

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on Tuesday, **August 10th, 2021**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Chairman Steve Sorenson, Supervisor John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Treasurer Susie Braseth, and Clerk Claudia Hanson.

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

B. **Minutes** from the July 27th regular meeting were approved with a motion by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

1) **John Diehl, 13151 Wildflower Lane** -John was present to ask about acquiring some land which he has been maintaining for 32 years but is not part of his property or his parcel. Apparently, from some research with Becker County Auditor/Treasurer's office, he needs to determine what the road right of way is for the township on Wildflower Lane. Board stated for township roads, it is 66 feet across (or 33 feet from centerline of road). This piece of unknown property is also close to Becker County Hwy 5, so some of this unknown property could also be in the highway right of way. Board reviewed his photos and information and suggested that Becker County Zoning and Becker County Recorder offices would be good resources to determine if this unknown property is township road right of way, highway road right of way or even vacated road right of way. Board and John will need to look into further if and how he could purchase this land.

2) **Jimmy Kaiser, Royal Oaks development** -Jimmy is the realtor representing Danny who is developing this property. Jimmy explained and showed Board the plat of Royal Oaks. After review, Tony motioned, seconded by John, to accept the plat of Royal Oaks. Carried 3-0. Both Clerk and Chairman signed off on plat.

3) **Lisa Marschall, Township Assessor** – Lisa was present to give update. She has now taken all classes to continue being certified. She also stated that she will be starting assessing in our area next week. One half of her annual billing was also paid.

D. **Other Business**

1) **Newsletter** – Jo did a great job getting the newsletter out before Cormorant Daze.

2) **Calendar** – A few extra events were discussed for September, such as the Lions

Stag (Sept 24th) and the Household Hazardous Waste Day (Sept. 10th).

3) **Steeple leek** – John is waiting for more estimates.

E. Recycling

1) **Concrete abandoned** – John provided costs for what township had to pay to take care of the concrete and trailer left at recycling center. A notice to pay \$450.00 in fines to the township was sent to the perpetrator.

2) **Poster for HHW day (Sept. 10th)** – Board reviewed the poster advertising this event and approval was given to disburse and post. Board will have to line up some of the tar crew to help for this day. Ballard’s Sanitation will have to be contacted to have a large roll off dumpster available.

F. Roads

1) **Branches done** – Claudia advised of some branches and small trees blown down from last storm on some of the township road right of ways.

2) **Severson Beach**– Residents are inquiring about tarring this road. Township will not be involved as township does not maintain this road.

3) **Hillside Road** – John received call regarding turnaround and if it can be expanded.

G. Other Business

1) **District 9 Meeting** – This is located here on August 16th at 6:30 p.m.

2) **Repaint stripes on pickle ball court** – Board discussed, and paint is difficult to obtain for these stripes. Most users of the court have not complained about the stripes and Board decided to leave as it for this year.

3) **Cormorant Daze events** – Steve updated every one of what is planned and where things will be set up. There is a dire need for help this year to man certain events.

4) **Miscellaneous mail** – Board reviewed miscellaneous mail.

H. Treasurer’s Report - - Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month (ending July 2021). Available upon request.

Beginning Balance	\$569,836.45
Receipts	+ \$ 4,258.02
Disbursements	- <u>\$40,733.31</u>
Ending	
checking acct. balance	<u><u>\$533,361.16</u></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 by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.

- I. Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. with a motion from Tony, seconded by John, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 31st, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk