

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **July 13th, 2021**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Chairman Steve Sorenson, Supervisor John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Treasurer Susie Braseth, and Clerk Claudia Hanson.

- A. **Call to Order** by Chairman Sorenson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. **Minutes** from the June 29th variance and regular meetings were approved with a motion by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Maureen Lilleby, Turtle Lake** – Maureen was present to explain a dispute she is having her neighbor, William Mattson. He is insisting she move her 911 sign and mailbox but she feels his request is unreasonable and she refuses to move them from her driveway location and from the road right of way on Thomas Road. Mr. Mattson also is planning to build a fence and she believes it will be located on her easement or property. She is also questioning if a fence can be placed in the road right of way.

Board reviewed all plat and survey information she provided and where her easement is located. Board agreed a fence cannot be placed in the township road right of way. Board recommended a letter could be sent by the township to her neighbor advising no fencing can be placed in the ROW, but first the Board agreed a site inspection should be completed, and photos be taken of the string line Mr. Mattson has placed where he wants to put up the fence.

- 2) **Wild Parsnip** – Claudia reported a phone message was received in the township office that there is wild parsnip by the bridge going over Mill Pond in our community park. John mentioned he will look at that and also the parsnip reported by 142nd Ave past Trillium Trail going towards Klondike Ave. We will also contact Becker Soil and Water Conservation District manager, Marsha Watland, on how to treat it.
- 3) **Trailer for lawn tractor** – Board agreed Ila could use a trailer to pull behind the lawn tractor to use for collecting debris.
- 4) **Ramp for playground** – Ila brought up idea to have a small ramp built so more handicap accessible for children with disabilities. Board discussed and thought a good idea and will further consider where ramp should be built and what dimensions.

- 5) **Parking by climbing dome (playground)** – Cones have been set up to keep people from parking too close to the new climbing dome.

D. Other Business

- 1) **Newsletter** – Jo mentioned to have articles and information ready end of July so that another edition could be printed before Cormorant Daze.
- 2) **Calendar** – Claudia mentioned the weekdays are still very busy with activities.
- 3) **Steeple leek** – John is waiting for more estimates.

E. Recycling

- 1) **Cameras** – Tony will be picking up new cameras.
- 2) **Concrete abandoned** – Someone abandoned a broken trailer full of concrete slabs. Board discussed that a skid steer will be needed to move away the concrete and still need to have trailer hauled off too. Tony will look further at video footage to see if a license plate was recorded for person leaving trailer.

F. Roads

- 1) **Swing Away posts** – Claudia still getting quite a few requests.
- 2) **Access off Viking Bay Road** – Stacey Palmer Scott has shared emails with Board and Becker Cty Zoning regarding a road dispute for a neighbor of hers to use the correct access off his property to Viking Bay Road (and not access his property direct from County Hwy 6). Board has been made aware of this, but no action needed from township at this time.
- 3) **Tar Kettle** – Board still looking into repair options, and discovered there are no local options to repair this. John stated he is checking options to have a truck/semi driver to haul the tar kettle to St. Cloud.

G. Other Business

- 1) **ARP Application** – Claudia is working on this and hope to finish up tomorrow.
- 2) **DOT Biennial Update** – Claudia completed this report regarding our snowplow mileage and CDL information for the Dept of Transportation.
- 3) **Smeby vs. Hanson** – This case is now being requested for Supreme Court review by Janet Hanson, after the Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Terry Smeby.
- 4) **Miscellaneous correspondence** - Other insignificant mail was reviewed.

H. **Treasurer's Report** - - Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month (ending June 2021). Available upon request. Susie's printer not working but gave verbal report.

Beginning Balance	\$345,675.71
Receipts	+ \$255,471.10
Disbursements	- <u>\$31,310.36</u>
Ending	
checking acct. balance	<u>\$569,836.45</u>

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 Tony. Carried 3-0.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with a motion from Tony, seconded by John, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 27th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk