

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **October 26th, 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 Treasurer Susie Braseth and Clerk Claudia Hanson.

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

B. **Minutes** from the October 12th variance and 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) **Volunteers** – Marci Hoff was not able to attend this meeting.

2) **Quiet Title Action** – Charles Ramstad, attorney, served by mail a summons for a quiet title action in which his clients are identifying and verifying their parcel property lines. This lot or parcel is on YMCA Lane which is our township road. The question for the township board is where this lot is located and how does this affect the use of the road. Steve did deliver summons to our attorney Sam Rufer for his opinion in what should be done and will await his opinion. John will inspect where lot is on YMCA Lane and what the current width of road is at this parcel's location.

D. **Old Business**

1) **Fall Newsletter**– Jo Downs was not present.

2) **Calendar** – Ladies Nite Out is on Friday, November 5th from 4:00 -9:00 pm. Ila will have Coffee Club crew set up tables for the vendors.

E. **Recycling** – Another grill was left at one of the sites.

F. **Roads**

1) **County Hwy. 145** – This gravel road is in our township and goes thru the gravel pit area. Becker Cty. Commissioner Barry Nelson contacted Steve Sorenson and recommended that Becker County tar this road, due to high traffic with large semi-trucks hauling gravel. This has caused a lot of dust to the point it has become a hazard, and also a very dusty nuisance to the three permanent residences that live on the road. Steve suggested a letter be written to Becker County that we are in favor of having this road tarred.

- 2) **Items in road right of way or ditch** – There are still some residents who are keeping items in the township road right of way such as boat trailers, vehicles, stuff, etc.that will be in the way of snowplowing. John would like to have some neon notices made for those residents where a neon sticker will be stuck on the item, warning owner to move item or it will be towed away.
- 3) **Snow Fences** – John brought up that Steve Mattson will install snow fences again in snow catching trouble spots near our township roads, as by Globstad Beach Rd and curve on Braseth Bay Road, to mention a few.
- 4) **Weed Report** – Marsha Watland with the Becker Soil & Water Conservation District, is asking for our annual weed report. John will complete and return.

G. Other Business

- 1) **2020 Census Population & Household Counts:** The annual total household population for Cormorant Twp. was 1,388. The total housing units was 1,133 which 603 were occupied units and 530 were vacant housing units.
- 2) **Designation of Polling Place resolution** – Board reviewed resolution in which the Cormorant Community Center is again the designated polling place for 2022 elections. John motioned, seconded by Tony, to accept resolution #2021-__ designating the Cormorant Community Center as the polling place for our township. Motion carried and each supervisor voted in favor of this resolution.
- 3) **December meeting** – This will be on Tuesday, December 21st, at 7:00 pm. Claudia will post notice.
- 4) **Miscellaneous mail** – No miscellaneous mail was received other than a thank you card.

H. **Treasurer's Report** - - Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month (ending September 2021). Claims are available on request.

Beginning Balance	\$556,306.12
Receipts	+ \$ 137.83
Disbursements	- <u>\$18,888.27</u>
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$537,555.68</u>

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 Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by Tony, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 30th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., variances beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk