

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Chairman Steve Sorenson, Supervisors John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Clerk Claudia Hanson, Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser and Treasurer Susie Braseth.

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

B. **Minutes** from the July 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

1) **Newsletter Editor – Jessica Chenze** – John mentioned she is interested in this role but could not attend the meeting tonight.

2) **Arvig Issue/WIFI TVs** – The community center’s TV signal was disconnected last week, so after Claudia inquired with Arvig, we were notified that the cable lines needed repair and are outdated. Arvig will now only provide TV service thru the internet/Wi-Fi. They did temporarily restore cable TV service until the first week of August, when they will switch over to Wi-Fi TV only. An extensive email was received from Arvig as to what options and what need to be done to facilitate this change. The current TVs in the center are not smart TVs and the internet speed will need to be increased. Tony will undertake this project and research our options quickly so our TV service will hopefully not be impacted to our exercisers and other TV users at the center.

3) **Thunderbolt Ranch Storage, Becker Cty. Planning Commission Hearing, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Steve updated that only 10 units will be built to begin with, and the owners of the complex will gage how much demand there is for storage units at this location. This plat is located on a more remote gravel road versus on a major highway for easy access.

D) **Old Business**

1) **FEMA & Water in Basement**– Claudia contacted Jud Komrosky regarding his work done and he would like to donate that time to the township, as he only worked on this for about ½ hour. Claudia thanked him for his time. What bills we have can now be sent thru to the Sheriff’s office for FEMA consideration.

- 2) **Shades for School Room Quote** – A message was left with Arlyn at Northwest Blinds but no call back. Claudia will contact him again to order shades.
- 3) **Picnic Tables** – Painting is all done.

**E. Recycling**

- 1) **Compost/Brush Site Lease Agreement** – All parties have signed off and agreement is completed.
- 2) **HHW Mobile Collection** – Claudia advised that Sandy Gunderson, Becker Cty. Environmental Services was able to provide two dates to hold this event. Board discussed and decided on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 6:00 pm.

**F. Roads**

- 1) **Maple Lane vs. Maple Rd confusion** – Steve also looked into this and discussed with Board that road should be Maple Road. Claudia added that for our annual road certification thru Becker Cty. Hwy. Dept., we have always listed that portion of road as Maple Road, never as Maple Lane. John & Judy Mouw, residents on Maple Rd, were advised to contact Becker Co. Sheriff and Lake Park Fire Department to clarify and have Sheriff's Office contact Google to correct the road names.
- 2) **Signs by West Lake Ida Lane/E. Lake Ida Lane** - The "Dip" signs for E. Lake Ida Lane have not arrived yet.
- 3) **Patching/Tar Work Hole on 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave** – The tar crew is working on this.
- 4) **Noxious Weeds** – John and Brandon Gill from Becker Soil & Water Conservation District did a tour of where noxious weeds are in the township and working to options to eradicate them.
- 5) **Nelson Lake Road Dispute** - Board discussed that only a 30-mph speed limit sign can be posted, no lesser speed as requested by Mark and Vicki Bouchee, as MN Statute advises what township can post for speed limits on that type of road. John had copies made of the statute and were sent to the Bouchees.' John also stated that more trimming will be done around the speed limit sign for better visibility. The "Watch for Children" sign will be reposted.

**G. Other Business**

- 1) **August Calendar** – This was distributed. Steve added to block off the afternoon of Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> for Cormorant Daze set up. Ila added that the Book Sale will start set up on Thursday after the Pinocle group is done using the School Room.
- 2) **State Primary August 9<sup>th</sup> - Township Meeting August 10<sup>th</sup>** – Due to the State Primary Election being held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, the Township meeting will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) **Minute Comment** - A resident on Nelson Lake Road texted a correction to the May 31<sup>st</sup> minutes (p.42) that it should read “same neighbor is placing flags in road right of way and also chasing off people fishing from easement.”
- 4) **Miscellaneous Mail** – No other pertinent mail received.
- 5) **Cormorant Daze** – Cormorant Daze is scheduled for Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) **District 9 Meeting** – Minnesota Association of Townships District 9 meeting and election is scheduled for August 15, 2022, in Alexandra, MN.

**H. Treasurer’s Report** -Susie presented her treasurer’s report for June 2022. Board reviewed claims (payments) and receipts. Data are available on request.

Beginning Balance	\$572,992.76
Receipts	+ \$260,759.23
Disbursements	<u>- \$ 78,437.78</u>
Ending	<u>\$ 755,314.21</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>

The Treasurer’s Report was approved by John, seconded by Steve. Carried 3-0.

**I. Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by Tony, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk