

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, May 27th, 2025**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Chairperson Steve Sorenson, Supervisor John Buhaug, Clerk Claudia Hanson, Treasurer Cindy Wipperling, and Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser. Absent Supervisor Tony Hubbard.

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

B. **Minutes** from May 13th, 2025, variance and regular meetings were read. Motion to approve minutes made by John, seconded by Steve. Carried 2-0. The claims/bills were signed.

C. **New Business**

1) **Birch Point – Dylan Ramstad Skoyles (Dennis Olsen)** – Mr. Ramstad Skoyles relayed the following persons met approximately two weeks ago, including Steve Sorenson, Jim Olson (Becker Cty Hwy. Engineer), Kyle Varberg (Becker Cty Zoning /Planning) and Ed Clem (Becker Soil & Water Conservation District). Jim Olson suggested to regrade the width of the road from the hill, thru curve, to Mr. Schroeder’s retaining wall with crushed asphalt, which would likely help with storm water flow. Mr. Ramstad Skoyles noted that Mr. Olsen would like the crushed asphalt to be extended beyond the retaining wall, which Board discussed, would be open to extending the area, would be likely a full truck load anyway. Mr. Varberg and Dylan Skoyles would contact Ryan Olson to get exact measurements for the crushed asphalt. John commented that a full truck load of crushed asphalt should reach at least to top of hill, probably not all the way to bottom of hill and Dylan believes this extension should be acceptable but need to get exact measurements and plan determined with help of Ryan Olson. Board brought up option of sealcoating this road in future. Steve thanked the parties for joining them at this site in the rain. Craig Schroeder was not present but asked in email who contractor will be, when work will start, so he could be at the site.

D. **Old Business**

1) **Michael Anderson Shed Public Hearing** (May 28th Becker County Courthouse) – Steve has been in tune with this and no further comments for now.

2) **Ceiling Repair, Bathroom Fan Estimate** – Ila suggested waiting for the ceiling repair in the kitchen until this fall when the community center is less busy. Pending fan estimate.

E. Recycling

- 1) **Brush/Compost Site** – Claudia advised contract is pending completion for Lake Eunice Township residents using our brush/compost site.
- 2) **Recycling Bins** - John recommended signage for the recycling sites to remind people to crush or fold up their boxes. Cardboard bin was overflowing with non-collapsed cardboard from the weekend.
- 3) **Mobile HHW Day** – Claudia confirmed the HHW Day is scheduled for Friday, August 22nd from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

F. Roads

- 1) **Rock for Cormorant Road** – John indicated Ryan Olson Construction is scheduled to apply material soon on this road.
- 2) **LRIP Grant E. Lake Ida Lane Road Resurface** – Steve advised resurfacing has been completed and the shouldering be finished tonight.
- 3) **Road Grader wage** - John stated that Dean Block has questioned the hourly wage for his blading service (does every weekend) and Steve thought that Mr. Block was given a raise at last year's reorganization meeting but somehow this raise was not noted, therefore former Treasurer never increased wages. Board confirmed the decision to increase Dean Block's hourly wage to \$40, for blading, from today on; it will not be retroactive.
- 4) **Road Inspection Results** – Claudia will supply these minutes at next meeting.

G. Other Business

- 1) **LBAE (Local Board of Appeal & Equalization) Training** – This training is through Minnesota Department of Revenue for the supervisors to complete before July 1, 2025.
- 2) **MCS Report with Department of Transportation** – Claudia will complete by July.
- 3) **PPP – Exercise Machine Pending Repair** – Ila mentioned Casey from Push Pedal Pull replaced a part on Monday. However, he found another part needs to be ordered and will submit another estimate for repairs.

- 4) **Parking Lot Speeds** - Ila suggested a sign be installed by the playground to remind people to drive slowly through the community center parking lot. People are driving too fast thru the parking lot.
 - 5) **Flu Shot Clinic October 2nd** – Claudia advised Flu Shot Clinic will be held on October 2nd, 2025, from 9:00-10:30 a.m., which Coffee Club is held that day so should encourage increase in attendance. Flyers and advertising will be done earlier for better awareness and hopefully more participants (from 24 participants last year). Steve advised to have supplier bring extra senior doses.
 - 6) **Sherwood Olson Funeral – June 14th 1:00 p.m.** –Duane Olson relayed to the Board when Sherwood Olson’s funeral will be held via email. Sherwood and Duane were both former employees of the township
 - 7) **Website** - Claudia posted minutes on the township website and would like updated photos on the website, such as current Mayor Khaleesi.
 - 8) **Kitchen cabinet leak** - Ila mentioned the Lions Club coffee pot is leaking into the lower cabinet area, the wood is warping. She will ask Glen Smith about making the repairs.
- H. **Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. with a motion from John, seconded by Steve. Carried 2-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on June 10th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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