

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, 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 January 31<sup>st</sup> regular meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes made by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.
- C. **New Business**

1) **Liquor License Renewal** - Liquor license renewals were requested by the following individuals representing their respective entities:

- Rod Einerson – Cormorant Liquor Store (Off-sale)
- Sam Stockstad – Parallel 46 (On-sale)
- Mike Levin – Green Valley Golf Course (On-sale)
- Eric Guler – Cormorant Pub & Boathouse (On-sale)
- Emma Mattson – Ella Marie’s (On-sale, 3.2)
- Gabe Line – Tri-Lakes Roadhouse (On-sale, Off-sale)

The Board reviewed applications for renewal of all liquor licenses for those listed above. John motioned to consent issuance of all Liquor licenses, as applied, and seconded by Tony, carried 3-0. The Board also reviewed renewal of wine/strong beer license and 3.2 malt liquor license for Lakes Fika (dba as EllaMaries Café and Collectibles). As EllaMarie’s wine/strong beer and 3.2 liquor license renewal involved passing of a resolution, John motioned, seconded by Tony, to approve and issue this license by resolution (#2023-1). Motion carried 3-0 and all supervisors voted in favor of this resolution.

2) **Benefit Request** – Michelle Bjerke, along with her sister, informed the Board that their mother, Roxanne Thompson, was involved in a serious motorcycle accident last summer, suffering spinal contusions and chipped vertebrae. Roxanne has been a resident in the area and previously did daycare in Lake Park for a long time, They would be like

to rent the community center for a benefit to help offset mounting medical expenses for her mom and preferably would like to hold the benefit on April 22, 2023.

Steve advised in the past the township has donated the use of the community center for benefits, and after discussion, the supervisors agreed to extend no rental cost for their use of the community center . Ms. Bjerke plans to hold a silent auction, serve a spaghetti meal, and the Roadhouse will have liquor for sale at the benefit. Steve reminded her that Gabe Line will have to present a certificate of insurance to sell the liquor at the benefit. Ms. Bjerke advised that she and Mr. Line are aware of this obligation. She will post flyers announcing this event in the community center.

- 3) **Final Plat Sign-Off, Ida North Shores Addition** – Scott Walz, Meadowland Surveying, was present with the final plat for Ida North Shores Addition. Steve and Claudia reviewed final plat and signed off on plat. Tony motioned to accept the final plat, John seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.
- 4) **Easter Egg Hunt for Children,** – Tammy Odegaard was present and willing to help coordinate the hunt again this year. Last year was a huge success and this year the event will be held on Sunday, April 2 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm. Ms. Odegaard will publish this in the March edition of the Lakes Country Connection newspaper. Decorating for the event will take place on April 1.
- 5) **Boy Scouts Banquet** - Tony added that he would like to schedule the Boys Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet for May 5, 2023, from noon to 9:00 p.m. This event will be added to the calendar by Claudia.

**D) Old Business**

- 1) **Elevator Compliance Work** – Claudia updated no date has been scheduled by Otis Elevator for the required repairs. Penny added that first half of payment was sent to Otis Elevator and the State has been informed that Otis Elevator will be contractor working on this.
- 2) **Senior Footcare Clinic** – Jessie Chenze indicated that Mona, the retired RN that will be holding the senior footcare clinics, has two people scheduled for tomorrow. She added Mona has received more calls/interest for openings in April.

- 3) **March Calendar** - Claudia distributed the March calendar to the Board and added Pinochle will not be played at the community center until May. Also, Pilates is still being held remotely.

**E. Recycling**

- 1) **Compost Found at Recycling Bins** – Compost (lettuce, peanuts, etc.) has been dumped at the recycling center bins located on Braseth Road.

**F. Roads**

- 1) **Snowplowing** – John updated all going well with snowplowing. He reported lots of drifting snow onto Rosman Erickson Road that had to be plowed again yesterday.

**G. Other Business**

- 1) **Board of Appeal & Equalization Hearing** – This hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.
- 2) **Township Election** - March 14, 2023 (Tuesday) 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm – Claudia confirmed the Board appointed the election judges at the January 31<sup>st</sup> regular meeting.
- 3) **Annual Meeting** - March 14, 2023 (Tuesday) at 8:15 pm – Claudia reminded Board and attendees that the Annual Meeting will be held following the township election.
- 4) **Annual Weed Meeting** – March 9<sup>th</sup> in Callaway. John will attend.
- 5) **Short Course Training** – This MAT training is available on April 3, 2023, at Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. Steve, John, Tony, Claudia, Susie, and Penny are planning to attend this training.
- 6) **Miscellaneous Information** – Claudia informed our community center drinking water had good testing results from MN Department of Health. Claudia also reported wrong fire contract (was for Lake Park township) was received from the Lake Park Fire Dept. She communicated with them to send correct contract.

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

Beginning Balance	\$740,241.04
Receipts	+ \$ 5,043.83
Disbursements	- \$ 30,569.98
Ending	<u>\$ 714,714.89</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>

As Susie was hospitalized for a time before January 31<sup>st</sup> township meeting, she was unable to prepare for *December 2022* Treasurer Report, which also was reviewed.

Beginning Balance	\$584,375.40
Receipts	+ \$260,594.33
Disbursements	- \$104,728.69
Ending	<u>\$ 740,241.04</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>

Both Treasurer's Reports were approved by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.

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 March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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