

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **September 27th, 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 September 13th variance and regular meeting were approved, with a motion by John, seconded by Tim. Carried 3-0. The bills/claims were signed.
- C. **New Business**

- 1) **Dawn & Ross Hillier, Sewer Permit** – Ross explained and provided diagram where a drainfield will be with in the road right of way of Globstad Beach Road. Their project is at 14462 Globstad Beach Road and will be done by Renner Excavating. Board reviewed and Steve motioned to accept drainfield in road right of way, seconded by John. Carried 3-0.

- 2) **Cormorant Daze Committee** – Tammy Odegaard, Trisha and Brian Maloney, and Kelli Atchison were present to update Board. Approximately 4000 people attended Cormorant Daze. Vendors liked the new area for their booths across the pond, with many people using the new pedestrian bridge. The committee presented the Board a large wooden carving/statute in appreciation for the support the township board gave to the Cormorant Daze. A local carver, Andy Lake, from Glyndon, created this statute. The Township contributed to the blow-up games and to the Cormorant Billboard with Mayor Duke on it that is located off of Highway 10. Tammy mentioned the billboard was damaged early in the summer, so it was not visible for several weeks. The billboard company will put up the Cormorant billboard again during Christmas to make up for lost visibility this summer from storm damage. The Board greatly appreciates this new addition to the community center!

D. **Old Business**

- 1) **Newsletter** – Jo was not able to attend. However, Steve provided list of all people involved to thank for Mill Pond Project.

- 2) **Mill Pond** – Lights were installed on the bridge.
- 3) **Playground – Jim Kaiser** was present to what work needs done for the playground. The railroad ties are leaning and starting to collapse, the equipment should be updated. New pea gravel and leveling is needed. Jane added that grants may be available for this type of project. Jim advised the Lions did pass a motion at their last meeting to be part of the playground updating/repair project. Lions could apply for grant as well. Jim stated the Lions will financially also contribute to this.

**E. Recycling**

- 1) **Odd items dumped** – Tim advised there was more carpeting dumped.
- 2) **Bud Davis assistant** – Larry Boshee will start working October 1st.

**F. Roads**

- 1) **Trees in Ideal Beach Road** – Board individually inspected the easement regarding trees in question, and also asked the property owners off the road/easement for their opinions of removing such large trees. Based on input received, no trees should be cut down in the road right of way.
- 2) **Holiday Beach Road**– There are rocks left on road from a riprap project. One of the supervisors will contact contractor to clean up rocks.
- 3) **Shouldering** – This is only road project left for this year for our township roads.

**G) Other Business**

- 1) **Building permits** – None received at this time.
- 2) **Storm damage claim** – Roof was inspected by an insurance adjuster for MATIT and he reported no hail damage was found.
- 3) **Duke in the News** – The editors of the “Scholastic Magazine” for children would like to interview Major Duke, which Tammy Odegaard will be coordinating. Many thanks to Tammy for handling so many of the Major Duke inquiries.
- 4) **Mileage Certification** – Board reviewed and completed certification.

- 5) **General Election Judges** - Claudia advised of the trained judges to be appointed to work for the upcoming November 8th General Election 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. Steve motioned, seconded by Tim, to appoint these judges, carried 3-0.
- 6) **Miscellaneous mail** - A letter from the DNR was received that they sealed an old well by the Erickson recycling center. Board reviewed other insignificant mail.
- H) **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. with a motion by John, seconded by Steve. Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Hanson, Clerk