th, 2016**, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Supervisors 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 December 21st regular meeting were approved, with a motion by Steve, seconded by Tim. Carried 2-0. The bills/claims were signed.

**C. New Business**

- 1) **LREC Power Project** – Tim shared changes that Lake Region Electric wants to implement for their new Phase 3 project. They are removing some poles, replacing with underground wire. This improved electrical service will affect residents towards Snowshoe Beach from Cormorant Village and eventually go towards Lake Ida.
- 2) **Newsletter** – Board agreed we should have added some more stories or information to make the newsletter four pages long.
- 3) **Greater MN Natural Gas** – They have contacted clerk for mapping of future natural gas pipelines for the area. They are also holding informational meetings at the Roadhouse.

**D. Old Business**

- 1) **Mill Creek Project** – The allowable digging and removing of slough is done.

E. **Recycling** – Nothing to report.

F. **Roads** – Tim reported residents moving stuff out of cul de sacs and in road right of ways which was mentioned in the newsletter. This should help clearing roadways with the snowplows.

**G. Old Business**

- 1) Building permits – The following permit was reviewed:

- a) Sampson, Svetland, 15591 Wermager Beach Rd., 3rd Add. Lot 1, Big Cormorant Lake, Sect. 14 (new house, full basement, deck)

- 2) **Township election judge appointment** – Tim motioned, seconded by Steve to appoint Susie Braseth, Donna Lutz, Ila Mae Lindstrom and Nan Heinrich and Laurie Wanke (back up) as election judges for the 2016 Township election. This is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th, with elections from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Carried 3-0.
  - 3) **Public Accuracy Test** – This is scheduled for Thursday, March 3rd at the Becker Cty. Courthouse, at 9:00 a.m.
  - 4) **Election Training Date change** – Becker County Auditor/ Treasurer’s office mailed a revised election training schedule which now scheduled training for Cormorant Township is on June 16th from 5:00 – 6:00 pm for Head Judge, 6:30 - 8:30 pm for basic election judge training.
  - 5) **Board of Review** – Notice was received from County Assessor that this will be scheduled for Thursday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m.
  - 6) **Dumpster** – Ballard’s have replaced the dumpster, however Ila is still discovering illegal dumping into the township’s dumpster.
  - 7) **Miscellaneous mail** – Board received and thanked CLWD for \$1000 for rent and use of the office space at the community center. Board reviewed other mail.
- H. **Treasurer’s Report** – Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month.

Available upon request.

Beginning Balance	\$ 486,599.68
Receipts	+ \$ 68,079.97
Disbursements	- \$ 22,753.94
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$ 531,925.71</u>

Investment beginning balance	\$210,682.63
Investment purchased	-0-
Investment transferred/sold	-0-
Investment interest	<u>\$44.73</u>
Investment ending balance	<u>\$210,727.36</u>

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted with a motion by Tim, seconded by Steve. Carried 2-0.

**I. Adjournment** - The Township board meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Motioned by Steve, seconded Tim, carried 2-0. The next regular township meeting will be February 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Hanson