

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, December 20th, 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 November 29th regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

1) **Ideal Beach Lane dispute** - Tony advised he has had phone conversions with Fran Heitkamp as Mr. Heitkamp is disputing the County Sheriff's fine given to him for having fiberglass posts staked in the road right of way. He was looking for any correspondence the township sent to the Sheriff's office, but none was sent. Mr. Heitkamp was given copy of the minutes from February – May 2022 when this issue was discussed.

2) **Newsletter** - Jessie Chenze was present and indicated that township newsletter was sent to the printers a couple weeks ago and should be mailed soon.

D) **Old Business**

1) **Elevator Inspection Results** – Claudia indicated we have 60 days to comply with the elevator inspection results. A valid permit to operate the elevator was received but need to comply as follows: installation of signage identifying the utility room, the need for a light to be installed underneath the elevator, and an outlet needs to be installed under the car. Ila mentioned she believes that a light was installed underneath the elevator several years ago. Claudia will contact Otis Elevator about getting the required updates made.

2) **Website Updated** – Claudia uploaded more minutes to the site as well as snow removal protocol. Steven mentioned some issues with the snow removal protocol that have been commented on Facebook. Tony informed people to write or attend a township meeting if they have complaints, as board members have received calls about the protocol.

- 3) **Big Cormorant Lake Directory Ad** – Claudia noted that every three years Big Cormorant Lake publishes a directory. The township will have an ad included free of charge in their directory. Board discussed what may updates are needed in the ad and Claudia will forward updates to publisher.
- 4) **Hillside Plat Lot** – Mr. Loveth inquired about parcel between Ness Estate Road and Lot 9 of the Hillside Plat. (topic first came up in Sept. 27th 2022 meeting) and expressed interest if township has made a decision about what to do with the township lot. Steve indicated the township is not interested in selling the lot.

E. **Recycling** - Nothing new noted to discuss.

F. **Roads**

- 1) **Snowplows – Big Red and Betty White are out in force!!** – Susie suggested having a naming contest for new snowplow trucks. The name “Big John” was suggested by Steve. Board agreed a naming contest for the community may be fun to have available.
- 2) **Snowstorm – Ice and Snow** – A snowstorm is predicated again this week; 3-6 inches Thursday morning with high winds into Saturday. The Board added twenty inches of snow has fallen so far this winter. Roads are icy but salt/sand mixture that plows are dispersing does not help melt ice in very cold temperatures.

G. **Other Business**

- 1) **MATIT Update for Work Compensation** – Claudia mentioned MATIT sent another update. Claudia and Susie will work together to complete audit before February 15, 2023d deadline. Claudia mentioned audit can be completed online. However, if a township should chose to do it via mail, it is due January 31, 2023.
- 2) **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 2023 elections.

John motioned, seconded by Steve, to accept resolution #2022-__ 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.

- 3) **Election Notice to Auditor** – Claudia will send the election notice to the Auditor.
- 4) **Candidate Filing January 3 to January 17, 2023** - Claudia reiterated that the filing for candidacy in the upcoming township election for Supervisor and Treasurer is due between January 3 to January 17, 2023. Tony is up for Supervisor and Susie for Treasurer
- 5) **Next meeting** – Next township meeting is not until January 31st, 2023.
- 6) **Miscellaneous Mail** – No miscellaneous mail was received.

H. **Treasurer’s Report** - Susie presented her treasurer’s report for November 2022. Board reviewed claims (payments) and receipts. Data is available on request.

Beginning Balance	\$621,044.12
Receipts	+ \$ 1,259.27
Disbursements	- \$ 37,927.99
Ending	<u>\$ 584,375.40</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.

Susie noted proceeds from the recycling centers will be received in January. Money from November taxes should be received soon.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 31st, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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