

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, September 13th, 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, and Treasurer Susie Braseth.

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

B. **Minutes** from the August 30<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and variance hearings were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Paul Baumgartner, Sewer Permit – Mr. Baumgartner** lives at 16255 Viking Bay Road, and his neighbors also had to obtain a permit as their septic is both in the County Hwy 6 and township road right-of-way. He would like to have a mound drain field which is what his neighbors have also. Tim of Dewey’s Septic Service will install the drain field. Board discussed and John motioned, seconded by Tony to approve the septic permit for Mr. Baumgartner.
- 2) **Sue Seifert, Becker Cty. GIS Dept.** – Sue emailed Claudia about an unidentified parcel located on Ness Estate Rd and involves the Hillside Plat. She will do some research if any roads were vacated in that area.
- 3) **Trunk or Treat** – Board talked about this event (scheduled for Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 5:00 pm) and approved having treats also inside, in case weather doesn’t cooperate.
- 4) **School Bus routes** – Penny asked LPA Bus manager for route information in our township so could possibly prioritize which roads have school buses running on. So far, have not received route details. Once reply received, Tony added to advise Bus manager that the snowplow operators do not start clearing snow until sunrise and during daylight hours, for safety concerns.

D) **Old Business**

- 1) **Carpet Cleaning** – Ila mentioned we should have carpets cleaned by the LARL Link site area and the CLWD office. Board agreed this fall is a suitable time to do this.
- 2) **Leaky Dishwasher** – Hobart’s were able to fix the leak in the dishwasher.

- 3) **Newsletter Editor**, Jessie **Chenze** – Jessie reported the newsletter is off to the printers.
- 4) **Showteam Organizer Needed** - This will be advertised in the Newsletter.
- 5) **Art Print donation** – Claudia and Penny spoke with the Marlys Buchholtz-Pearson, the Art Club President, last Wednesday to come to this meeting to explain what the club had in mind, but she was not in attendance.
- 6) **Wildflower Road parking** - John was out looking for parked vehicles both during the weeks following Labor Day, and on the Labor Day weekend, and no one was parked during the week but there were a few cars on the weekend. He also noted the sprinklers in the road right of way, which will probably get hit by snowplow and shouldn't be there. At this point, no further action is needed, unless more vehicles or other items end up on the road shoulder.

#### E. **Recycling**

- 1) **Brush/Compost site** – Ed Chenze mentioned there is less inappropriate dumping this month. Board talked about what kind of gate needed to close down the site in November.
- 2) **HHW Mobile Collection** – Board commented on how reasonable cost was from Becker Cty. Environmental Services to dispose of items from collection.

#### F. **Roads**

- 1) **Snowplows**- John is researching to buy two used snowplows that are in better condition than the current plows. It was also discussed selling the older plows.
- 2) **Spraying/Mowing** – John informed Lloyd Ness will mow road ditches around October 1<sup>st</sup> and ditch spraying will start next week where noxious weeds or brush is located.
- 3) **Other road projects** – Steve advised that he has been unable to find any road contractors available to do any overlay projects. He will contact contractors earlier this winter or spring to have work done before summer crowds return to the area.

#### G. **Other Business**

- 1) **Becker Cty. Assn. of Townships - Next** meeting is Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Becker Cty, Courthouse.
- 2) **Miscellaneous Mail** – No mail to mention.

H. **Treasurer's Report** -Susie presented her treasurer's report for August 2022. Board reviewed claims (payments) and receipts. Data is available on request.

Beginning Balance	\$774,710.34
Receipts	+ \$ 2,063.81
Disbursements	- \$ 71,423.08
Ending	<u>\$ 705,351.07</u>
checking acct. balance	

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 by Steve, seconded by John. Carried 3-0.

I. **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 held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk