

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, December 17th, 2024**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Chairperson Steve Sorenson, Supervisors John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Clerk Claudia Hanson, and Treasurer Susie Braseth.

- A. **Call to Order** by Chairperson Sorenson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. **Minutes** from November 25th, 2024, variance and 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) **Teen Dance, Rachel Kohler** – Ms. Kohler wanted to share a new idea for the community center to help fund the Miss Northwest Pageant program and to give a gathering space for our area teens. Her idea was to hold Teen Nights for kids in grades 6 - 12. She would love to promote a safe space for youth, as she has fond memories of attending such events in her youth, located in a spot that is not in school. She has been a volunteer for the NW Pageant Program since 2019, works at the Cormorant Bottle Shop and has lived in the Cormorant area for many years. Board and Rachel exchanged several questions and answers, such as there would be a \$3 charge at the door, and she would invite Hawley, Pelican Rapids, and Lake Park school kids to join in. She was hoping to use the larger Cormorant Room for the dance area and the smaller School Room for a gathering place.

Steve advised that many chaperones should be present to monitor youth, keep youth out of the exercise room downstairs, and even out of basement entirely. She understands the significance of having good supervision and has reached out to parents, and also the local 4-H club. She would bring her own DJ and music equipment and hoping to have an event at the end of February or beginning of March on a Friday or Saturday night. Board discussed and agreed to give this a try, as long as there is good supervision. Board also agreed to not charge any rental fees but collect a damage deposit. Rachel will coordinate for a possible open date in the upcoming months.

- 2) **Bunco, Barb Maajo** – Barb was not present but had reached out to Claudia to start a Bunco group twice a month on the first and third Wednesday afternoon starting in mid – January. Board discussed and thought that time frame was relatively open. Ila added that Pinoacle has now moved to the Cormorant Lutheran Church and this would be a nice addition to the many activities already in place this winter at the community center. Claudia will coordinate exact dates and times with the group.

D. Old Business

- 1) **Water Heater Damage/Insurance** – Claudia still awaiting costs to determine if an insurance claim should be filed.
- 2) **115th Street Incident-** Claudia advised she has been contacted by the attorney who will be defending our case and he would like to schedule a meeting in January to discuss the case.
- 3) **Comprehensive Land Use Plan Meetings** – More meetings are scheduled for December 17th and 18th, 2024, at the Becker County Courthouse.
- 4) **Ida North Shore Addition proposal** – Claudia advised the Lake Ida Lake Association president, Steve Slabik, has been informed of the proposed addition.
- 5) **Building Permit Issue** – Becker Cty. Zoning has emailed us that they can work on providing a monthly list of permits for our township.
- 6) **Newsletter** – Jesse will work on another edition of the newsletter and mention again to residents to keep road right of ways clear, especially for EMS vehicles and snowplows.

E. Recycling

- 1) **Brush/Compost Site** – It has been closed as of December 1st, 2024.

F. Roads

- 1) **Rossmann-Erickson Rd right of way issues** – John advised there has been a boat and trailer in the road right of way and that has been an issue with the snowplow to navigate around. He will place stickers on the items to have them moved away from road ditch.
- 2) **Royal Oaks Road Mail Delivery Issues** – John updated the signs have not been placed on the signposts yet.
- 3) **Swing-Away Post Program** – Ground frozen up so program suspended until Spring.

G. Other Business

- 1) **MATIT Workers Comp. Audit** – An email was received to start this soon as deadlines are approaching in the next month.
- 2) **Township Election Candidate Filing (December 31st - January 14)** – Claudia noted that Steve and Susie are up for reelection in March 2025.
- 3) **Camera Out Summit Protection** – Claudia will call them again as still no call back on parts or when they can fix camera.
- 4) **Notice of Election** – Claudia has emailed this form to the Auditor’s office.
- 5) **Resolution Designating Polling Place** – This is not needed as there is no upcoming changes to our polling place in 2025.
- 6) **Miscellaneous Mail** – None

H. Treasurer’s Report - Susie presented her treasurer’s report for *November 2024*. Board reviewed claims (payments) and receipts. Data is available on request. Steve asked what funds the township can still anticipate, which Susie provided estimates on incoming funds.

Beginning Balance	\$ 60,104.13
Receipts	+ \$ 2206.30
Disbursements	- \$38,964.26
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$ 23,346.17</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 7:41 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 14th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk

