

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, May 9th, 2023**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Supervisors John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Clerk Claudia Hanson, Treasurer Susie Braseth, and Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser. Absent was Chairman Steve Sorenson.

A. **Call to Order** by Supervisor Buhaug followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. **Minutes** from the April 25th regular meeting, Board of Equalization, Road Inspection were read. Motion to approve minutes made by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 2-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

1) **Cardio Drum Class** - Claudia received an email from Leah Knight regarding a cardio drum class she teaches and wants to offer them here. Ms. Knight provided a mockup flyer and Claudia invited her to attend tonight's township meeting to provide more information but was not able to attend. Board discussed typically a freewill donation is paid by class attendees, whereas Ms. Knight's classes have a set fee. More information is needed before the Board can decide if the classes can be started here at the community center. Jessie Chenze added she has aware of this class; hopes they will be available during evening hours.

2) **Dennis Mortenson** – Dennis Mortenson presented a plan on behalf of the Patriot Flag Committee (Lions). Dennis Gilbertson is the committee chair and wants to install more flags (potentially 5 of them representing the State of Minnesota and the branches of the military) outside the community center. Mr. Mortenson noted the township would bear no financial responsibility and has done the Gopher One locates so flag poles are placed safely. He has 60 American flags on hand if anyone needs one and intends to replace tattered flags throughout the township. Tony mentioned that the Cub Scouts will take the tattered flags and retire them. Board will consider and advise.

D. **Old Business**

1) **Halliday/Giere Family Bench** - Claudia spoke with Si Giere and he agrees with using their donation funds for benches with a plaque honoring their pioneering family (Nels Erickson). Claudia and Ila Mae will send a photo of what they think would work best to Mr. Giere for final approval before a purchase is made.

- 2) **Newsletter** – Jessie Chenze suggested that early and late summer newsletters would be beneficial to the community. Susie suggested a “name the snowplows” contest and the chosen names could be revealed during Cormorant Daze. Jessie would like to interview each board member so she can provide a profile of the Board in upcoming newsletters.

E. **Recycling**

- 1) **Brush/Compost Land** – No current information is known about the possible purchase of the brush/compost land as Chairman Sorenson was unable to attend this meeting. John mentioned garden hoses were found at a recycling center. He also advised patrons are shoving unfolded boxes into the recycling bins which fill up the bins much faster than necessary. John mentioned installing orange tape or signs to direct patrons to put compost and brush in the appropriate areas at the brush site. Ed Chenze indicated a lot of compost being dumped in the brush area which makes burning it more difficult. Surveillance photo reviewed by the Board revealed TipTop Lawn Care truck putting compost in the wrong area (brush) and a letter should be sent to them, reminding them where to dump items. Ed mentioned a RV full black water sewer tank was left at a recycling center. John noted 60 photos per day are taken at the various recycling centers.
- 2) **Mobile HHW Day** – Claudia updated HHW Day is scheduled for August 25th, 2023 (Friday). No dates in June were available. Sandy Gunderson prints up the posters announcing the HHW Day. Ila Mae had good idea to have posters ready before lake association meetings to inform as many residents as possible. Claudia will reach out to Sandy to have HHW information ready for the meetings.

F. **Roads**

- 1) **Bids for Road Work** – No additional information is known at this time as Steve is not present at the meeting.
- 2) **Stripping for Parking Lot** – Stripping of the community center parking lot will be initiated once the parking lot is repaired. Advanced Stripping (Tyler Anderson) has done the stripping before.
- 3) **Swing-Away Mailbox Posts** – Claudia and John mentioned there have been numerous requests for swing-away mailbox posts and will meet tomorrow to organize the requests by road and start Gopher One locates.

G. Other Business

- 1) **ARPA** – Claudia has completed the annual report for ARPA.
- 2) **MATIT Coverages** - Claudia will advise the old plow is longer being used and to remove it from MATIT insurance coverage.
- 3) **Miscellaneous Mail** – Claudia advised a thank you card was received from the Humane Society for the township’s donation and a thank you from the Bouschee’s for the new speed limit sign on Nelson Lake Road.

H. Treasurer’s Report Susie presented her treasurer’s report for *April 2023*. Board reviewed claims (payments) and receipts. Data is available on request.

Beginning Balance	\$652,553.50
Receipts	+ \$ 1,568.30
Disbursements	- \$ 58,034.90
Ending	<u>\$ 596,086.90</u>
checking acct. balance	
Investment beginning balance	-0-
Investment purchased	-0-
Investment transferred/sold	-0-
Investment interest	<u>-0-</u>
Ending Investment value	<u>-0-</u>

Treasurer’s Report was approved by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 2-0.

I. Adjournment - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. with a motion from John, seconded by Tony, carried 2-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 30th, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk
and Penny Wickenheiser, Deputy Clerk