

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, July 8th, 2025**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Chairperson Steve Sorenson, Supervisors John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Clerk Claudia Hanson, Treasurer Cindy Wipperling, and Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser.

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

B. **Minutes** from June 24th, 2025, regular meeting was read. Motion to approve minutes made by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Ila – Playground Park Items Lions** – Ila Lindstrom mentioned she spoke with Cormorant Lions Club President, Dave Douglas, who informed her that the Lions Club has agreed to cover the costs for playground equipment. The sandbox car needed about \$500 for repairs. Ila will reconnect with Mr. Douglas before the Lions Board meeting on Thursday, July 10th to see if they also can cover costs on the swing set poles as they also need some repair. Ila has already obtained some estimates on the swing set poles to present to the Lions.

D) **Old Business**

- 1) **Trish Maloney Fund** – Claudia received inquiries from community members if there is memorial fund for Ms. Maloney as individuals would like to donate. Board members indicated that they have not heard of a memorial fund for her. Steve indicated what a huge positive influence Trish had in the Cormorant Community, how many people attended her services and overwhelming responses on her funeral home's website.
- 2) **115th Street Deposition** – Claudia confirmed that she and John will be deposed on July 22nd. They will meet with the township attorney on Thursday, July 17th in preparation for their depositions.

E. **Recycling**

- 1) **YMCA Site Dumping Issue** – Tony indicated he spoke to Scott Tracy, the owner of Tracy's Campground and he advised Tony that his campground has its own private recycling bins, never told any of his campground members that they could dump at the township recycling bins. Claudia had sent Mr. Tracy a letter about the dumping incident.

Tony advised that there is another campground adjacent to Tracy's RV, being North Shore Park. Board agreed to have same letter sent to North Shore Park letter about dumping issues at the YMCA recycling bins.

- 2) **Trex Bench - Getting Another One!** – The plastic recycling has been plentiful at the community center and we will receive another Trex bench, to be located by the elevator downstairs.

F. Roads

- 1) **Rock for Cormorant Road** – John is still working on this, has taken a long time to nail down, and will reach out to Ryan Olson again. If Mr. Olson is unavailable, John will reach out to Steve Westlund about getting gravel, crushed asphalt for Cormorant Road.
- 2) **Stacy Palmer Scott, Viking Bay Road Issue, Zoning Help** - One of the board supervisors will be looking into this.
- 3) **Dustguard**– John stated the only road left to have dustguard applied is 145th. He will get ahold of Corbin and request it be completed.
- 4) **Rick Julian – Lake Ida Easement** – Tony stated that because the road easement is on private property the township has no authority to make decisions. Steve advised that he would contact Mr. Julian.

G. Other Business

- 1) **LBAE Supervisor Training** – Steve noted that he completed the training course. John stated he still needs to complete it.
- 2) **Becker County Tax Distributions** – Treasurer Cindy Wipperling completed the ACH forms and clerk Claudia will send to Becker Cty. Auditor's office.
- 3) **PPP – Exercise Machine Pending Part Again** – Ila noted that Casey from Push Pedal Pull was here today and the part he brought to repair the treadmill was still not the correct part. This has been an ongoing issue to receive the correct board part for this particular treadmill. He was able to repair the “quick start” button on the other treadmill and replace the battery on the stationary bike. A new estimated will be sent by Casey for another part.

- 4) **Electricity Use – Cormorant Daze** – Ila suggested that an additional charge could be required of those vendors needing electricity during Cormorant Daze. The Board noted the donut booth, Boy’s Scouts, Lions Club, and Jukebox vendors are a few of the past vendors that utilize community center electricity. The Board was reminded that the electric bill last year was significantly higher than prior years. Steve stated the Township is a sponsor of Cormorant Daze and as such, will have to cover the costs of the electric bill as the Township has in prior years. Scott Hanson, audience member, suggested that the township could inquire if Lake Region Electric Cooperative would be willing to sponsor Cormorant Daze to donate electricity to offset the added electrical costs.
- 5) **Bathroom Fan Work, Air Conditioner** –Ila stated a new switch needs to be installed in the bathroom, which John offered to have that done. Ila noted the air conditioner needs repair, the air conditioning piping is leaking water, tubing fell apart. Ila stated she received an estimate from another contractor for repairs for the Board to review and Steve stated to obtain another estimate. John stated he will connect with Scott Nelson of Nelson Plumbing/Heating for an estimate.
- 6) **Cancel Fall Lawn Spraying?** – Board decided that to save money this year and not have the fall fertilizer application. Claudia will notify Valley Green South that the fall application will not be needed.
- 7) **Miscellaneous Mail** – Claudia stated the township received thank you notes from YMCA campers and from the children that went to the zoo with LARL.

H. **Treasurer's Report** - Cindy presented her treasurer's report for *June 2025*. Board reviewed claims (payments) and receipts. Data is available on request.

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 38,539.22 |
| Receipts | + \$294,221.25 |
| Disbursements | - \$ 39,918.70 |
| Ending checking acct. balance | <u>\$ 292,841.77</u> |
| State Bank of Lake Park ending balance | \$340,896.07 |
| Outstanding checks | - <u>\$48,054.30</u> |
| May 31 st , ending balance | <u>\$292,841.77</u> |

The Treasurer's Report was approved by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. Steve advised the township must be fiscally aware this year when deciding to do road repairs.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 29th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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