

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Chairperson Steve Sorenson, Supervisor John Buhaug, Clerk Claudia Hanson, Treasurer Cindy Wipplerling, and Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser. Absent Supervisor Tony Hubbard.

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

B. **Minutes** from August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular and special meeting was read. Motion to approve minutes made by John, seconded by Steve. Carried 2-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Doug Anderson – Agape Acres (Tarring)** – Mr. Anderson was present at the meeting. Mr. Anderson stated that since he and Melissa Lage purchased Agape Acres they have had a lot of traffic such as the school bus , garbage trucks, and other large vehicles to turn around on the cul-de-sac area on Victory Lane and would like to have the cul-de-sac area tarred. He also added a lot of gravel is washing down another neighbor’s driveway near the cul-de-sac. Mr. Anderson had Howard’s Driveway, Inc. submit two bids for tarring his cul-de-sac area, one for about 8000 square feet for \$13,900 and a second bid for 3,925 square feet for \$9200. He is planning to have Howard’s Driveway begin paving his driveway in October. Tim Erickson was present at the meeting, and highlighted the fact that cul-de-sacs are 66 feet in width and that the township area discussed by Mr. Anderson is maybe beyond the 66-foot radius. It was added that some township cul-de-sacs are even smaller than this. Steve advised that Mr. Anderson’s proposal will be taken under advisement. John asked Mr. Anderson for clarification where plowed snow should be placed.

D) **Old Business**

- 1) **115<sup>th</sup> Street Deposition** – Claudia indicated no date is scheduled yet for the deposition.
- 2) **District 9 Meeting August 21st Update** – Steve and Cindy attended the District 9 meeting held in our Community Center on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Steve indicated there were approximately 70 people in attendance. Cindy advised that the new trainer is based in

Pelican Rapids which could help Cindy in understanding the new sick leave policy for township employees.

**E. Recycling**

- 1) **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day Update** – Steve reported that the HHW Day was unsuccessful, noted that only 20 residents came to the event. Due to the low attendance, this event will likely not be held for the next year or two. Steve added that there were five employees assisting with the event. Claudia noted that the flier for the event needs to be provided earlier to the township so that the event can be promoted.
- 2) **Lawn Mowing at Recycling Centers** - Steve indicated that the township would begin mowing the lawn at the recycling centers every two weeks and keep mower blades higher.

**F. Roads**

- 1) **Dustguard Overpayment** – John has paperwork in his truck and he will bring it into the township office tomorrow to figure out how much overbilling of dustguard was done.
- 2) **N Ida Heights Road Drainage** - John stated he will look at this issue and consult with Brian Raftevoid for concrete consideration for improving water flow.
- 3) **Culvert** – John met with Bernie Rick to clear culvert on Sherbrooke Road as the water was over it, due to a beaver plugging up the culvert with debris. Ila suggested that grates be installed on the end to keep the beaver out. Tim Erickson stated that the township has used rebar grates in the past.

**G. Other Business**

- 1) **Playground Park Items – Lions** - Ila Lindstrom mentioned the Cormorant Lions have started the work to repair the playground equipment, notably the swing sets.
- 2) **Cormorant Daze Recap** – Steve indicated that Cormorant Daze was a big success, guessing about 3000 attendees in the village. There were approximately 85 vendors, and about 700 patrons for Lions Breakfast. Ila suggested having four more 55-gallon garbage cans throughout the village for trash disposal.
- 3) **Rich Julian – Lake Ida Easement Update** – Steve advised that he left Mr. Julian a voice message.

4) **Becker County Planning Commission Hearing** - This is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. regarding regulation of retaining walls.

5) **Mileage Recertification** - Claudia received the township mileage certification which John noticed that he may recalculate the mileage on a few roads he thought seemed short. John advised that Royal Oaks Road needs to be added this year for certification.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John. Carried 2-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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