

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, August 8th, 2023**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Chairperson Steve Sorenson, Supervisors John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Treasurer Susie Braseth, Clerk Claudia Hanson, and Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser.

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

B. **Minutes** from the July 25th regular meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes made by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

1) **Lisa Marschall, Township assessor** – Lisa Marschall was present to give update on which sections she will begin conducting assessments in the township.

D. **Old Business**

1) **Cormorant Daze Items, Recycling Bins** – Ila Mae Lindstrom, hall manager, advised she left a message for Sandy Gunderson (Becker Cty. Environmental Services) regarding having recycling bins for Cormorant Daze. She mentioned the township has plastic barrels that could also be used for recycling during Cormorant Daze. Claudia noted she will contact Ballard Sanitation for two more dumpsters also. Ila also noted that additional tables for Cormorant Daze are located in the shed, which still need assembly and the stage for the Little Miss Sunshine & Little Mr. Moonbeam will be set up on Thursday night, as the coronation will be held on Friday night.

2) **Ramp Rebuild by Kitchen Door** – John indicated that cement would have to be poured in that area before a new ramp can be installed.

E. **Recycling**

1) **Brush/Compost Site Land Update** – Steve advised the survey is done; however, it shows that they are 11.2 acres versus 10 acres. The initial purchase on the property was for 10 acres for \$100,000. No closing date has been set yet, but Steve asked Board if anything needs to be changed with this proposal as purchasing an additional 1.2 acre.

2) **Trex Plastic Challenge** – Claudia advised boxes have been set up to collect plastic bags, plastic wrap, etc. which in turn Trex will use that plastic to make us a recycled bench. Rick Julian will keep track of volumes collected for the township, so eventually we will receive a free bench.

- 3) **HHW Mobile Waste Day** – Claudia ordered two roll offs from Ballard Sanitation. Steve reminded Board to have the tar crew and any other township employees available on August 25th (Friday) for collection from 2 - 6 pm.

F. Roads

- 1) **Road Work** – Steve updated that Anderson Brothers will start tomorrow on Birch Lane, and then proceed to the rest of the roads on the list for this year.
- 2) **Bishop Road Sign** – John installed sign so this is done and should help direct traffic.
- 3) **Swing Away Mailbox Post Request** – We have received 3 more requests (two next to each other on YMCA Lane) Ed Chenze mentioned there are a bunch of mailboxes all together on YMCA Lane that should be on swing away posts, as some of those mailboxes are difficult to get around with the snowplow.
- 4) **Shouldering** – This was brought up for tasks yet for this year.

G. Other Business

- 1) **Fuel Tank** – John updated to add a 1000-gallon fuel tank near the sheds for the plow and truck crew to use when needing to refuel. It would be on a stand that is 64 feet high and the tank is 72 feet long. Cost is about \$3950 and would include a 20' hose. The pump for the tank can only be turned on by a switch installed in one of the sheds. A fuel level monitor would also be installed. John suggested to have a cement pad first dug in so it is on a level surface. Board discussed and agreed to install this with a motion by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.
- 2) **Flu Shot Clinic** – This is scheduled for October 11th, 2023, and Claudia suggested to start advertising for this. Jessie Chenze can draw up flyers and mention in next newsletter. It was also suggested to advertise in the Lakes Country Connection.
- 3) **Carpet removal in LARL Link site room** – Ila recommended to have the carpet in the Link room also replaced when the CLWD office carpet is removed. That carpet has also been wet and would be good to have it replaced with laminate flooring. This flooring work will be done after the parking lot gets altered and raised up along the outside of building, so water will run away from the building. Tony suggested tile flooring instead of laminate.

- 4) **Buffalo/ Red River Watershed District** – Letter was received that this district has vacancies for viewers.
- 5) **PAM (Patient Activation Measures) Rehabilitation Clinic** – A representative from this clinic sent letter asking if the township would be open to facilitating an informational meeting on what services this clinic can provide for patients. Board agreed to set up a date and time for this.
- 6) **Wasps** – They have been sprayed and removed from the playground since the last meeting.
- 7) **Miscellaneous Mail** – None was received.

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

Beginning Balance	\$752,700.39
Receipts	+ \$ 4,946.96
Disbursements	- \$ 35,316.28
Ending	<u>\$ 722,331.07</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>

Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report made by Tony and seconded by John.

Carried 3-0.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John, carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk