

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **March 30th, 2021**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Chairman Steve Sorenson Supervisors John Buhaug, and Tony Hubbard, Treasurer Susie Braseth, and Clerk Claudia Hanson.

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

B. **Minutes** from the February 23rd planning/audit, variance, and regular meetings were approved with a motion by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Furnace** – The 2002 furnace was malfunctioning beyond repair and needed to be replaced. The other furnaces were checked and working well.
- 2) **Crack in kitchen ceiling** – Ila explained two years when the vent was leaking and some other insulation work was done in kitchen, this crack started appearing on the ceiling. Board agreed to get some estimates to repair.
- 3) **Flagpole** – The pole was inadvertently backed into and now needs replacing. John found a telescoping pole that also can display two flags versus only one. The Board agree it would be good idea to move further away from the parking lot.
- 4) **Fire Alarms** – Ila reported the alarms started sounding off and would not stop, even with new batteries. They are 10 years old, and Board agreed to have them all replaced.
- 5) **Weed Meeting update** – Marsha Watland sent correspondence regarding which gravel pits are certified, that no weed meetings will be held in person again, and that all weed reports have been received.

D. **Other Business**

- 1) **Community Center reopening** – There have been inquiries from the Art Club, the Lions, and the Quilters group, besides some exercisers, wondering when the community center can reopen, as Covid 19 restrictions have loosened up. Board discussed and agreed to reopen next month, with mask and social distancing protocols in place, whenever possible. The exercise room should still have an occupancy limit to 5 exercisers at one time, and to practice sanitizing stations after each use. John motioned, seconded by Tony to open May 1st with stipulations mentioned above. Carried 3-0.

E. **Recycling** – Cameras for the recycling sites are all in good working order!

F. **Roads**

- 1) Swing away mailbox posts – We are starting to get some requests in for this.

G. **Other Business**

- 1) Short Courses – This are being held on-line this week and next week, for board members.
- 2) Board of Appeal & Equalization – This is scheduled for April 28th 10:30 a.m.
- 3) Lembcke variance – This will have to be re-heard, according to Becker Cty. Zoning for additional revisions
- 4) Oath of Office – Claudia swore in John Buhaug for supervisor and Susie Braseth for Treasurer.
- 5) Miscellaneous correspondence – Board reviewed mail and advertisements.

H. **Reorganizational items**

- 1) **Chairman** – A motion made by John, to have Steve appointed as Chair of the Board for another year, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.
- 2) **Wages and mileage reimbursement** - Board agreed to keep wages and mileage reimbursement the same as last year.
- 3) **Conflict of Interest Resolutions** - As Tony may do some emergency debris removal or snow removal on township roads, or the community center parking lot, a resolution regarding any conflict of interest was reviewed, and Steve motioned, seconded by John, to accept Resolution #2021- __ as written. Carried 3-0. Each supervisor voted in favor of resolution and it was signed by John.

As Steve may do some snow removal at the community center parking lot and on township roads, another resolution regarding any conflict of interest was reviewed and John motioned, seconded by Tony, to accept Resolution #2021- _ as written. Carried 3-0. Each supervisor voted in favor of resolution and it was signed by Tony.

A Third resolution for any conflict of interest was reviewed if John does any such road work as snow removal or other community center projects. Steve motioned, seconded by Tony to accept resolution #2021-__as written. Carried 3-0. Each supervisor voted in favor of resolution and it was signed by Steve.

4) **Donations** – Board discussed and there is a Cormorant Daze meeting scheduled on April 12th which then may give the Board a better understanding of what the committee would like to do for this event. As the Township donates quite a bit to this event, Board decided to hold off on donation amounts until next township meeting of April 13th.

I. Treasurer’s Report - Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month (ending February 2021). Available upon request.

Beginning Balance	\$485,772.02
Receipts	+ \$ 32,063.77
Disbursements	- <u>\$11,013.69</u>
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$506,822.10</u>
Investment beginning balance	-0-
Investment purchased	-0-
Investment transferred/sold	-0-
Investment interest	<u>-0-</u>
Ending Investment value	<u>-0-</u>

The Treasurers Report was approved by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.

I. Adjournment - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by Tony, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 13th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Hanson, Clerk