

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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) **Rick Julian, Lions Club** – Rick was present to inform the Board about a Flagpole project to honor Veterans in the area. They would like to line up the streets in Cormorant Village with flag poles and an illuminated flag that would be located in the road shoulder. These flags would be displayed thru out the year, and they are hoping for about 30 flags. The cost is about \$500 per flag. The name of the veteran and the sponsor would also be displayed. Board discussed and since most of the roads are in the county road right of way, the Lions would have to obtain approval from Becker County. Also, Gopher One Locates would have to be done for each pole. Tony suggested that poles should just not be in the way of the snowmobile trail that is also in the road shoulder and ditch. John mentioned to make sure flags and poles do not cover up any signs. Reflectors would be a clever idea so poles better visible at night. Otherwise, Board fully agrees with this idea and a wonderful way to recognize local Veterans.

D. **Old Business**

- 1) **Newsletter** – The last Fall/Winter edition was mailed out.
- 2) **Calendar** – December calendars were distributed.
- 3) **YMCA Lane** – After inspection of the road, Board decided no changes were needed as far as the width of the lane pertaining to the quiet title action mentioned in last meeting's minutes.

E. **Recycling** – Cameras working well, and less junk reported.

F. **Roads**

- 1) **Buffalo Lane** – Hill was very icy and John trying to treat it as best as possible

- 2) **Items in road right of way or ditch** – Ditches and shoulders have been cleaned up well.
- 3) **Snow Fences** – The road crew has installed most of the snow fences already.
- 4) **New Employee** – John recommended a new addition to the road crew and that person applied and is available next spring.
- 5) **Brush/Compost site – Ed Chenze** was present and now helping with the brush/compost pile and informed Board of possibly moving the site across the street, as Orvis passed away and his son has moved to Tennessee. Board discussed potential lay out of the site, and flow into and out of the area. Ed Chenze would then purchase equipment to be able to maintain the site. John will inquire with new landowner of the existing site and look into this further. Ed was hoping to switch land lease for this new site in January.

**G. Other Business**

- 1) **ARPA Funds** – Clerk was notified that first spending report is due April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. At this point, the township has not spent any of the ARPA money received.
- 2) **Clerk Hours** – Claudia suggested altering the office hours from 2:00 – 5:00 on Wednesdays to 1:00 – 4:00 on Wednesdays. Board was ok with that change.
- 3) **2022 Township calendar** – Claudia distributed the 2022 Township meeting dates.
- 4) **Miscellaneous mail** – MATIT premium notice was received.

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

Beginning Balance	\$537,555.68
Receipts	+ \$ 636.91
Disbursements	- <u>\$30,757.42</u>
Ending	
checking acct. balance	<u>\$507,435.17</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 John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.

- I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by Tony, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on December 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., variances beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk