

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, November 29th, 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, Treasurer Susie Braseth and Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser.

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

B. **Minutes** from the October 25th regular meeting 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) **Thank you from Mailbox Post Recipient** – Claudia advised the Board that the township received a thank you note from Dean Lamb. He was very thankful for the new mailbox post. John mentioned the new post hole driver works very well and through the frost without issue.

2) **December meeting** - The Board discussed that a regular meeting is not typically held between Christmas and New Year's; therefore, the Board decided to hold the December regular meeting on December 20, 2022.

D) **Old Business**

1) **Art Club Photo/Bio for DeVaughn Kolke** - Claudia distributed to the Board the proposed biography, copy of artwork, and email from Art Club President Marlys Buchholz-Pearson. Ms. Buchholz-Pearson explained, in her email, that the Art Club would like to display former Art Club President DeVaughn Kolke's artwork and biography during the Art Show in July. She proposed displaying it in the Historical Room. Board discussed this proposal and were slightly confused as to why they would want the artwork and biography displayed in the Historical Room on a weekend, when the Historical Room is not open on weekends. Decision made to display the original artwork and biography of DeVaughn Kolke in the School Room during the Art Show in July. Claudia to inform Ms. Buchholz-Pearson of Board's decision.

2) **Website – Add Snowplowing Protocol?** – Claudia mentioned she received a suggestion from Lori Olson to update the township website with snowplowing protocols. Board decided that this would be an excellent idea. Website will reflect that snowplowing will only occur during daylight hours. Additionally, snowplowing will only happen when 3-4

inches of snow have fallen, and any blowing and drifting has ended. John mentioned he stopped plowing near Nelson Lake Road due to poor visibility from weather conditions. John added a tree was hit on W. Lake Ida Lane around the curve. Website will reflect updated information and instruct community members to contact the township office or supervisors if the road in their area is hazardous.

E. Recycling

- 1) **Compost/Brush Site Closed – Still Dumping** – Ed Chenze mentioned he was driving by the compost site and noticed a person driving around the closed gate to dump brush. John also saw this individual and advised person the site is closed. John has since posted “Keep Out” signs. Ed said he will push more snow up along the fence areas to discourage people from going around closed gate/fence area. No rocks will be placed as no one wants a snowmobile to hit unnecessary rocks.
- 2) **Trees** - John indicated that Larry Boschee is wondering if anyone knows someone to obtain and plant trees.

F. Roads

- 1) **Snowplow** – John found another snowplow for purchase. It is a 2005 automatic, 47,000 miles, stainless steel box, and 2-way blade. Board reviewed photos of prospective new snowplow. John and Claudia will make a call tomorrow to make an offer. The purchase of another snowplow was previously approved by the Board.
- 2) **New Plow Need Unit Number?** – The new Sterling plow did not have a unit number assigned. Tony suggested number 13 and agreed by the Board. We may potentially have a snowplow naming contest next year.
- 3) **Sherbrooke Beach Road – Construction Site, Cones** – Steve indicated that the construction workers moved everything off the roadway today.

G. Other Business

- 1) **MATIT Update** – Claudia mentioned that township worker’s comp audit occurs at the end of the year and now the audit needs to be submitted electronically. Susie and Claudia will work together to accomplish this task and send certificates of insurance of all contractors.

- 2) **Screen Needed for Lions Zone Meeting** – The Lions Zone Meeting will be held tomorrow night. They have requested the use of a projection screen for their meeting. Ila Mae Lindstrom will ensure the projection screen is available for their meeting tomorrow morning.
- 3) **Newsletter** - Steve, Claudia, and Susie reviewed the latest newsletter and indicated that it looks terrific. Jessie Chenze will forward it to the printer.
- 4) **Maintenance Schedule for January** – Ila Mae’s brother Bradley is scheduled for a kidney transplant on January 9, 2023. Ila has planned with her assistant, Kathy, to complete her duties at the community center as needed while she is away helping her brother. Ed Chenze offered his services to assist with snow removal around the community center.
- 5) **Miscellaneous Mail** – No miscellaneous mail was received.

H. **Treasurer’s Report** -Susie mentioned we should be receiving the second half of the property taxes in the beginning of December. Susie presented her treasurer’s report for October 2022. Board reviewed claims (payments) and receipts. Data is available on request.

Beginning Balance	\$647,322.60
Receipts	+ \$ 830.66
Disbursements	- \$ 27,109.14
Ending	<u>\$ 621,044.12</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>

The Treasurer’s Report was approved by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.

I. Adjournment - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on December 20th, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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