

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, September 27th, 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, Treasurer Susie Braseth and Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser.

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

B. **Minutes** from the September 13th regular meeting 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) **Peg Martin, Nels Erickson Lane** - Ms. Martin was present at the meeting to obtain clarification from the Board as to why Nels Erickson Lane is not maintained. She explained that there are two permanent residences on that live on that road. Steve explained to Ms. Martin that an agreement was drawn up in 2015 that noted Nels Erickson Lane is a public easement but will not be maintained, due to unique character of the one-mile road (past the gate). He further explained that the road is not wide enough to be maintained by the township, and also too close to Big Cormorant Lake. Dean Block, township road grader, also present, added that there are no ditches on that road, and it is not wide enough for ditches to be dug in. John added that a 66- foot road right of way is needed for it to qualify as a true township road. Board also discussed the fact that DNR owns property alongside that roadway. Steve advised Ms. Martin that this agreement was in effect when she purchased her property in 2018. He also listed several other township roads that are not maintained by the township (ex. Halvorson Beach Road, Ida View Road, Birch Lane). Steve provided Ms. Martin with a copy of the agreement he referenced during the meeting.

D) **Old Business**

1) **Unidentified Parcel** – The unidentified parcel is between Ness Estate Road and Lot 9 of the Hillside plat. Claudia researched history of an old road that was vacated back in 1992 but not in its entirety (in error). So, what is left of this old road is the unvacated portion. Board decided this unvacated road portion would remain as township property to help

pile snow during winter months on Ness Estate Lane and advised to request a parcel number be assigned to it as township owned.

- 2) **Showteam Organizer Needed** – The township is still in need of a person to serve as the Showteam Organizer.
- 3) **DL Forest School** – Claudia mentioned the DL Forest School would like to meet at the community center two times per month during the winter months. They will meet the first and third Monday from 1-3 pm in the School Room.
- 4) **Trunk or Treat** – Ila mentioned she will order cider and cookies to handout during the Trunk or Treat event. There already has been interest from the community to participate in the event.
- 5) **Carpet Cleaning** – Ila has scheduled for carpets to be cleaned in the CLWD office and LARL Link site on October 7th (Friday) at 8:30 a.m.

E. **Recycling**

- 1) **Propane Tanks** – John mentioned spray flow propane tanks were left at the recycling center. He will bring them to Becker County for proper disposal.

F. **Roads**

- 1) **Snowplow-** John described the 2006 Sterling snowplow and Board agree to purchase this plow to add to our snow removal fleet. It is DOT ready and has a backup camera, sander, and side-wing. Claudia will contact MATIT to bind insurance on the plow and he is available tomorrow, along with someone else, to pick up the snowplow.

G. **Other Business**

- 1) **Player Piano** – Claudia noted that a piano tuner inspected the player piano and the leather inside the player mechanism has dried out and does not seal well. He will email her options for repair, but to restore it would be expensive. The player piano is 120 years old.
- 2) **Gutters for Sheds** – John updated we are waiting on an installation date.
- 3) **MAT Training Options** – Claudia provided to the Board MAT Training Opportunities to board members.
- 4) **October Calendar** – Claudia distributed the October calendar to board members.

- 5) **CLWD Door Lock, Key** – Claudia advised that CLWD have a new coded door lock which an extra key will be kept safely in the Clerk’s Office.
- 6) **Upgrade Electronic Messaging Sign** – Claudia mentioned she has received contact for our Watchfire electronic sign provider that upgrades are available. Steve mentioned the sign seems in good working order. No upgrade was discussed at this time.
- 7) **Miscellaneous Mail** – No mail to mention.

H. Adjournment - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with a motion from John, seconded by Tony, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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