

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Supervisors John Buhaug, Tim Erickson and Steve Sorenson, Treasurer Susie Braseth, and Clerk Claudia Hanson was absent.

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

B. **Minutes** from the Planning & Audit, Variance, Regular, and Board of Canvass meetings were approved, with a motion by Tim, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. A copy of the unofficial Annual meeting minutes were also distributed, which will be approved at next annual meeting in 2020. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business:**

- 1) **D.L. Transit Bus Service** – Steve relayed information that this service operating from Detroit Lakes, would like to add a drop off/pick up stop here in Cormorant Village. He did not have details on how often and at what time yet, but first wanted to have this discussed at meeting if anyone opposes this. Board would have no issues with adding Cormorant Village for a bus stop.
- 2) **Cormorant Story** – An email was received from a student wishing to do a story on Cormorant Village and our former Mayor Duke. Steve will reach out to student.

D. **Old Business**

- 1) **Calendar** – Big event coming up is the Easter Egg Hunt, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. which Robin Carlson is organizing. Also, Edie Huseby will be having Summertime Storytime again this summer, once a month on Thursdays. She will advise which Thursdays she will be having story time.
- 2) **Mill Pond Projects** – Need to have snow melt to continue working on projects. John is working on a new sign to be posted on the bridge.
- 3) **AED defibrillator compliance** – After more research was done on what other facilities and near by churches are doing, it seems the provider who recommended additional compliance stipulations do not deem necessary. Board agreed to follow regimen for replacing batteries, pads, etc. but no other action needed. Ila agreed to check unit once a month for any other issues.

- 4) **Newsletter – Jo Downs** would like to print another edition of the newsletter by May 1<sup>st</sup>. This would be a good time to advertise the HHW Collection Day and other summer events. Claudia will contact Sandy at Becker Cty, Environmental Services to get a date locked in for the HHW Mobile Collection day.

- 5) **Website** – Claudia has been keeping website updated.

E. **Recycling** – Rotten apples and garbage was found at one of the sites.

F. **Roads**

- 1) **Snow** – It is melting very slowly.
- 2) **Townline Road** – Water is getting close to flowing over. No culvert exists there currently, and Tim thinks one is needed. He will check if Lake Eunice Township (bordering township) would like to share cost of the culvert.
- 3) **Gravel quote** – Board reviewed and accepted Orvis Olson’s quote for gravel at \$12 a yard (plus tax), as motioned by Steve, seconded by John. Carried 3-0.

G. **Other Business**

- 1) **Weed Meeting** – The Noxious Weed Meeting was on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> in Callaway which John and Tim attended.
- 2) **Becker County Association of Townships meeting** – April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Becker County Courthouse.
- 3) **Day of Caring** – Susie is organizing and hoping to have this either May 1<sup>st</sup> or May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) **Short Course** – This training event is on April 1<sup>st</sup> in Mahanomen.
- 5) **Board of Appeals date** - This is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30.
- 6) **Oath of Office** – Claudia swore in Steve Sorenson for supervisor and Susie Braseth for Treasurer.
- 7) **Old stereo equipment** – Cara Bjerken and Ila will go thru old equipment to see what can be done with it.
- 8) **Miscellaneous mail** – Board reviewed other mail.

H. **Reorganizational items**

- 1) **Chairman** - Motion made by Tim, to have Steve appointed as Chair of the Board for another year, seconded by John. 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 Tim may do some snow removal in recycling sites, and some other road work, a resolution regarding any conflict of interest was reviewed, and Steve motioned, seconded by John, to accept Resolution #2019 - 2 as written. Carried 3-0. Each supervisor voted in favor of resolution and it was signed by Steve.

As Steve also did some snow removal, and may again this winter, another resolution regarding any conflict of interest was reviewed and Tim motioned, seconded by John, to accept Resolution #2019 - 4 as written. Carried 3-0. Each supervisor voted in favor of resolution and it was signed by John.

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 Tim to accept resolution #2019 -3 as written. Carried 3-0. Each supervisor voted in favor of resolution and it was signed by Tim.

- 4) **Donations** - The following were suggested by the public at the annual meeting. Board discussed, and Tim motioned, seconded by John, to accept the following donations for this year, for the amounts listed below. Carried 3-0.

- a) Alert = \$6000.00
- b) Becker Cty. Historical Society = \$150
- c) Becker County Humane Society = \$100
- d) Dollars for Scholars = \$2000 (LPA Schools Graduating seniors)
- e) Camp Cormorant = sponsor 2 campers
- f) Cormorant Daze = \$1000
- g) Games Galore (Cormorant Daze) = \$2350
- h) LPA Schools Post Prom = \$200
- i) Kiddyland = \$500
- j) Lake Park Historical Society = \$250

**I. Treasurer's Report** - Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month (ending February 2019). Available upon request.

Beginning Balance	\$307,592.73
Receipts	+ \$35,349.15
Disbursements	- \$76,465.34
Ending	
checking acct. balance	<u>\$266,476.54</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 with a motion by John, seconded by Tim. Carried 3-0.

J. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk