

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Wednesday, August 10<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 26<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and variance hearings were reviewed. 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, Assessor** – Lisa indicated that Sections 25, 26, and 31 to 36 are being assessed. This includes the recycling site on Hwy 5 to Seclusion Pont and south. Sections are completed every five years. The due date for these sections to be completed is December 31, 2022. Lisa was provided a check in the amount of \$12,215 for the first half of billing per the township contract.
  - 2) **Becker Cty. Planning & Zoning Meeting, August 10<sup>th</sup>, “ Ida North Shore Addition”-** This hearing is being heard today at 6:00 pm at Becker Cty. for preliminary plat approval for 5 riparian lots and 1 non-riparian lot on the north shore of Lake Ida next to Cty. Hwy 4., address is 14736 Co. Hwy 4.
  - 3) **Post Notice for Exercise Room** – Clerk’s Office received a note from an exercise room user that some people are not signing in when they use the exercise room. A notice will be posted, in the future, on the door of the exercise room to remind individuals to sign in upon use of room.
  - 4) **Lions Sponsored Vitalant Blood Drive, Proposed Date of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – All are in support of having a blood drive at the Community Center on September 9th. Claudia indicated there is another event that same day, but the other patron has been notified of the blood drive and they will not overlap in use of the Community Center.
  - 5) **Dishwasher Leaking** – Glen Smith has been to the Community Center to fix the dishwasher in the kitchen.
  - 6) **Deputy Treasurer Needed** – Susie mentioned that Megan Hoyes cannot serve as the Deputy Treasurer anymore, so she needs a replacement.

**D) Old Business**

- 1) **FEMA Update** – Claudia sent letter and receipt documentation to the Becker County Sheriff as requested. She has not received any correspondence back from the Sheriff’s Department yet.
- 2) **Shades for School Room** – The shades in the School Room have been installed and look fantastic.
- 3) **Arvig Install and Discount Update** – Tony was present during the Arvig Wi-Fi and TV installation, and he indicated that Arvig offered improved Wi-Fi coverage if an extension was installed in the Cormorant Room. The fee for the extension would be \$5.00 per month. The Board discussed and decided to invest in extension for the betterment of the Wi-Fi needs for the Community Center. Tony submitted a grant/donation application to Arvig and was told that the Arvig donation committee would meet to review our application. This application will need to be completed on an annual basis.
- 4) **Need New Showteam Leader and Newsletter Editor** - Jessie Chenze was present to gather more information about the Newsletter Editor as she is potentially interested in taking on this role. She was provided with Jo Downs’ contact information and a meeting between them will be scheduled. Still no interested parties to becoming the Showteam Leader.
- 5) **Cormorant Daze – Recycling Bins, Extra Dumpster, etc.** – Board discussed that one additional dumpster has been ordered for Cormorant Daze. Regarding request for recycling bins, the Township does not currently have any outdoor bins, only those located inside the center. Board mentioned difficulty in controlling what is being placed in outdoor recycling bins for a large event like this, so Board not interested in obtaining any outdoor bins for Cormorant Daze. On Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, the book sale items will be organized. Steve mentioned the need for 50 small square bales of straw for the audience to sit on while watching the wrestling matches. Names of community citizens that may have some bales were mentioned.

- 6) **CLWD – Extra meetings** – Board agrees if CLWD have extra meetings beyond what are ordinarily scheduled, no additional meeting room charge will be required of the CLWD.

#### E. **Recycling**

- 1) **HHW Mobile Collection** – Roll offs have been requested HHW collection day on August 26, 2022. Steve mentioned to have workers lined up for the afternoon.
- 2) **Ed Chenze** – Ed updated the Board regarding the brush/compost site. He said he has been at the location more often which seems to sway individuals from dropping off stuff that should not be discarded at the site. Discussion ensued regarding other townships having staff at site to ensure those bringing brush/compost are actually township residents.

#### F. **Roads**

- 1) **Sign by E Lake Ida Lane** - “Dip” sign was installed.
- 2) **Patching/Tar Work – Hole on 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave** – Patchwork has been filled on the hole.
- 3) **Noxious Weeds** – Weed spraying and/or mowing for wild parsnip and leafy spurge has been done, maybe need to watch for anymore spot treatment.
- 4) **M&R Signs Ready for Pick Up** - John mentioned the signs have been picked up and will start having some installed around the township.
- 5) **Nelson Lake Road** – Claudia mentioned an email request was submitted to change the language in the June minutes regarding the speed limit of 30 mph per statute. Board decision was that no change will be made those minutes as this topic was covered in the July minutes.
- 6) **Snowplow** – Board discussed the need for a different/newer snowplow. John found a 2007 Freightliner. Tony mentioned repairing the old plow and maybe purchasing a bigger plow. Board agreed the importance of reliable plows and also a good backup plow in case of breakdowns. Further research will be done.

#### G. **Other Business**

- 1) **Miscellaneous Mail** - No other pertinent mail received.
- 2) **Art Club Workshops for Next Year** – Claudia will discuss the scheduling of the annual workshop with Ila Mae Lindstrom.

3) **Another Home School Request for Room Use** – Claudia received an email from Savannah Sederquist regarding the use of the Community Center for 10 pre-kindergarten aged home school students. Ms. Sederquist was unable to attend the meeting tonight but is willing to attend a meeting to discuss her plans with the Board.

4) **Olek Variance Letter** - Language added to Variance letter as required.

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

Beginning Balance	\$755,314.21
Receipts	+ \$ 64,227.13
Disbursements	- \$ 44,831.00
Ending	<u>\$ 774,710.34</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 Steve, seconded by John. Carried 3-0.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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