

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, April 26th, 2022**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Chairman Steve Sorenson, Supervisors John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Clerk Claudia Hanson and Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser. Treasurer Susie Braseth was absent.

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

B. **Minutes** from the April 12th regular meeting were approved with a revision with a motion by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Errin Bjerke (Show Team)** – Ms. Bjerke was present at the meeting and was introduced to the Board. Claudia gave history of the Showteam, and explained some events done in the past. Ms. Bjerke indicated she has a seasonal cabin in Cormorant Township and would like to get involved in the Cormorant community. Ms. Bjerke will connect with Claudia on Thursday or Friday of this week to further discuss Show Team and “Talk of the Town.” Claudia informed Ms. Bjerke that expenses incurred by Show Team to hire entertainment, speakers, treats, etc. are paid by the township. Board appreciates her willingness to start this community service again.
- 2) **Tosten Erickson Road** . Cory Elizondo, resident on Tosten Erickson Road, emailed a request to lift the current road restriction to allow concrete to be transported on Tosten Erickson Road. The Board discussed the fact that the driveway where the concrete is being delivered is just off the county road; therefore, no issue with lifting the current restriction. Request approved. Claudia will email Cory that the Board granted him approval.
- 3) **Additional Employees Needed for Summer Work?** – Board discussed and no additional employees are needed at this time.
- 4) **Matt Arola of Lakes Area Dirt Works LLC**– Mr. Arola was present and introduced himself to the Board. He indicated that he is attending township meetings to promote knowledge about his business. He provided Board members with a quote sheet for dirt work, tree removal, excavation, etc.

D. Old Business

- 1) No old business was discussed.

E. Recycling

- 1) **New Signage** - Ila Lindstrom provided Board with new signage designs for recycling and brush/compost sites. New signs look good, and order will be placed.
- 2) **Sam Rufer, Attorney** – An appointment will be scheduled with Mr. Rufer to discuss need for contract/agreement with landowners of new recycling and brush/compost sites. Kyle Olson has indicated to Board that he is open to a 20–30-year contract.

F. Roads

- 1) **Road Inspection** – The Board members annual road inspection will occur tomorrow after the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting. The Board anticipates a lot of smaller patching jobs will need to be completed. John mentioned that 150th Avenue (Neufeld's Road) is in tough shape. Dean Block has not had the opportunity, with the weather and wet road conditions, to survey the needs of the township gravel roads yet. There is approximately 20 miles of gravel roads and 48 miles of asphalt roads in Cormorant Township.

G. Other Business

- 1) **Bank Follow-up** – Minutes for the April 12, 2022, meeting will be delivered to the State Bank of Lake Park to confirm the individuals approved by the Board to sign township checks. Additional, personal identification paperwork will also be submitted to the bank.
- 2) **ARPA Report** – Claudia continues to be diligent in reporting all that is required to be reported regarding the use of ARPA funds. The only ARPA funds used thus far this year were for training that Claudia participated in.
- 3) **Safety Meeting** – The annual safety meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 25 people in attendance. Darrin Galde with Border States Paving will provide the safety training. Dean Block confirmed he received the letter to attend the safety meeting.
- 4) **Day of Caring** – Day of Caring is scheduled for May 11th, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Ila spoke to Kerry E., and he will drive the lawnmower with cart attached so kids can place sticks and leaves in trailer.

- 5) **General Election** – A notice for candidate filing for open elected positions for the fall State General Election has been posted.
 - 6) **Calendar** – The townships May calendar was distributed to Board members.
 - 7) **New Coffeemaker** – The new coffeemaker has been installed. Glen Smith was contracted to assist with the hookup of the waterline to the coffeemaker. Ila mentioned coffeemaker tends to overflow with water, so that issue will be addressed.
- H. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. with a motion from John, seconded by Tony, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 10th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk and
Penny G. Wickenheiser, Deputy Clerk