

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, August 12th, 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 July 29th, 2025, variance and regular meetings were read. Motion to approve minutes made by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

1) **Lisa Marschall - Assessing** – Lisa Marschall was present at the meeting. She is still conducting property assessments without an updated manual from the County and anticipates that some coding changes may be made. She provided the first half of her bill of \$13,037.00 (half of total \$26,074.00). Cindy inquired as to what “exempt” meant for assessments on the bill which Lisa explained that exempt properties are government owned properties.

2) **Cormorant Daze Preparations** – Steve and Ila Lindstrom indicated that all is ready for Cormorant Daze. Ila confirmed that the tables will be set up by the Little Miss Sunshine and Little Mr. Moonbeam committee for the Lions breakfast on Saturday morning. SAIL will meet earlier on Thursday. Ila plans to mow the lawn of the community center on Thursday. John will be removing the pickleball nets on Friday. Ila stated that winners of the car show will have the photographs professionally taken by the lilac bushes so there will be no parking allowed by the lilacs. Steve reported that 140 vehicles are expected to be shown at the car show, approximately 70 vendors, and 2,500 people are expected to visit Cormorant Daze.

3) **Trish – Small Memorial Garden** - Steve advised Cormorant Daze committee has requested that a memorial garden be dedicated to Trish Maloney. Steve suggested a 3’ x 4’ Area for flowers or bushes. Ila will check out the park area for a potential good spot.

D. Old Business

- 1) **Playground Work – Lions** – Ila has received no additional information from the Cormorant Lions regarding repairs to the community center playground.
- 2) **115th Street Suit** – Claudia and John are scheduled to participate in a deposition on August 25, 2025. They no longer must travel to St. Cloud; they can do it virtually. The township attorney, Ken Bayliss, will be present for the deposition.
- 3) **Bernie Rick (Call on Road Ditch Work)** - Bernie Rick spoke to John about Snowshoe Beach Road regarding potential culvert. John informed him that no culvert was needed.

E. Recycling

- 1) **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Friday, August 22nd, 2025, 2:00-6:00 p.m.** – Claudia advised that HHH flyer was delivered late to the township and does not include a list of items that will not be accepted. Steve stated he will be present at the event and will need about four to five other people to assist. Claudia noted that the roll offs have been ordered.

F. Roads

- 1) **Dustguard** - The township was overcharged by Corbin's and applied on roads that were not necessary to dustguard. John will measure the road in question and will call them about the overpayment.
- 2) **Sherbrooke Road Culvert** – John reported culvert was filled, and cones are in place.
- 3) **N Ida Heights Road Drainage – Cheri Jaeger** - Claudia forwarded an email to the board members from Cheri Jaeger recent photographs of the approach/road that historically has been prone to flooding at the end of her driveway. John stated the original owner of the property had indicated that they would fix the approach; however, this was never completed. John recommended that driveway approach needs an apron, and he will talk to Brian Rafevold about installing one. Tony added this looks like it is a bad approach.

G. Other Business

- 1) **District 9 Meeting – August 21st, 2025, 5:30 p.m.** – Steve will inquire if snacks should be provided the by the township as Cormorant is the host of the meeting. Steve intends to attend this meeting.

- 2) **PPP** – Ila indicated that all repairs to the exercise equipment have been made.
- 3) **Ad Credits – New Ad Coming** - Claudia stated that Tammy Odegaard is designing a new updated ad for the Cormorant Township. Once approved by the Board, it will be published in the Lakes County newspaper. Claudia confirmed that the township has been credited for errors (cut off phone numbers) in the last few ads published. The Board discussed potentially discontinuing the publishing of this ad. Ms. Odegaard publishes the community center calendar in a separate ad in the Lakes County newspaper and the email of the address of the township could be included in that ad. Our website is kept up-to-date and therefore, that is the best source of for township residents.
- 4) **Team Lab Account – Credit, LREC** – Claudia indicated that the township was charged twice in the amount of \$300 by Team Lab (once by check and the other ACH.). Additional purchases for fine patch were used against the overpayment and we have about a \$78 balance yet to be used for future fine patch purchases. Claudia also confirmed that LREC was not overpaid in January 2025, but prior treasurer had recorded duplicate entries in CTAS for this.
- 5) **Website – Cormorant Daze, Photo, Minutes** – Claudia indicated that the township website is up to date except for updated photographs.
- 6) **Rick Julian – Lake Ida Easement** – Steve indicated he will discuss this issue with Mr. Julian.
- 7) **CLWD Meeting August 20th 5:30-7:30 p.m.** – This is an additional advisory meeting.
- 8) **Building Permits from County** – Steve indicated he frequently checks the Becker County website for sales and building permits. Claudia stated she also receives copy of these permits in an Excel spreadsheet, which are not the easiest to read.
- 9) **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 *July 2025*. Board reviewed claims (payments) and receipts. Data is available on request.

Beginning Balance	\$292,841.77
Receipts	+ \$ 3,526.19
Disbursements	- \$ 42,103.06
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$ 254,264.90</u>

The Treasurer's Report was approved by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 26th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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