

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Wednesday, **August 10th, 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. (State Primary was yesterday, Tuesday, August 9th, so township meeting was set for today)

- A. **Call to Order** by Chairman Erickson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. **Minutes** from the July 26th variance and regular meeting were approved, with a motion by Steve, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The bills/claims were signed.

C. New Business

- 1) **Lisa Marschall, Township Assessor** – Lisa actually was not present as she came to the community center yesterday (thinking township meeting was still scheduled for Tuesday) to give update on assessing and to get payment for ½ year of work.
- 2) **K-9 Donation request** – Carolyn Nelson wrote note if funds from the Hidden Talent Show (which generated \$630 in sales) could partly be donated to the K-9 Unit of Becker County. The electors of the township will have to decide and vote on this during the Annual Township meeting.
- 3) **Signature card, State Bank of Lake Park** – Susie suggested both Steve and John be added to the bank’s signature card. Tim motioned, seconded by John to have both Steve and John added as signers on the bank account.
- 4) **Storytime** –Susie reported that Kristi Maas will continue Storytime thru out the school year.

D. Old Business

- 1) **Newsletter** – Jo asked for the list of people involved in the Mill Pond bridge work to acknowledge their work in the September issue.
- 2) **Mill Pond** – Mary Erickson is still working on the history of Mill Pond for a historical plaque. Landscaping around the bridge is almost done, with grass being seeded. DNR had inquiry on project permits, which were in order.
- 3) **Wedding deposit** – Board discussed and agreed to withhold \$75 from each

damage deposit for the wedding party who recently rented out the facility for a Friday and Saturday in July.

- 4) **Kiddyland Donation** – For the upcoming Cormorant Daze, the Board purchased 150 tickets to donate to children. This was approved at the annual meeting in March. Richard Sherbrooke also donated another 50 tickets as well.
- 5) **Cormorant Daze** – This is scheduled for August 20th. Many activities have been planned. Steve suggested having the park area sprayed for mosquitos.
- 6) **Shed** - Board would like to get concrete floor done before winter in the new shed.
- 7) **Garrity parcel** –Meadowland Surveying will be surveying the small parcel which Karen Garrity will be giving as road easement. Once survey done, can proceed with the quit claim deed.

E. Recycling

- 1) **Bud's recycling site** – Bud Davis is still looking for someone to help him for maintenance for the winter months.
- 2) **HHW Day** – Board reviewed report from Sandy Gunderson:

HHW Collection: July 22- Cormorant Village
96 total people
41 HHW –participants
E-waste-51 (3 paid by resident/out of twp)
Appliances-28
Tires- 66
Fl. Bulbs-128
1 yd boxes of HHW- 3 boxes
Misc. batteries-8
Waste Oil- 70 gallons

Special note: before the next collection---additional 'scrap metal' that your board wanted to take. If the township wants to continue to add that to the collection, just as this year, a trailer provided by the township will be needed. The appliances and tires that we receive at your collection always fills up the roll- off and we don't have room for all the miscellaneous.

Thanks for all you do and have a great rest of the week,
Sandy

F. Roads

- 1) **Trees in ditch area, Globstad Beach Road** – Lloyd will work on getting these trees removed in road right of way.
- 2) **150th Street** – May need to replace gravel that was washed out from recent storms and heavy rainfall.
- 3) **Mailbox swing away post set** – More requests have been made.
- 4) **Stop signs** – Tim was suggesting to purchase stop signs as a lot of them are worn/damaged and need replacing. M & R Signs in Fergus Falls provide signs at a reasonable price.
- 6) **Ideal Beach Road signs** – Board signed off on the Becker County assistance request form to obtain the signs for this street.

G) Other Business

- 1) **Building permits** – The following permits were reviewed:
 - a) Dahlgren, David, 12499 Co. Hwy. 5, Big Cormorant Lk, Sect. 22 (relocate home, shed)
 - b) Fletcher, Tamara, 13681 Roering Way, Lake 609, Sect. 28 (driveway)
 - c) Lehman, Cory, 14017 Redman Beach Road, Sect. (decks)
 - d) Onstad, Russell, 12942 Ideal Beach Road, Upper Cormorant Lake, Sect. 17 (shed)
- 2) **Variance withdrawn** – A variance request initially scheduled for August 10th, 2016, for Russell Onstad Family Trust, was withdrawn due to too many issues.
- 3) **Mower** – Due to expansion of the park area, Board recommended purchasing another mower.
- 4) **Storm damage claim** – Board added more items for filing a claim for storm damage. Many trees blew down, lift rental for whirlybird vent replacement, and there was water damage in basement, so had subsequent fan rental and clean up charges.
- 5) **Workers Compensation Insurance dividend** – MATIT issued about \$2400 in dividend to our township due to good risk management, low claim reporting, timely reporting and other factors.
- 6) **Flu Shot Clinic** – Clerk scheduled a tentative date for October. Board agreed.

7) **Miscellaneous mail** – Board reviewed other insignificant mail.

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

Available upon request.

Beginning Balance		\$ 555,824.87
Receipts		+ \$
Disbursements		- <u>NEED TO FILL IN YET!</u>
Ending checking acct. balance		<u>\$</u>
Investment beginning balance	\$210,990.19	
Investment purchased	-0-	
Investment transferred/sold	-0-	
Investment interest	<u>\$</u>	
Investment ending balance	<u>\$</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 8:15 p.m. with a motion by Tim, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Hanson, Clerk