

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **June 30th, 2020, at 7:00** p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Supervisors John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Chairman Steve Sorenson, Treasurer Susie Braseth, and Clerk Claudia Hanson.

- A. **Call to Order** by Chairman Sorenson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. **Minutes** from the June 9th variances and regular meetings were approved with a motion by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Mark and Marlene Nielsen, N. Leaf Lake Road** – Marlene sent a note that they are having a problem with the ditches running east and west along their pasture by N. Leaf Lake Road. They are clogged with cattails, so drainage is getting worse each spring. Board discussed and one of the supervisors will contact them to inspect the ditch and if there is an issue with the culvert.
- 2) **Susie Braseth, Transfer Station** – Susie has been notified by Larry Boschee (manages one of the township's recycling shed) several times that too much junk ends up at the recycling centers that eventually will have to be brought to the county landfill. Susie asked Sandy Gunderson, coordinator at Becker County Environmental Services, and the idea of Cormorant Township having a Transfer Station, like the one in Osage, came up. Susie also suggested if the old recycling sheds could be used. A transfer station is to collect junk, like appliances, electronics, etc, that is not normal trash and has to be brought to the county landfill. Steve will call Sandy and get more information. Sandy has also informed us that the Mobile Household Hazardous Waste day has been cancelled.
- 3) **Joyce Priewe, Evergreen Terrence Road** – Joyce contacted Claudia that there are now three permanent residences in this development and wanted to have Township take over maintenance of the road, such as mowing and snowplowing. Claudia confirmed in the minutes from 2007 where a road agreement was approved by the Board to take over maintenance once 3 permanent residences were in the development. John motioned, seconded by Tony to take over maintenance. Carried 3-0. John will let Lloyd Ness know to add this road to his mowing rotation.

D. Old Business

- 1) **Calendar** – Covid 19 restrictions from Governor Walz are still limiting large group gatherings. Ila mentioned the Lions wanted to use the picnic shelter on July 13 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm for a meeting and Board gave permission if they needed extra tables, they could use the old tables in the garage.
- 2) **Carpet cleaning** – Ila had suggested that we could carpets cleaned as no one using center yet. Board agreed that was a good idea. Claudia will get that scheduled.

E. **Recycling** – Household Hazardous Waste Mobile pick up in the township parking lot has been canceled. Board agreed that more bins should be set up at some of the sites.

F. Roads

- 1) **Dustguard** – Board visited with Dean Block, grader, and agreed to have certain gravel roads dustguarded again. Board mentioned to take off Nels Erickson Road but to add Creekview Drive. Claudia will contact Kathy Stenger.
- 2) **Signs** – Creekview Drive needs a speed limit sign, as complaints have been received of drivers speeding and is a concern as children are living in the development.

G. Other Business

- 1) **Conflict of Interest Resolutions** – The Township exercises these resolutions every year usually in the spring, but due to CoVid -19, these resolutions were not adopted until today.

As Steve may do some snow removal at the community center parking lot, and on some other township property, a resolution regarding any conflict of interest was reviewed, and John motioned, seconded by Tony, to accept Resolution #2020 - __ as written. Carried 3-0. Each supervisor voted in favor of resolution and it was signed by Tony.

As Tony may also do some snow removal this coming winter, and help with emergency debris removal, etc. from township roads, or property, another resolution regarding any conflict of interest was reviewed and Steve motioned, seconded by John, to accept Resolution #2020 - __ 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 minor community center projects or maintenance. Steve motioned, seconded by Tony to accept resolution #2020 -__ as written. Carried 3-0. Each supervisor voted in favor of resolution and it was signed by Steve.

- 2) **Appointment of Election Judges** – Claudia provided the list of judges to appoint for upcoming elections. Judges to be appointed are Cara Bjerken, Susie Braseth, Lori Buhaug, Jo Downs, Ila Mae Lindstrom, Tim and Ginger Lenzmeier, Donna Lutz, Barb Maasjo, Mark and Marlene Nielsen, Dave Olson, Sharon Olson, Patty Sapa, and Laurie Wanke. John motioned to approve these judges, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.
- 3) **Right of Way issue on Ideal Beach Road – Fran Heitkamp** was present and advised the Board that his neighbor, the Shaw's, have planted trees and hedges along the road and are too high and blocking visibility for Heitkamps. Fran had Kyle Vareberg, Director, from Becker County Zoning, inspect the trees and he sent a letter to the Shaws to keep the hedges and trees no higher than 4 feet within 20 feet of the road right of way. Apparently, the trees and bushes have not been trimmed down and are in the township road right of way. Kyle Vareberg, according to Fran, would like to have a meeting with a Township supervisor and the Becker County Sheriff to discuss this issue. Board will consider a meeting time.
- 4) **Tim's Retirement Gathering** – Due to Covid 19 restrictions, and the center still closed, this will be reconsidered for August or September.
- 5) **Fire Extinguishers** – Ila and John suggested to contact Nardini to make sure the centers' extinguishers are maintained and to add some extinguishers for the sheds and some of the equipment. Claudia will contact Nardini.
- 6) **Governor Walz Covid 19 Community Funding** – As mentioned in recent MAT press release, our township should be receiving \$27,000 in township aid.
- 7) **Laurie Wanke, LARL Link Site Librarian** - Laurie is looking to retire from her position sometime before this winter.
- 8) **Miscellaneous mail** – Board reviewed miscellaneous mail, including more than thank you notes for donations made.

H. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with a motion from John, seconded by Tony, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 14th, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Hanson, Clerk