

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, October 11th, 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 27th regular meeting and variance hearings were reviewed.

Motion to approve minutes made by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

1) **Dale and Sherri Larson, Vacate Portion of Road** - Dale and Sherri Larson were present and own Lot 4 on Lake Ida Beach plat (on Ida Beach Road) and would like a portion of this road vacated. Their neighbors, Brian, and Dawn (Hilde) Cook, (own lots 5 and 6) had the end of road behind their lots vacated in 2020 (May 8th, 2018). This is a dead-end road. Dale Larson advised that it is not a contested issue, by the Cooks to have additional portion of the road vacated. The Cooks own both sides of the road, so they would not be landlocked from accessing their land. Board members reviewed the diagram provided by Mr. Larson. Steve advised that the Board would have to visit the site. Mr. Larson noted having more of the road vacated would allow him space to build a garage on the back lot of the property and/or a new septic system. Claudia explained road vacation procedures, such as surveying the road portion to be vacated, securing an attorney to draft up documents such a petition, orders, road hearing, etc. Tony asked if Cooks ever sold their lake lot separately from the main lot, that lake lot would be land locked, or not accessible. Dale Larson mentioned that easement language could be added into the vacation documents. Mr. Larson provided his contact information and Steve said the Board would be in contact with him.

2) **Add Electrical Outlet in Internet Space** – Ila mentioned a need for an electrical outlet in Internet space. Board discussed and decided on an electrical outlet in the ceiling of the kitchen and two extenders for Wi-Fi in basement. (one also in the exercise room), along with adding outlet in internet space.

- 3) **Lions Recycle Can Trailer** – Ila mentioned Lions request to have their recycle can trailer stored and accessible on the community center property over the winter. Steve explained the difficulty of having it here as snow is piled everywhere. Board decided to deny request as space is so limited in the winter due to snow piles.

D) Old Business

- 1) **Carpet Cleaning** – Ila updated the CLWD office and LARL Link area, which were affected by the water leak, have been cleaned. She added that the tile in the lower-level bathrooms was also deep cleaned.
- 2) **Newsletter** – Jessie Chenze was present at the meeting. Board acknowledged how well done the fall newsletter was done. Jessie inquired what to include in the winter newsletter. Board discussed inclusion of snow removal information, reminder of compost site closure for the winter, swing-away mailbox program, recap of Ladies Nite Out, Trunk and Treat, and Lions Christmas Party. Winter newsletter scheduled for release around Christmas.
- 3) **Piano** – Claudia received one quote for tuning/maintaining the player piano and the opinion received was to have entire player mechanism restored for an estimated cost of \$8000. Board agreed to have another opinion/quote acquired.
- 4) **Ida North Shore Addition, Becker County Hearing, Oct 12th, 2022** – This meeting will be held tomorrow night at Planning Commission Hearing for the final plat approval for five riparian lots and one non-riparian lot. Board had no input on this.

E. Recycling

- 1) **Gate for Brush/Compost site** – John advised he and Lloyd Ness will install gate in next few days so it will be ready to use when closing down site in November.

F. Roads

- 1) **Snow Fence** – Board agreed to start placing snow fences in spots where snow drifts are more prevalent during storms. Discussion ensued about purchasing or obtaining a pneumatic post hole digger. Also, it was suggested to put up a snow fence near Globstad Beach Road.
- 2) **Snowplow**- The 2006 Sterling snowplow is now in our township shed. Board would like to look at getting one more updated or newer plow. John will continue to look.

- 3) **School Bus route** – Penny advised the Bus transportation manager at LPA Schools has resigned. The school is in dire need of bus drivers, to the extent that some after school activities had to be cancelled due to lack of bus driver.

G. Other Business

- 1) **Becker Cty Assn of Townships Meeting** – This is scheduled for Thursday, October 20th, 2022, at the Becker County courthouse.
- 2) **Appoint Election Judges** – Claudia mentioned to have same judges appointed for the General Election as for the Primary. Cara Bjerken, Susie Braseth, Jo Downs, Megan Hoyes, Ginger Lenzmeier, Tim Lenzmeier, Ila Mae Lindstrom, Donna Lutz, Warren Meissner, Mark Nielson, Barb Maasjo, Sharon Olson, Laurie Wanke, Penny Wickenheiser, and Lavonne Selberg. John made motion to these judges, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.
- 3) **Rosman vs Rossman Road and Lake** – Claudia received inquiry from a realtor listing a property on Rosman-Erickson Road and had questions regarding correct spelling for the road and for the lake. After several emails from some of the local residents in that area, it seems the lake should be spelled as “Rossman” but the road “Rosman-Erickson.” In the drought years, (1950s-1960s?) there was a time when that lake was two separate lakes, one being Rossman and the second being Erickson, but since that time, the lake has merged into one, and now is just “Rossman Lake”. All the parcels on the road are also recorded as Rosman-Erickson Road under Becker County tax information. This information was relayed to the realtor.
- 4) **Flu Shot Clinic** – A few more ideas came up to have this at our community center, as Thrifty White Drug is unable to have any remote clinics due to lack of staffing. Jesse mentioned to connect with Becker Cty. Human Services as they are more able to facilitate a flu clinic.
- 5) **Miscellaneous Mail** – No mail to mention.

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

Beginning Balance	\$705,351.07
Receipts	+ \$ 1,035.78
Disbursements	- \$ 59,064.25
Ending	<u>\$ 647,322.60</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 7:43 p.m. with a motion from John, seconded by Tony, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 25th, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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