

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, June 14th, 2022**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Chairman Steve Sorenson, Supervisor John Buhaug, Clerk Claudia Hanson, Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser and Treasurer Susie Braseth. Supervisor Tony Hubbard was absent.

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

B. **Minutes** from the May 31st regular and variance meetings were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by Steve, seconded by John. Carried 2-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

1) **Jo Downs Newsletter** - Jo was not present at the meeting but Claudia had emailed her about the newsletter and election judging.

2) **HHW Day Schedule** – Claudia emailed Sandy Gunderson at Becker Cty Environmental Services and she will check on availability to hold HHW Day. Steve recommended scheduling before Labor Day as more people are still in the area to participate, before closing up cabins or heading south for winter.

3) **Air Conditioners** - Ila spoke to Glen Smith and he estimated a cost of \$900 for 30 pounds of (old version) freon for the air conditioner in the kitchen. Board discussed if financially prudent to replace the air conditioner for \$2,000-\$3,000 instead of fixing the old one. Board decided purchase new kitchen air conditioner. Additionally, Ila mentioned that the School Room had water downstairs again and it may be from another air conditioner leaking. Steve indicated that if the School Room needs a new air conditioner also; if not worthy to repair then a replacement should be ordered. The center has four air conditioning units.

4) **Window treatments in School Room** – Ila presented idea for shades on the westside windows of the School Room as the sun heats up the room and strains air conditioner. Board decided that Ila should make inquiries into purchasing window shades for the School Room.

D. Old Business

- 1) **Show Team Update** – Claudia advised Errin Bjerke picked up the bag of Show Team information. Ms. Bjerke will reach out to individuals previously scheduled for Talks of the Town in 2020 (prior to COVID cancellations) to see if they are still interested and/or able to participate.
- 2) **FEMA & Water in Basement Update** – Claudia added no bills have been received for further work completed on the outside of the community center. Jud Komrosky did exterior drainage work. Claudia will email Sheriff's Office if FEMA funds can be utilized to pay that expense. Ila inquired if the basement carpet can be cleaned with FEMA monies also as it smells musty after the water leak.
- 3) **Picnic Shelter Work Update** – Ila updated the Board that a couple of Lion members will stain the wood picnic tables, after power washing them. Ila mentioned that it may be beneficial to purchase heavy duty plastic picnic tables, in addition to refinishing the old ones. We have two Lifetime plastic picnic tables by the pickleball court that have been a positive addition (heavy duty yet easy to move). Board discussed those tables may be better than the old wood ones as less maintenance, easier to move and will not give people slivers. Discussion ensued on where to purchase and Ila suggested Mac's in DL or Moorhead, as other pickleball tables were purchased there. Board decided to order five new picnic tables. Susie indicated we could use the old wood picnic tables in other areas of the community center property.

E. Recycling

- 1) **New Signs** – Ila indicated she has not received any additional information about the new signs.
- 2) **Attorney Appointment for Lease Agreement Update** – Claudia and John met with Mr. Sam Rufer on June 2nd at 9:00 a.m. regarding lease agreement for new brush/compost site. Mr. Rufer recommended the lease agreement be kept as simple as possible, and Marlene Olson should be the only person listed on the agreement, as she is the only actual owner of the property, not Kyle. Mr. Rufer further explained that even if Kyle was an owner, then his spouse would have to be listed and his marital status is in flux/ unsure.

The lease agreement will be for 25 years, and Ms. Olson will be paid \$2,000 annually and \$250 per month pursuant to the lease. Ed Chenze's maintenance of the property is a separate payment and not required to be included in the lease agreement. John said he will update Kyle Olson about the lease.

F. Roads

- 1) **Tar Kettle Update** – John advised the tar kettle is working very well and is getting a lot of use by the Tar Crew.
- 2) **Dustguard request for 115th Str.** – Claudia received a call about the excessive dust on 115th due to semis traveling frequently down that road. Claudia will call Corbins' Excavating get on his dustguard schedule to treat roads. John will check with Dean Block regarding the status of the grading of gravel roads.
- 3) **Mowing** – Board agreed we should start ditch mowing.

G. Other Business

- 1) **State Bank of Lake Park Update** – Claudia advised paperwork has been submitted to the State Bank of Lake Park regarding individuals approved for township banking needs.
- 2) **MATIT Insurance Package** - MATIT Insurance package was reviewed and paid. Steve recommended to increase insurance coverage next year for buildings as the property and structure values have increased. John will put insurance cards in township vehicles.
- 3) **Vitalant Blood Drive** – There were 35 volunteers donating blood on June 3rd, of which 27 individuals were able to successfully donate. Four donors were able to provide “power red blood cells.” This will be the only blood drive offered this year, due to lack of staffing at Vitalant.
- 4) **Election Judge training** – Claudia stated training is underway at Becker Cty. Auditor/Treasurer's office. We have four new judges : Penny Wickenheiser, Warren Meissner, Lavonne Selberg and Megan Hoyes. Claudia noted that she and Cara Bjerken will attend the training on the new ballot marking machine in July.
- 5) **Miscellaneous Mail** – No other pertinent mail received.

H. Treasurer's Report- Susie indicated she is unable to provide a Treasurer's Report as she did not have ink in her printer to print her report.

- I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John, and carried 2-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 28th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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