

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **August 31st, 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 August 10th regular meeting were approved with a motion by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

1) **Kelly Atchison, Book Sale** – She would like to have an author do a book signing. Steve Stenson, a local author, would be willing to participate and would also assist with finding other authors, including Marjorie Mathison Hance, author of “Murder at Pelican Lake” and other books. Book sales would occur next Spring and at Cormorant Daze. Board agreed this would be a good idea. Kelly also added the book sales totaled to \$1084, which is a record sale.

2) **Emma Mattson/Kristin Osborne, Liquor License for Ella Marie’s** – Emma and Kristin were present to obtain an on-sale wine/strong beer & 3.2 liquor license for EllaMarie’s as they are purchasing the coffee shop. Board discussed and agreed to grant new license. John motioned to consent issuance of these Liquor licenses, as applied, and seconded by Tony, carried 3-0. As EllaMarie’s is required to have a 3.2 liquor license, Board needs to pass 3.2 liquor license resolution. Tony also motioned, seconded by John, to issue this license by resolution. Motion carried 3-0 and all supervisors voted in favor of this resolution. License to be listed under Lakes Fika LLC.

D. **Old Business**

1) **Cormorant Daze Feedback** – Steve noted all positive feedback about Cormorant Daze. It was a success, even with only 39 vendors (less than past years). Car show had 110 cars. Cormorant Store sold 300-400 taco-in-a-bag. Wrestlers were a huge hit; lots of spectators and wrestlers posed for photos after event. Little Miss Sunshine had 20 entrants and 489 people were fed breakfast by Lions. Fire truck with ladder displayed American flag. Games Galore – too cold to run water for slides, but children used slides without water.

There were 150 tickets purchased at \$5/ticket for children to ride kiddy rides. Rock painting was successful with 40-50 children participating. There were 41 pies received from St. Peter's and 39 were purchased. Face painting was very successful. Toy giveaway unsuccessful as difficult to monitor as only one toy per child. Bike helmet give-away was a success as 50 bike helmets were given away. There is a need for centralized information booth and lost and found which was supported by Steve. Board discussed and thanked Tammy Odegaard for all of her assistance with organizing Cormorant Daze.

- 2) **Newsletter for Fall** – Trunk and Treat discussed and this event could be held inside and outside. Claudia to check calendar to see if it can be held on Saturday, October 30th as a tentative date . Susie will call Barb Maasjo to coordinate help and if we can publish in newsletter.
- 3) **Calendar** – ECFE will be back on calendar as of Thursday, September 23rd. ECFE will be available every Thursday with classes 9:00-10:30 a.m. Claudia to look into Thrifty White providing flu shots.
- 4) **Steeple Work** – John will have to look at company in Fargo to do repairs.

E. **Recycling**

- 1) **Concrete Abandoned** – Payment of fine to township not received from person who left concrete in trailer at recycling center.
- 2) **HHW Day (Sept. 10th)** – Ballard's Sanitation will be contacted to have two large roll-off dumpsters available. Lloyd will bring skid steer. Steve, Tim, and Kerry will be there.

F. **Roads**

- 1) **S Big Cormorant Rd/115th** – There is an address issue as police call to that area revealed Google had S Big Cormorant Rd listed as 115th Street. Board decided entire road should be S Big Cormorant Road not 115th. Claudia will call and get it corrected.
- 2) **Dale Beach Lane**– There is a trailer parked on road right-of-way, but this section of Dale Beach Lane has been vacated. Not a township issue.
- 3) **Wildflower Lane** – John Diehl was present at last meeting regarding acquiring some

land which he has been maintaining but is not part of his property or his parcel. Our supervisor, John, researched this land as being county right of way, not a township right-away.

- 4) **Grader update** – Dean Block is doing winter preparation and maintenance on the grader.

G. Other Business

- 1) **Penny Wickenheiser, Assistant Clerk** – Introduction of new assistant clerk, Penny to the Board to help with office duties.
- 2) **Sweep for Front Door/Knox Box** – John has felt for door and Ila is looking at new rugs for entry to be purchased from Sam’s Club. Ila explained of what Knox Box is. Fire Chief will be consulted about need for one.
- 3) **ARPA Funds** - Board will have to decide further to how spend these funds.
- 4) **Access off Viking Bay Road** – Board had shared this issue regarding a road dispute for neighbors’ access of property to Viking Bay Road, with township attorney, Sam Rufer, but no action needed from township or Sam at this time.
- 5) **Miscellaneous mail** – Board reviewed miscellaneous mail.

- H. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with a motion from John, seconded by Tony, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 14th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk with
Penny Wickenheiser, assisting.