

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was recessed due to blizzard on Tuesday, **January 29th, 2019**, and rescheduled on Thursday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m., at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Supervisors John Buhaug, Tim Erickson and Steve Sorenson, Treasurer Susie Braseth, and Clerk Claudia Hanson

- A. **Call to Order** by Chairman Sorenson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. **Minutes** from the December 18th regular meeting were approved, with a motion by John, seconded by Tim. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business:**

- 1) **Liquor Licenses** - The Board reviewed applications for renewal of on/off sale liquor licenses for several local establishments: **Tim motioned to consent issuance of the following licenses, as applied, and seconded by John, carried 3-0, as follows:**

- a) Cormorant Bottle Shop – J. Rod Enterprises (off-sale)
- b) Cormorant Inn & Suites – Venture 55 LLC (on sale)
- c) Cormorant Pub – Patricia Maloney (on-sale)
- d) EllaMarie’s Café n Collectibles – Claudia Hanson (wine only- on sale)
- e) Green Valley Golf Course – Mike Levin, see below:

The Board reviewed applications for renewal of combination on/off sale 3.2 liquor licenses for Mike Levin with Green Valley Golf Course. Board reviewed application and consented issuance of combination license by resolution. **Tim motioned, seconded by Steve, to consent issuance of this license, and each supervisor voted in favor of passing this resolution (#2019-1).**

- 2) **Lloyd Ness** – Lloyd has approached Board regarding old road signs that township can no longer use. Rather than having to dispose of signs, Board discussed and decided to have Lloyd purchase old signs for \$1.00 a piece. He will start removing old signs this spring.

D. **Old Business**

- 1) **Newsletter** – Jo provided a draft of newsletter which everyone read thru. Overall consensus was that it was well written and ok to print. Jo included great photos of activities going on here at the community center.

2) **Calendar** – Some activities have been postponed or not attended very well due to harsh winter weather. Claudia and Ila have been keeping calendar updated.

3) **Website** – Claudia maintaining.

E. **Recycling** – A lot of snow piling up at centers, and salt and sand needed.

F. **Roads**

1) **Snow** – Due to a lot of snow received, Board has had extra removal of large piles and drifts done to keep roads open.

2) **Sign down** – There was a sign (now buried under snow) that fell off on top of hill by Ricks on Sherbrooke Road.

3) **Ditch issues on Braseth Beach Road** - John took inventory of items in road right of way on Braseth Beach Road and Board agreed a letter needs to be sent to all residents to make sure items in ditch are not parked or stored there, as it becomes a hazard for snow plowing and it is illegal to keep items in the right of way. Claudia will send letters out to all addresses John provided.

G. **Other Business**

1) **Appoint election judges for Township election** – John motioned, seconded by Tim, to appoint Claudia Hanson, Cara Bjerken, Laurie Wanke and Ila Mae Lindstrom as election judges for the March 12th annual township elections. Carried 3-0.

2) **Annual township meeting and elections** – Annual meeting is March 12th at 8:15 p.m. and township elections are from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

3) **Audit & Planning Meeting** – Board decided on having before regular meeting Feb. 26th at 6:15 p.m. unless a variance gets scheduled, which will have to meet earlier then.

4) **DOT Compliance email** – This email regarding drug testing for drivers was forwarded to Steve Fenske, MATIT, to review but we do not have to take any action.

5) **Don Lawyer Memorial article** – Claudia had Board review article for the MAT Insider newsletter for Don Lawyer.

6) **Board of Review date** - This is scheduled for April 25th at 10:30.

7) **Miscellaneous mail** – Board reviewed other mail.

H. **Treasurer's Report** - Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month (ending December 2018). Available upon request

Beginning Balance	\$113,169.61
Receipts	+\$229,166.87
Disbursements	- \$ 17,191.20
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$325,145.28</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 with a motion by Tim, seconded by John. Carried 3-0.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. with a motion from Tim, seconded by John, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 26th, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Hanson, Clerk