

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **February 25th, 2020**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Supervisors John Buhaug, Tim Erickson and Steve Sorenson, Treasurer Susie Braseth, and Clerk Claudia Hanson.

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

B. **Minutes** from the January 28th regular minutes were approved with a motion by Tim, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

1) **Liquor License** - The Board reviewed applications for renewal of on/off sale liquor licenses for Tri- Lakes Roadhouse, (owner Gabe Line), renewal of on-sale liquor license for Cormorant Pub and Cormorant Inn, and renewal of off-sale liquor license for Cormorant Bottle Shop (dba J- Rod Enterprises). Board discussed and agreed to grant all licenses. **Tim motioned to consent issuance of all on/off sale licenses, as applied, and seconded by John, carried 3-0.**

2) **Tammy Odegaard, Cormorant Daze fundraiser** – Tammy advised Board results from last Cormorant Daze meeting in which the committee decided on another fundraising option for this annual event. They would like to hold a “Spring Fling-Adult Prom” which the Front Fenders would perform live music, there would be a Silent Auction, and Gabe from the Roadhouse volunteered to have a bar to sell beverages. They would like to hold event on April 25th (Saturday) at which 6:30 p.m. would be the start of the Grand March, and regular Dance would begin at 7:00 p.m. at an entrance fee of \$20.00 a person. The Front Fenders have agreed to discount their cost for performing to \$1400.00. The event would conclude at 11:00 p.m. Board discussed and thought this would be a fun community event and a good option to raise some funds.

Tammy also presented estimate on cost for Games Galore, who annually provide the blow-up amusement games for \$2350.

Tammy stated the committee will not be selling buttons this year, also mentioned the Pub would not have a band in the late afternoon as there was so little attendance.

Next Cormorant Daze meeting will be on March 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Pub.

3) **Jo Downs – Mill Pond Bridge Art** – Jo explained that the Cormorant Area Art Club had

a challenge for all artists to paint the Mill Pond Bridge. There are now 6 paintings that could be used as décor or on display here in the community center. Board will consider where to have them hung in the community center. It was also suggested to have them displayed during the Spring Fling, Lions Breakfast and/or Cormorant Daze.

- 4) **Fire Protection Agreement** – Board reviewed this year’s fire contract with the Lake Park Fire Department. Tim motioned, seconded by Steve to accept 2020 Regular Assessment of \$19,808, and Fire Truck Fund of \$8,580 for a total of \$28,388. Carried 3-0.

D. Old Business

- 1) **Newsletter** – Board all agreed the Winter Edition looked great.
- 2) **Calendar** – Board reviewed upcoming events and Claudia will post on Website.

E. **Recycling** – Nothing to report.

F. Roads

- 1) **Snow removal** – Road crew has been working on pushing back big piles, and plowing back shoulders of roads.

G. Other Business

- 1) **Valley Green South lawn service** – Board reviewed estimate for lawn maintenance and agreed with 3 applications for weeding and feeding the lawn.
- 2) **Annual Weed Meeting** – March 26th in Callaway – John will attend.
- 3) **Short Course in Mahnomon** – Reminder that is scheduled for March 30th.
- 4) **Board of Equalization** – This will be Wednesday, April 29th, at 10:30 a.m. here at the community center.
- 5) **Annual Meeting** is coming up for March 10th, 2020, at 8:15 p.m. with the Township Elections being held from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 6) **Easter Egg Hunt** – Thanks to Robin Carlson for planning this fun event again which is scheduled for April 4th, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- 7) **PGOLID** – This group will hold a meeting once a year, which in the past, the room fee was paid to the township. However last year, there was no payment, and question came up by PGOLID if they need to pay. Board discussed and as with all non-profit organizations, the Board would suggest some funds for use of the meeting room.

- 8) **Townhall Meeting** – Rep. Paul Marquart and Sen. Kent Eken contacted Claudia to have another Townhall Meeting with them. This is planned for April 6th, Monday at 5:30 p.m.
- 9) **New Tables** – Ila has been working with the Lions Club to replace all the heavy old rectangular tables with lighter, white tables. These will be much easier for set up and take down for special events.
- 10) **Miscellaneous mail** – Board reviewed miscellaneous mail

H. **Treasurer’s Report** - Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month (ending January 2020). Available upon request.

Beginning Balance	\$272,614.67
Receipts	+ \$ 81,487.61
Disbursements	- <u>\$33,141.73</u>
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$320,960.55</u>

Investment beginning balance	-0-
Investment purchased	-0-
Investment transferred/sold	-0-
Investment interest	<u>-0-</u>
Ending Investment value	<u>-0-</u>

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. with a motion from John, seconded by Tim, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 31st, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk