

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **September 14th, 2021**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Chairman Steve Sorenson, Supervisor John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, and Clerk Claudia Hanson. Board member absent was Treasurer Susie Braseth.

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

B. **Minutes** from the August 31st 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) None

D. **Old Business**

1) **Fall Newsletter** – Jo Downs was present for discussion about fall newsletter. Barb Maasjo is trying to secure assistance for Trunk and Treat. Jo will contact Barb for final decision on whether Trunk and Treat will be available this year. If so, Jo will include in the newsletter. Jo will also contact Tammy Odegaard regarding the annual Ladies Nite Out event that is typically held the Friday before deer opener. More information about the accessibility of the library will be included in the newsletter. Information about what hazardous waste disposal is free at the Becker County landfill will be listed in the newsletter, as well as a reminder to community about plowing and keeping right-a-ways clear as winter arrives. No elections this year to note. Jo will also include information contained within the Calendar minutes in fall newsletter. Jo will have draft newsletter by the next township meeting (September 28th) and mailing of newsletter is scheduled for mid-October.

2) **Calendar** – Claudia shared that Thrifty White Drug is unable to come to townhall to provide flu shots this year due to staffing issues. ECFE to be held every Thursday beginning on September 23rd. Storytime to be held every third Thursday of the month beginning September 16th.

3) **Steeple Work** – No new information available.

E. Recycling

- 1) **Concrete Abandoned** – Payment of fine to township still not received from person who left concrete in trailer at recycling center. A second letter will be sent to that individual regarding fine payment requirement.
- 2) **HHW Day (Sept. 10th) Recap** – Ballard's Sanitation provided two large roll-off dumpsters. Steve reported the event was a success. There was some discussion of having a HHW Day during the summer. Steve indicated that Ballard's is unable to accommodate due to staffing and potential for very hot weather. Ballard's will provide summary of what was collected during HHW. There was additional HHW dumped on roll-off on Saturday by male. He along with his truck and trailer were caught on video. Identity of male is being investigated. Ballard's charges \$135 per hour to sort roll-off materials and individuals working HHW Day made all attempts to ensure materials on roll-offs were presorted to save on costs. Extra waste/property dumped by individuals outside of time allotment will result in added costs to township.

F. Roads

- 1) **Tar Kettle** - It will have to be transported to St. Cloud for repairs this winter.
- 2) **Patching and Asphalt Projects** - Steve is meeting with Driver Services tomorrow with list of locations that require services.
- 3) **Sealcoat Projects** - Steve mentioned this falls under his meeting with Driver Services as well. At this time, not many sealcoat projects appear to be necessary.

G. Other Business

- 1) **Penny Wickenheiser, Deputy Clerk** – Penny has been assisting Claudia with various clerk duties. Megan Hoyes is Deputy Treasurer and has worked with Susie. Megan has previous accounting experience. There was discussion about ensuring no interruption of township business if any board member is unable to fulfill their duties due to medical issue.
- 2) **ARPA Funds** - ARPA monies have been received and in township account. Some money may be used for fire contract.

- 3) **Lakeside Estates Revision 9/14/21 Hearing** – Steve received a call from person regarding 14 docks being put in. It is unknown what individual was referencing. There is a Becker County Revision meeting scheduled for tonight regarding Lakeside Estates land. There was discussion about Nelson Lake Condos and fees are \$3,000 for non-township people and \$300 for township people.
 - 4) **Miscellaneous mail** – No miscellaneous mail was received. Steve mentioned the Treasurer’s report was missing from the agenda.
- H. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. with a motion from Tony, seconded by John, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 28th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk with
Penny Wickenheiser, assisting