

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **August 12th, 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 July 28<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were approved with a motion by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.
- C. **New Business**

1) **Bruce Bjerke & Curt Lundeen, Cormorant Lions Club** – Bruce spoke first to address the Township’s and Lions Club relationship. Bruce noted the locks were re-keyed, but no notice given to the Lions regarding their access to the building. Steve Sorenson explained during Covid, this would be a good time to re-key locks as in past years, keys have been duplicated. Unfortunately, unauthorized people have been found in the community center that should not have a key. Steve further explained the Board wants to maintain control on who has key and especially during Covid 19, to keep access to the center limited to reduce spread of the virus. The center has only been available for official township business and essential services, such as the Lions sponsored Blood Drive. Bruce would like a key once Covid 19 restrictions have passed.

Secondly, the Lions bench that is in the School Room should be anchored down somewhere, as in the park area or elsewhere on the township property.

Thirdly, the Welton sign by the playground needs to be repainted. Bruce advised the Lions do want to keep that sign where it is currently located. Steve thought there might have been misunderstanding and after Vi Welton had passed, that it was to be removed. However, the Board is in support of leaving sign and ok with it being repainted.

Curt Lundeen spoke to give history of the Lions involvement in the community center, as in petitioning for the new addition, applying for and using a large loan for remodel of the kitchen, restoration of the School Room (Gene Kaiser was contractor) and other projects. In summary, the Lions have added a lot to the center.

Steve agreed to this, and how the new larger kitchen has been helpful to

facilitate Lions' breakfasts and other fundraisers. The September Hunter's Stag will be cancelled but Bruce added there will still be a cash drawing and another possible raffle for Christmas. Bruce also mentioned that a thank you note for the new tables would have been appreciated, at which time Susie added a thank you would be appreciated from the Lions using the community center space for their meetings and events. Tony summarized that this was a good time to recognize to keep communication open between us so there are less misunderstandings.

- 2) **Lisa Marshall, Township assessor** – Lisa was present to hand out what sections she will be assessing this coming year. She will be concentrating on Sections 2-4, 9-10, and 16, as well as some scattered miscellaneous construction and new construction. She is limited (due to Covid 19) to enter new construction, only if there are no windows or doors already installed. She was wondering if we could publicize this where she is assessing in our newsletter, but the township has not printed any newsletters due to Covid 19 as everything has been cancelled.
- 3) **Severson Beach Road** – Joyce Holm, who assists people with building projects and zoning issues, had left telephone message, if this road was a private or public road. Board agreed this is a non-maintained public road, so the same zoning laws would apply for building on this road, as any other public township road.

#### D. **Old Business**

- 1) **Downspout work** – This should be done on the building in next few weeks.
- 2) **CARES Act** – Susie, Ila and Claudia have been working on what to claim under the this act for Covid 19 reimbursement. Claudia explained to add sneeze guards for elections and Board agreed to have these ordered. The reporting form is not very user friendly and first report is due September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) **Tim's Retirement** – Board discussed on possible dates to hold this in the garage or outside, depending on weather conditions.

- E. **Recycling** –A mattress was left at the County road 5 & 6 site and has been removed to the Becker county dump.

**F. Roads**

- 1) **Culverts** – Culvert by N. Leaf Lake Road had been dug in and installed. Board will need to inspect on East Lake Ida Lane.
- 2) **Golden Lane** – Claudia received phone call regarding brush, small trees, and mailboxes blocking view for drivers who are stopping on Golden Lane and trying to turn on County Hwy. 5. Board will add this to the brushing list for the township. The County will need to be contacted by the owners of the mailboxes to move them back.
- 3) **Storm estimates** – Supervisors will need to arrive at estimates for storm wash outs or gravel run off.

**G. Other Business**

- 1) **District 9 meeting** – This will be held via Zoom on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) **Paint handicap spots** – Ila mentioned this would be good time to re-paint handicap parking spot in community center parking lot, as no one parking there now. Steve offered to contact Tyler Anderson.
- 3) **Wax and polish floors** – Ila added that the kitchen and bathroom floors could be polished.
- 4) **Miscellaneous mail** – Board reviewed other insignificant mail. Mileage certification has be received and is due on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**H. Treasurer’s Report** - Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month (ending July 2020). Available upon request.

Beginning Balance		\$417,260.99
Receipts	+	\$2,575.14
Disbursements	-	<u>\$18,817.41</u>
Ending		
checking acct. balance		<u>\$401,018.72</u>

Investment beginning balance	-0-
Investment purchased	-0-
Investment transferred/sold	-0-
Investment interest	<u>-0-</u>
Ending Investment value	<u>-0-</u>

- I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. with a motion from Tony, seconded by John, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 25th, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Hanson, Clerk