

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **March 28, 2016**, at 7:00 pm, at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Supervisors John Buhaug, Tim Erickson, and Steve Sorenson, and Clerk Claudia Hanson.

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

B. **Minutes** from the February audit and planning meeting and regular meeting were approved, with a motion by Tim, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The bills/claims were signed.

C. **New Business**

1) **Liquor Licenses:** The Board reviewed application for a combination on/off sale liquor license for Tri- Lakes Roadhouse. Gabe provided all paperwork Becker County Auditor's office required (no resolution needed). **Steve motioned to consent issuance of the new combination license, as applied, and seconded by Tim, carried 3-0**, for Gabe Line, owner of the Tri-Lakes Roadhouse.

2) **Jo Downs, Cormorant Daze** – Jo mentioned at the last Cormorant Daze meeting, that there is interest in having a “cormorant” statute, like other communities have pelican or loon statutes. Board would be interested in providing input toward this. This committee meets the first Monday of every month.

D. **Old Business**

1) **Cormorant Community Center-** The Easter Egg Hunt, with close to 100 children attending, was another success. Many compliments were received and Robin Carlson did a great job organizing the event.

2) **Newsletter Update** -Jo Downs is working and coordinating with Peg Olson to complete. Board gave ideas to get more information to add to newsletter.

E. **Recycling** – Benneth's site needs gravel.

F. **Roads**

1) **Tar kettle** - **Tim** shared estimates and options for new and used tar kettles.

Our current tar kettle is over 20 years old. New kettle would cost about \$17,000. Board discussed and decided to purchase new unit. Steve motioned, seconded by John Buhaug, to purchase new tar kettle. Carried 3-0.

- 2) **Gravel Quote** - One quote for gravel work was submitted by Orvis Olson, for the amount of \$11.50 per yard + gravel tax .25 yd. equaling \$11.75 yard. Board discussed and motion to accept bid was made by Steve, seconded by John, carried 3-0.
- 3) **Tar** - Tim ordered crack fill and it is coming on Thursday.
- 4) **Globstad Beach Rd** - There is a bad dip that has gotten better as frost is thawing out.
- 5) **Speed Monitor** - Steve ordered another speed monitoring sign to be placed coming into Cormorant Village on Becker Cty. 11.
- 6) **Road Inspection** - This will be on same day as Board of Appeals Day, May 5th.
- 7) **150th Avenue** - Houston Engineering is working on an old washout in the ditch of this road, by Neufeld's, which Becker Soil and Water Conservation District, is handling.

#### G. Other Business

- 1) **Building permits:** Only one permit has been received:
  - a) Bossert, Jason, 11331 W. Lake Ida Lane, Halvorson Bch, 1st add., Lake Ida, Sect. #27 (addition on slab)
- 2) **Weed meeting update** - Tim and John gave an update on the weed meeting. New this year is to complete a weed map as to where noxious weeds are located.
- 3) **Donations** - The following were approved, as suggested by the public at the annual meeting:
  - a) Camp Cormorant, sponsor 2 children to attend this camp, motioned by Steve, seconded John, carried 3-0
  - b) Becker County Museum, \$1000, motioned by Steve, seconded by John, carried 3-0.

- c) Becker County Humane Society, \$100.00, motioned Steve, seconded John, carried 3-0.
  - d) Dollars for Scholars, \$2,000.00, motioned Tim, seconded John, carried 3-0.
  - e) Alert, \$6000.00, motioned by Tim, seconded by Steve, carried 3-0.
  - f) Kiddieland, 150 tickets to give away at Cormorant Daze, motioned by Tim, seconded by John. Carried 3-0.
- 4) **Becker County Assn. of Townships meeting** – Meeting is scheduled for April 7th, 7pm, at the Becker County Courthouse.
- 5) **Solid Waste Township Meeting** – This is to be held on April 21st, 7:00 p.m. at the Becker County Courthouse.
- 6) **Fire Protection Agreement** – This was mentioned at the annual meeting to determine the Fire Levy. The breakdown for the fire protection was \$19,036 for regular assessment and \$8,246 for the fire truck fund totaling \$27,282. Steve motioned, seconded by John, to accept this agreement. Carried 3-0.
- 7) **Treadmill** – Board decided to keep old treadmill and not purchase extended warranty.
- 8) **Safety Meeting** – Tim recommended having this meeting a little earlier this year.
- 9) **Floors** – Ila updated the kitchen and bathroom floors will be buffed on April 8th.
- 10) **Cormorant Quilters** – A big thank you to the Cormorant Quilters, meeting the second Monday of the month, for their donation of \$300.
- H) **Reorganizational items**
- 1) Chairman - Motion made by Steve, to have Tim appointed Chair of the Board, seconded by John. Carried 3-0.
  - 2) Wages and mileage reimbursement - Board would like wages and mileage to remain at the current rates.
  - 3) Conflict of Interest - As Tim did the snowplowing for 2015 and will again this coming winter, along with other road work such as mowing or grading, a resolution regarding any conflict of interest was reviewed, and **Steve motioned, seconded by John**, to accept Resolution 2016-3 (attached)

as written. Carried 3-0. Each supervisor voted in favor of resolution and it was signed by Steve. As Steve also did some snowplowing, and may again this winter, another resolution regarding any conflict of interest was reviewed and **Tim motioned, seconded by John**, to accept Resolution 2016-4 (attached) as written. Carried 3-0. Each supervisor voted in favor of resolution and it was signed by John. A Third resolution for any conflict of interest was reviewed if John does any such road work as snow removal or other road work. Steve motioned, seconded by Tim to accept resolution 2016-5 (attached) as written. Carried 3-0. Each supervisor voted in favor of resolution and it was signed by Steve.

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

Available upon request.

Beginning Balance		\$ 522,966.88
Receipts		+ \$ 1,328.87
Disbursements		- \$ 68,868.66
Ending checking acct. balance		<u>\$ 455,427.09</u>
Investment beginning balance	\$210,772.10	
Investment purchased	-0-	
Investment transferred/sold	-0-	
Investment interest	<u>\$41.87</u>	
Investment ending balance	<u>\$210,813.97</u>	

Susie wanted to advise the Board that the Township will receive \$2662 in dividends from MATIT Insurance. This was announced at Short Course which MATIT has never issued back dividends to township before!

J). **Adjournment** – The Township board meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM with a motion by Tim, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The next regular township meeting will be April 12th, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully adjourned,

Claudia Hanson, Clerk

