

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **August 25th, 2020, at 7:00** p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were: Supervisors John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Chairman 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 August 11th regular meeting were approved with a motion by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Jeff Moritz, CLWD– Jeff** was present to advise Board of an upcoming variance for Bruce Qvammen. He has two lots that are next to the drainage creek that flows from Big Cormorant Lake into the marsh north of Spring Creek. Due to the water classification of this outlet by the DNR, this is considered a “tributary” and any new construction must be 100 feet from the tributary. In 1987, this drainage was excavated on Bruce’s land as it was found to be the best place for this outlet to manage Big Cormorant Lake’s water level. During this process, he asked for 2 lots to be platted around the creek. which were about 150’ deep. He now is considering developing the lots and as they were being surveyed, the surveyor maintained a 100’ setback as the outlet is termed as a “Tributary”. With that setback, there is hardly any usable building area on the lots. Jeff Moritz believes a variance is warranted as, otherwise, these lots are not useable.

Steve added that he empathizes with this situation. Additional contact will be made with the DNR regarding this variance to explain situation. Board will look for a variance in next few months for this issue.

D. **Old Business**

- 1) **Downspout work** – This should be done on the building very soon.
- 2) **CARES Act** – Susie and Claudia will be meeting at office to fill out the report as it needs to be submitted in an Excel format online and emailed by Sept 9th.
- 3) **Handicap parking spots** – Ila and Steve working on getting this scheduled.
- 4) **Calendar** – The Lions had scheduled another Blood Drive on September 12th.

Claudia will confirm if that is still to be held. This would be considered essential.

- E. **Recycling** – Additional junk found again at County Hwy 5 & 6 recycling center.

F. Roads

- 1) **Culvert dip** – This culvert dip on East Lake Ida Lane has been filled in three times.
- 2) **Brushing** - Golden Lane and other roads have been added to the brushing list for the township. Board would like to work on this and other road work after Labor Day when a lot of the summer traffic has subsided.
- 3) **Wash outs** – Gravel and grading has been done after wash outs from heavy rain. Supervisors will need to arrive at estimates for storm wash outs to submit to Becker Cty. Emergency Management.
- 4) **Speed Bump** – A resident with small children emailed to Claudia if they could place a speed bump on North Beach Road as drivers speeding too fast. Board stated this is illegal to use a speed bump but offered signage to emphasize drivers to slow down.

G. Other Business

- 1) **District 9 meeting** – Susie gave short recall on this meeting. Few questions were allowed, especially on the CARES Act.
- 2) **Miscellaneous mail** – Board reviewed other insignificant mail. Mileage certification has been received and is due on November 1st.

H. Adjournment - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with a motion from Tony, seconded by John, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 8th, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Hanson, Clerk