

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, July 12th, 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, Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser and Treasurer Susie Braseth.

- A. **Call to Order** by Chairman Sorenson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. **Minutes** from the June 28th regular and variance meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.
- C. **New Business**

1) **Shelly Maesse and other neighbors, Nelson Lake Road** – She and her husband, Todd own property at the end of the road, and had questions about the speed signs to be posted for vehicles traveling on the road. She noticed a post for a speed sign that is almost in her yard and didn't feel a speed sign is needed there. She researched MN DOT information on speed limits on road, if a road study would be necessary. She recommended if a sign is needed, to place it in the corner before the curve where drivers first enter the road.

Nancy Bloom stated that 5 out of the 9 neighbors living on that section of road, do not want any speed signs, feel they are not necessary. Board discussed for that type of township road, the limit is 30 mph. John recommended to put speed sign on same post that already exists coming into curve. Trees need some trimming around post. Steve and rest of neighbor group felt that is a good compromise where speed sign will be placed, based on what Vicki and Marc Bouchee had asked for at the last township meeting. There are still trailers and stakes in the road right of way, which Steve advised a letter will be sent to the Bouchees' to have them moved out by a certain time frame. Neighbors asked if Sheriff could be advised also and Board agreed, as the Township Board cannot enforce anything. The trailers apparently have been there a long time.

2) **Thunderbolt Ranch Storage, Becker Cty. Planning Commission Hearing, July 12th, 2022** – Board reviewed and discussed this preliminary plat hearing for a large 67-unit common interest community for storage. Tony Hubbard lives down the road from where this is proposed, and he is not in favor of it. His neighbors are also in opposition to this, as this is a residential area, and would negatively affect the neighborhood with a

commercial business as this, as well as more traffic on this small gravel road. There already exists several large boat storage sheds on the road. Steve will call Becker Cty. Zoning to get more information on this development.

- 3) **ARPA Funds** – Cormorant Township received the second ARPA payment in the amount of \$60,323.79.
- 4) **Maple Lane vs. Maple Rd confusion** – **John** was notified that Google may have identification of the roads by Maple Road mixed up. John & Judy Mouw, residents on Maple Rd, just sold their lake property there, and are relocating just a ¼ mile east of their old lake property. Arvig was not able to locate them at their new property, stating Google shows the road being named Maple Lane and a portion named Memory Lane. John did further research at Becker County, and no one knows how to correct this. Board believes the new property should be addressed as Maple Road, (definitely not part of Memory Lane) but not sure how to resolve.
- 5) **New Showteam coordinator and Newsletter Editor needed** – Errin Bjerke emailed with apologies, that taking on the Showteam job is more than what she is able to tackle this summer, due to more commitments and less time here in the area. As Jo Downs is retiring from being township newsletter editor, a new editor and Showteam coordinator will be needed now.

D) **Old Business**

- 1) **FEMA & Water in basement**– No bill yet from Jud Komrosky for the work done outside of the School room.
- 2) **Blinds/Shades for School Room Quote** – Board talked about the benefit of having all the windows done at the same time so contact will be made with the provider to order shades for all 10 windows in the School Room.
- 3) **Picnic Tables** – Becky Sorenson will paint the new tables to identify them as Cormorant Township property. Ila stated the tables are already assembled.
- 4) **Arvig Discount** - Claudia is working on discount application. The last billing from Arvig had two statements versus one, which Claudia will look into further as well.

E. **Recycling**

- 1) **New Signs** – The new compost/brush site signs are installed.
- 2) **Compost/Brush Site Lease Agreement Update** – As agreement is completed, John volunteered to meet with Marlene Olson for her signature.

F. Roads

- 1) **Dustguard Update** – Two short road portions were missed which Claudia informed Corbins. They have since been completed, so all dustguard is done for this year.
- 2) **Signs by West Lake Ida Lane/E. Lake Ida Lane** - The “Dip” signs for E. Lake Ida Lane have not arrived yet. W. Lake Ida Lane sign has been remounted from the last storm.
- 3) **Patching/Tar Work Hole on 132nd Ave** – The tar crew is aware of this and on the list for cold patching.
- 4) **Mowing of Ditches** – This round of mowing is done, until another round of mowing in the Fall.
- 5) **Noxious Weeds** – **Duane Olson**, resident on Klondike Road, stated the wild Parsnip is really spreading in ditch and into the field. Ila added there is wild parsnip again by the Mill Pond bridge in the Community park. Board visited over options to control this and some Leafy Spurge that is in some ditches. Claudia offered to email Marsha Watland, County Weed Inspector from Becker Water & Soil Conservation District.

G. Other Business

- 1) **Slough work by 142nd Street and Cty. Hwy 5** – Board was informed of some backhoe and filling dirt of this slough
- 2) **Lakeshore clearing, north end of Lake Ida** – Steve advised Board he contacted Becker Cty. Zoning on the brushing and apparent lot sale on the north end of Lake Ida near the County Hwy 4 right-of-way. Zoning advised there are 4-5 lots for sale with lake access on the other side of highway and the brushing done was not in violation of any lakeshore ordinances.
- 3) **State Primary August 9th - Township Meeting August 10th** – Due to the State Primary Election being held on August 9th, the Township meeting will be held on August 10th.

4) **MATIT** – Our township insurance provider, MATIT, is making some changes to improve their services, such as having their own website and expedited claim handling, and other new system enhancements.

5) **Miscellaneous Mail** – No other pertinent mail received.

H. **Treasurer's Report**- Susie will have her treasurer's report for June 2022 available at the next meeting, as she was on vacation.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by Tony, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 26th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk