

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **August 13th, 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.

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

B. **Minutes** from the regular July 30th regular minutes were approved with a motion by John, seconded by Tim. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

1) **Dale Larson** – Dale has property on Lake Ida Beach, Lot #4 and his lot is next to Richard Anderson (Lot #5 & 6) who vacated a portion of the end of the road that was no longer being used. Dale would like to obtain more land so he could build a garage, and wondering if he could ask to vacate part of the road as his neighbor Anderson did.

Board reviewed where his lot is and the plat for Lake Ida Beach. Unfortunately, the Board advised that he could not vacate part of the road behind his lot as then his neighbor Anderson would be land locked and no longer have access to his lot.

Dale inquired if road could be moved but the Board advised against relocating the road or its right of way. The alternative that Dale could consider is to apply for a variance to build a garage on his existing lot. Dale will investigate that option further.

2) **Lisa Marschall, Township Assessor** – Lisa was present to give update of what areas in the township that she will be assessing next. She will start up again September 3rd after knee surgery recovery. She also presented her 2020 billing for half of her annual assessing services.

3) **Board Email Addresses** – Clerk had Board members advise what email addresses will be public or just in office use for the Becker County Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

They are preparing and updating all contact information for next year's elections.

D. **Old Business**

1) **Newsletter** – This was mailed out before Cormorant Daze.

2) **Calendar** – September calendar is ready.

3) **Mill Pond/Community Center Projects** – People are using the pickle ball court with the

fence all up. Board agreed that for this year the court is completed. An extra bench was moved over to the courts also.

Regarding geese messing up the lawn next to Mill Pond, Jane suggested a pollinator garden to help discourage the geese from coming up on the lawn.

4) **Website** – Jane is keeping site updated.

E. **Recycling** – Nothing new to report.

F. **Roads**

- 1) Ideal Beach Road – Fran Heitkamp had asked one of the supervisors for permission to trim back some trees in order to move in his house. An email dated 8/7/19 was sent to him allowing him to trim back some specific trees.
- 2) Chip Seal on South Big Cormorant Road – API (Averre) is sending a township estimate.
- 3) 147th Avenue curve – Jo Downs commented some gravel is being kicked on to the road from vehicles cutting the corner.

G. **Other Business**

- 1) **2020 Certified Town Aide** - We received letter that the township will receive \$4,024 in MN Town Aide.
- 2) **Miscellaneous mail** – Board reviewed thank you cards and other miscellaneous mail

H. **Treasurer’s Report** - Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month (ending July 2019). Available upon request

Beginning Balance		\$322,051.38
Receipts	+	\$6,222.95
Disbursements	-	<u>\$112,155.98</u>
Ending		
checking acct. balance		<u>\$244,225.35</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 Steve, seconded by Tim. Carried 3-0.

- I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a motion from John, seconded by Tim, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 27th, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk