

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, August 30th, 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 August 10th 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) **Savannah Sederquist, Toddler/Kindergarten Group** – Ms. Sederquist was present at the meeting and advised she would like to meet at the Community Center one time per month with approximately 10 children. The children would participate in craft stations and simple baking activities. She would have 5-6 adults/mothers also present to assist the children with their activities. They would like to start their program on September 14th. Claudia will send Ms. Sederquist the Community Center’s rental agreement and user policy. The Board decided that no rent will be required for this group, and they will meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month through the school year, from 9:30 am – 12:00 noon so not to conflict with the Coffee Club.
 - 2) **Art Club Print Donation** – Marlys Buchholtz-Pearson, the Art Club President, contacted the Clerk’s Office to inquire about displaying a piece of art donated to the Art Club. The artist is DeV Vaughn Kolke, the founder of the Art Club. The Board would like to see the print, get dimensions, and then further discuss whether or not it will be displayed in the Community Center. Steve mentioned it is a difficult decision as what and who’s work should be displayed in the Community Center. This issue was tabled by the Board.
 - 3) **Sewer Permit Request** – Paul Baumgartner will be present at the September 13th meeting to discuss a sewer permit. The location of the property is on Viking Bay Road.
 - 4) **Wi-Fi Booster Request for Exercise Room** – A note was received by the Clerk’s Office that requested a Wi-Fi booster be placed in the exercise room. Board agreed to provide one.

- 5) **Wildflower Road Parking** – Claudia indicated she has received an email and phone call about vehicles parking in the right-of-way and onto the tar. John offered to go to location and check on the situation.
- 6) **130th Avenue, Mike Lage** – John mentioned Mike Lage informed him that many gravel trucks are traveling on 130th Avenue while they are tarring County Road 145. The road needs some gravel and grading due to heavy use recently, but the tarring project is almost complete. Dean Block will gravel and grade the road.
- 7) **Deputy Treasurer** – Cindy Wipperling was present at the meeting. She indicated that she has a background in bookkeeping and is willing to serve as the Deputy Treasurer.

D) Old Business

- 1) **Cormorant Daze Recap** – Steve reported that Cormorant Daze was “record breaking.” It was noted that electrical enhancements are needed for next year. A fuse blew and the doors to the Community Center locked unexpectedly.
- 2) **Leaky Dishwasher** – Ila contacted Glen Smith, and he is unavailable to assist with the repairs of the dishwasher. Claudia will call Hobart Commercial to inquire about service to the dishwasher. Board agreed that if dishwasher is unable to be repaired, a new one should be purchased. The current dishwasher has been utilized for many years. Tony indicated it may cost about \$5,000-\$7,00 for a new commercial one.
- 3) **Newsletter Editor, Jessie Chenze** – Ms. Chenze was present at the meeting. She provided a rough draft of a fall newsletter. It looks terrific, thus far. Ladies Night Out could be advertised. Susie will call Tammy Odegaard about Halloween Trunk or Treat.
- 4) **Showteam Organizer Needed** - There is still no one interested to becoming the Showteam Leader. This will be advertised in the Newsletter.

E. Recycling

- 1) **HHW Mobile Collection Results** – Steve estimated that approximately 60-70 people participated in the HHW, which is less from last year. Sandy will provide report with details to the Board. Steve mentioned only 1-2 people were not allowed to participate, as they were not residents of the township. John had 5-6 people helping him unload everything into the roll-offs. Because of reduced attendance, HHW may be only offered every other year.

F. Roads

- 1) **Weeds**– John indicated that L&M Road Services will spray weeds in middle/end of September in road right-of-ways. Also, a letter was received from Marsha Watland, Becker Cty. weed inspector, on which gravel pits are certified.
- 2) **Thank you letters for gravel, mowing work** – Claudia read two emails she received from community members thanking the township for the gravel and mowing maintenance provided by the township.
- 3) **Nelson Lake Road** – An email was received from a resident to review a land survey for property near the road. Clerk already responded to resident that an attorney or surveyor would be the qualified person to review a survey, which Board agreed is correct response.
- 4) **Royal Oaks Road** – This is a new road, and an inquiry was made if township could snowplow this new road. Board discussed and Tony recalled the road agreement for Royal Oaks Road is that maintenance/plowing by the township can begin once when there are 4 permanent structures or 25% present on the road.
- 5) **Halvorson Beach Road** – An individual on Halvorson Beach Road expressed the need for some gravel on that road and Board agreed to this.
- 6) **YMCA Lane** – There is a variance on September 13th to renovate a dorm building on the YMCA Camp property. It has been suggested the road that goes thru the yard of the camp possibly be vacated as a township road and be considered private.
- 7) **Snowplow Update** – John has been looking into the cost of purchasing new snowplows. He will continue to pursue more information about this.

G. Other Business

- 1) **Player Piano Donation** – Claudia has a player piano that she would like to donate to the township. Board agreed to accept the donation. It will be placed in the School Room.
- 2) **Gutters for Sheds** – Gutter guards have pulled away from sheds. John will call someone to repair them.
- 3) **Donation Suggestion for Future Book Sale** – Kelli Atchinson does an excellent job as coordinator of the book sale. \$867.00 was received. There was a suggestion to change the “freewill offering” to “suggested donation” for each book.

4) **Computers for Clerks** – The current laptop is over five years old that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk share. Sharon Buermann, township IT advisor, has mentioned a new laptop can be recommended, as she has tried to improve its performance. Board approved the purchase of two laptops; one for the Clerk and one for the Deputy Clerk as it is more efficient to get township work completed.

5) **Miscellaneous Mail** – No mail to mention.

H. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with a motion from Tony, seconded by John, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 13th, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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