

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **April 13th, 2021**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Chairman Steve Sorenson, Supervisor John Buhaug, Treasurer Susie Braseth, and Clerk Claudia Hanson. (Tony Hubbard on military leave)

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

B. **Minutes** from the March 30th variance and regular meetings were approved with a motion by John, seconded by Steve. Carried 2-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Grant Johnson** – Mr. Johnson explained the sign identifying the road (Grant’s Road) where he lives, by Swannies Campground, may have been hit and it is missing, He provided photos where it was located. He reported incident to the Becker Cty. Sheriff. He requested the sign be replaced and mounted again soon, as his wife has a heart condition and wants to ensure any emergency vehicles can locate his residence quickly. He suggested moving it 3 feet north and 3 feet closer to road so he can monitor who may be vandalizing the sign with his security camera. Board discussed and agreed to order another road sign and will replace it once weather cooperates and Gopher One has marked area.
- 2) **Tammy Odegaard, Cormorant Daze** - Tammy updated the Board for upcoming Cormorant Daze scheduled for August 21st. This event was canceled last year due to the pandemic. Games Galore can have their blow-up amusement games for kids again within Covid 19 protocol and the township had already paid ½ of the cost for the games in 2020 (\$1175). Some other ideas for the community event would be to have a petting zoo, magician, midget wrestling, etc. Donations are needed and Steve stated that the Township has always promoted this event and would like to continue supporting it. The first Cormorant Daze meeting had a good turn out, but more help is always needed.
- 3) **Buffalo Lane closure request** – A resident on Buffalo Lane emailed and is hosting a wedding in August. He was wondering if the township would allow to have the road blocked off for about four hours on the day of the wedding. Board discussed and

they do not have authority to shut down a public road, as it is everyone's road. There would be concern too if road were blocked off during a medical emergency and ambulances had to detour to another road to get to emergency. Claudia will respond that the township cannot block off road.

- 4) **One Day Craft Show** – Some one has contacted and requested renting the hall to organize a craft show in which s 20-25 vendors would use space to sell their crafts and business items. Board talked over and usually the center is rented out for smaller groups, as family reunions, birthday, and graduation parties. Concern was expressed if too many people would be coming thru the center in too tight of a proximity. The organizer will be sending an email to explain further what this event would entail.

D. Other Business

- 1) **Exercise machines** – Ila updated that Push Pedal Pull serviced and maintained the equipment in the exercise room
- 2) **Otis Elevator bill** – Claudia advised that Otis elevator bill is still pending, for services that were performed in error, but Otis is still charging for the services.
- 3) **Calendar** – Claudia advised that some reservations have been made to book space at the community center, including Lake association meetings, a few parties and some clubs coming back for monthly events.

E. **Recycling** – John reported that someone left a long pipe and a vacuum cleaner at one of the sites.

F. Roads

- 1) Road inspection – Board agreed to still have this Wednesday, April 28th following the Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting.

G. Other Business

- 1) Safety meeting – Board agreed to have Darrin Galde to host meeting again on May 5th at 5:30 p.m.
- 2) Donations – Board discussed, and John made motion to donate as follows. seconded by Steve: \$6000 to Alert, \$150 to Becker Cty. Historical Society, \$100 to Becker Cty Humane Society, \$250 to Lake Park Historical Society, \$2000 to LPA Dollars for

Scholars, \$900 (4 kids) to YMCA Camp of Cass-Clay, \$1175 to Games Galore (Cormorant Daze) and \$2000 to Cormorant Daze committee. Carried 2-0.

3) Household Hazardous Waste Day – Claudia will check with Sandy when to schedule.

4) Miscellaneous correspondence – Board reviewed mail and advertisements.

H. **Treasurer’s Report** - Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month (ending March 2021). Available upon request.

Beginning Balance	\$506,822.10
Receipts	+ \$ 128.98
Disbursements	- <u>\$58,655.74</u>
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$448,295.34</u>
Investment beginning balance	-0-
Investment purchased	-0-
Investment transferred/sold	-0-
Investment interest	<u>-0-</u>
Ending Investment value	<u>-0-</u>

The Treasurers Report was approved by John, seconded by Steve. Carried 3-0.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John, and carried 2-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 27th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Hanson, Clerk