

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **April 14th, 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 March 28th regular meeting were approved, with a motion by Tim, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The bills/claims were signed.

**C. New Business**

1) **Lyle Hanson, CLWD** – Lyle advised Board the costs involved in maintaining noxious aquatic species inspections at the lake’s public assesses. He is asking the township for donations towards the inspector’s expenses. It is costing approximately \$17,000 per lake per year to maintain inspectors and have decontamination units at certain lake public accesses. The lake associations are contributing to the costs, as well as CLWD and funds are given to the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District. Board will consider further and advise.

2) **Pastor Ruth Hetland, Beers and Hymns** - Pastor Ruth, St. Peters Lutheran Church, is coordinating another place to hold this combined church event, which is usually held at the Cormorant Pub during the winter months. She was hoping this function could be held outdoors in the community park. They are thinking to have it on a Sunday night. Regarding the alcohol, the public would bring their own beverage. No alcohol would be for sale. Board considered and agreed to permit this function in the park area for no fee. She will advise on a date.

**D. Old Business**

- 1) **Treadmill** – This has been ordered and will be delivered in 2-3 weeks.
- 2) **Camp Cormorant** - Susie followed up on the cost of sponsoring two children and who to sponsor. The cost is \$890 and found a good match for two children in need with the help of a local social worker. This donation was

approved by the public at the annual township meeting.

- 3) **Kiddieland donation** – Susie also looked into this and the cost of 8 tickets would be \$24.00. This was also voted on at the annual township meeting and Susie will purchase 150 tickets to give away to children at Cormorant Daze.

#### **E. Recycling**

- 1) **Solid Waste Meeting** – This is April 21st at Becker County, at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **Tentative HHW Day** – This will be either July 22nd or July 29th.

#### **F. Roads**

- 1) **Tar kettle** – Waiting for the new kettle, coming in 3-4 weeks.
- 2) **Speed Monitor** – Steve ordered another speed monitoring sign to be placed coming into Cormorant Village on Becker Cty. 11.
- 3) **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. Board reviewed agreed with their plan.
- 4) **Tar Crew** – Board discussed who will be on the tar crew and who will be assigned to other road projects, so attention is kept to mailbox post installation.

#### **G. Other Business**

- 1) **Building permits:** The following permits have been received:
  - a) Ament, Brian and DeAnn, 13570 Ideal Beach Lane, Upper Cormorant Lake, Sect. 16 (decks).
  - b) Hanson, Richard, 13302 Ideal Beach Lane, Sect. 16 (new storage shed)
  - c) Nistler, Anthony, 13262 Maple Hill Lane, Sect. 4 (new storage shed)
- 2) **Lawn Mower upkeep** – Mower needs oil change, blade sharpening, and a check up before warranty is up. Board ok'ed.
- 3) **Assistant Clerk** – Claudia needs help for the summer again and assigned Jane Knoff-Nelson for maintaining office hours, and doing miscellaneous office work.
- 4) **Lake Park LARL Link Coordinator position** – Opening at Lake Park site.

5) **Becker County Hearing** – A hearing is scheduled for April 19th at 9:00 a.m. at Becker Cty Courthouse to review application for an off-sale liquor license filed by Tri Lakes Roadhouse. Board had no opinion towards this hearing, and had previously approved this license application on a township level.

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

Beginning Balance	\$ 455,427.09
Receipts	+ \$ 29,599.50
Disbursements	- \$ 42,414.64
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$ 442,611.95</u>

Investment beginning balance	\$210,813.97
Investment purchased	-0-
Investment transferred/sold	-0-
Investment interest	<u>\$44.76</u>
Investment ending balance	<u>\$210,858.73</u>

The Treasurer’s Report was approved with a motion by Tim, seconded by Steve. Carried 3-0.

J). **Adjournment** – The Township board meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM with a motion by Tim, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The next regular township meeting will be April 26th, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully adjourned,

Claudia Hanson, Clerk