

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, December 19th, 2023**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Chairperson Steve Sorenson, Supervisor John Buhaug, and Supervisor Tony Hubbard, Treasurer Susie Braseth, Deputy Treasurer Cindy Wipperling and Clerk Claudia Hanson

A. **Call to Order** by Chairperson Sorenson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. **Minutes** from the November 28th regular meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes made by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Ramp** – Susan Hambleton mentioned to Claudia last Wednesday that the new ramp installed outside leading to the kitchen door is now lower than the door frame as before. It is more difficult to get through the kitchen door when using a walker or a wheelchair. She suggested it should be raised about 4-5 inches. John was aware of this and Ila has ordered an attachment to the ramp and door frame to raise the ramp to meet the bottom of door.
- 2) **Eric Lyon Fundraiser** – Claudia was emailed about a fundraiser to be held for Mr. Lyon who was diagnosed with a most aggressive growing brain tumor. The friends and family would like to host a silent auction, a sloppy joe dinner, etc. They wish to hold event on Saturday, January 20th, from 4 to 8 pm. Board discussed request and agree to grant the space for this fundraiser.

D. **Old Business**

- 1) **Newsletter (Update)** – There were many returned newsletters in the mail, costing us \$60 for the postmaster to process and return those newsletters to us , with incorrect or expired addresses. Jessie Chenze was not present but given the newsletters to update the address database.
- 2) **Flooring work in basement** – All the work is done, including the CLWD office, and as the CLWD will be contributing to the cost of the work, a bill of the costs will need to be done for their consideration.
- 3) **LPA Community Education** – Roz Howery had advised Claudia that there were enough participants to have a class last weekend on Saturday!

E. Recycling

- 1) **Brush/Compost Site** – Ed Chenze advised the site closed Sunday, November 26, 2023, However, again as weather is favorable, people are still trying to drive around the gate.

F. Roads

- 1) **Grant LRIP** - Claudia has finished this time-consuming project!
- 2) **Snowplowing** – Weather has shown very little snow, so no plowing.

G. Other Business

- 1) **Annual Polling Place Resolution Designation of Polling Place resolution** – Board reviewed resolution in which the Cormorant Community Center is again the designated polling place for 2024 elections. John motioned, seconded by Steve, to accept resolution #2023-__ designating the Cormorant Community Center as the 2023 polling place for our township. Motion carried 3-0 and each supervisor voted in favor of this resolution.
- 2) **Election Notice to Auditor** – Claudia will send the election notice to the Auditor.
- 3) **Candidate Filing January 2nd to January 16th, 2024** - Claudia mentioned the dates for filing for candidacy is open for the upcoming township election. John Buhaug’s position is up for Supervisor and Claudia’s position is open for Clerk. The clerks’ office will be open Tuesday from 1:00-5:00 pm on January 16th if anyone wants to stop in to file.
- 4) **Sheriff’s bill for surveillance time** – Susie has been in contact with the Becker Cty. Sheriff’s office to seek reimbursement for time spent with Summit Protection Services on July 10th, 2023. Summit Protection Services needed to search for surveillance video captured on our system relating to a pedestrian hit and run accident that happened by The Roadhouse Bar & Grill. A cover letter and the Summit Protection Services bill has been sent to the Sheriff’s Office.
- 5) **Next meeting** – Next township meeting is not until January 30th, 2024.
- 6) **Miscellaneous mail** – No significant mail was received.

H. **Treasurer's Report** - Susie presented her treasurer's report for *November 2023*. Board reviewed claims (payments) and receipts. Data is available on request.

Beginning Balance	\$103,538.48
Receipts	+ \$ 7,482.97
Disbursements	- \$ 50,997.53
Ending	<u>\$ 60,023.92</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>

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by John and seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by Tony, carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 30th, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Hanson, Clerk