

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **October 11th, 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 Jane Nelson, assistant to Township Clerk.

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

B. **Minutes** from the September 27th regular meeting were approved, with a motion by Steve seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The bills/claims were signed.

C. **New Business**

1) **Tyler Anderson from Upper Cormorant Lake** requesting information about the possible splitting of a lot adjacent to his property. Tyler provided information about the vacant lot and his interest in attaching lot to his current property. The board reviewed the plat and a discussion followed about the lot and layout of area. Steve will contact Planning and Zoning to discuss best options and will get back to Tyler Anderson with the Township recommendation.

2) **Show Team Line Up for Summer 2017.** The tentative list of events was presented for summer 2017. Many events from 2016 will be repeated, such as the Lobster Dinner, Hidden Talent Show, and the very successful “Talk of the Town” series. All dates are being planned now and will be submitted to the Township Office as scheduled. The Board gave approval for the Show Team to continue planning and thanked them for their work.

3) **Compensation for Woody Olson.** Woody Olson offered two hours of his vacation time on August 10th 2016, to assist Jane Nelson in learning about the Township Web Site and it’s operation. Jane Nelson is requesting that Woody be compensated for his time. Motion made by Tim to compensate at hourly rate. Woody Olson is to submit an invoice for this rate and time. Seconded by John. Passed unanimously 3-0.

4) **New calendar program.** A discussion about the functioning of the current calendar program and its integration into the current website, followed the motion. Susie will contact the MN Assoc. of Townships to discuss suggestions for a new

calendar program and other updates and training that could improve the current township web site. She will report at the next meeting.

**D. Old Business**

- 1) **Newsletter** – Jo was not able to attend. Newsletter will be completed soon.
- 2) **Mill Pond** – The Mill Pond Bridge has not been sealed and will be completed.
- 3) **Playground – Benneth Braseth** was present to discuss the Lions ideas for the playground improvement. The railroad ties are leaning and starting to collapse, the equipment should be updated. New pea gravel and leveling is needed. A bid from Superior Lakeside for a block retaining wall system was about \$8,000.00 for materials. Tim asked about labor costs. Benneth will discuss at the Lions board meeting and return to a future township meeting with a total for labor and materials for the new supporting wall. A discussion about the timing for the project followed. It is unlikely that this project will be done yet this fall and will be considered for spring 2017. Steve stated that the township is willing to assist with the park improvements.

**E. Recycling - No Report**

**F. Roads**

- 1) **Holiday Beach Road**– There are rocks left on road from a riprap project. Ellis Pederson from the CLWS gave permission for “some rocks” to be placed. Tim will follow up with the property owner about removal of rocks from right of way and for snow plowing.
- 2) **Shouldering** –Trees on Globstad Beach have been taken care of.

**G) Other Business**

- 1) **Building permits** – None received at this time.
- 2) **Humphrey Institute Grant: Local Government Innovation Award Grant.** Jane Nelson wrote the grant and submitted on Oct. 10th, 2016. The grant focused on the innovative use of the Cormorant Community Center. Also included was information about the Mill Pond project and the beautiful Cedar Bridge. Awards are announced December 8, 2016 at a ceremony in the Twin Cities. Thank you to Susie for locating this grant application through the MN Association of Townships.

3) **General Election Judges** - All Judges are scheduled for the Nov. 8th General election.

4) **Meeting Dates:**

- a. The next Cormorant Town Board Meeting, is scheduled for Tuesday November 29th, 2016 at 7PM at the Cormorant Town Hall.  
The December Town Board Meeting will also be scheduled at the November meeting.
- b. The Becker Co. Association of Townships will meet on Thursday Oct. 20 at 6:30 pm in Detroit Lakes. Claudia will not be attending.
- c. Flu Shots will be given at the Cormorant Community Center on Monday Oct. 17th between 9am – Noon. Shots provided by Thrifty White Drug and township resident Dee Ann Anderson.

**H) Treasurer Report:** Report given for the Spring Creek Project. A Report was given for the month ending September 2016. Motion to accept report by John. Seconded by Tim. Motion carried 3-0.

(need to input \$\$\$\$)

A discussion followed concerning possible upcoming projects for 2017.

**I) Adjournment** – The township meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. with a motion by Steve, seconded by Tim . Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Nelson, Assistant to Clerk

