

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, October 8th, 2024**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members were: Chairperson Steve Sorenson, Supervisors John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Claudia Hanson, Treasurer Susie Braseth, and Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser.

- A. **Call to Order** by Chairperson Sorenson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. **Minutes** from September 24th, 2024, regular meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes made by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) None

D) **Old Business**

- 1) **John Challey – Schroeder Variance** - Mr. Challey was present and thanked the Board for repairing 132nd Avenue. Question arose regarding the county attorney opinion for Birch Pt. and Steve advised Atty. Brian McDonald’s opinion was the township has a authority of the road under common law (mentioned also at last regular meeting). Mr. Challey would like a copy of the written opinion, which he was given a copy. He also advised Schroeders are still working on their project and was concerned if the road will be left in its current condition all winter. Steve stated the road will be brought to its original state as soon as construction is completed. John commented that the retaining wall will keep the soil from washing away.

Unrelated to this variance, Mr. Challey is suspecting emerald ash borers may have gotten into his wood and was recommended to contact Becker Cty. Soil & Water Conservation District.

- 2) **Window Replacements CLWD and Township Office** – John is waiting for a larger window well so new window can open wider and will serve as a safer egress window than it currently does.
- 3) **Flu Shot Clinic Reminder** – Claudia advised the Flu Shot Clinic will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, October 9, 2024, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. A few spots are still open.

E. Recycling

- 1) **Brush Site** – It was mentioned leaf bags are being left at the brush site, and not being emptied as the sign instructs residents.
- 2) **Summer Bin usage** – John added there was less trash at the recycling sites this summer.

F. Roads

- 1) **Road Work Update** – Steve reported Anderson Brothers have completed the tar work on 132nd Avenue, North Beach Road, and Rosman-Erickson roads. John mentioned private approaches need to be built up to match the new tar on Rosman-Erickson. Gravel needs to be put on Birch Road's curve to prevent further tar breakage on the edge.
- 2) **Road Grant Update** – Claudia has not heard from Becker Cty. Engineer Jim Olson and will reach out again.
- 3) **Nelson Lake Road** – No other calls have been received.
- 4) **Road Ditch Mowing** – John advised this has been completed and great to have a double swath done to improve visibility for deer and other animals in the ditch.
- 5) **Buffalo Lane** - Claudia added Buffalo Lane needs to be graded and John recommended dustguard should be applied to first few yards on 100th next year. Lee Livdahl is grading roads for Dean Block who is recovering from surgery.

G. Other Business

- 1) **Newsletter** – Jessie Chenze was unable to attend the meeting tonight. A few changes need to be made before posting on the township website.
- 2) **LED Bulb Rebate** – John will check with Kerry Evenson about finishing the rebate.
- 3) **Elevator Sign Compliance** – Ila stated this is has been completed.
- 4) **Mileage Certification** – Claudia and Steve plan to meet tomorrow to complete this certification.
- 5) **Trunk or Treat** – Ila reminded everyone that Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 20th from 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- 6) **State of MN Department of Labor and Industry Email** – Claudia stated we received an email reminder that the \$100 elevator permit is due annually.

7) **MN Pollution Control Agency Public Notice** – The township received a notice regarding expansion on a Henning transfer site. Claudia emailed why our township received this notice (45 miles away, not our county or township)

8) **Miscellaneous** – No miscellaneous mail was received.

H. **Treasurer’s Report** - Susie presented her treasurer’s report for *September 2024*. Board reviewed claims (payments) and receipts. Data is available on request.

Beginning Balance	\$255,111.05
Receipts	+ \$ 1,591.44
Disbursements	- <u>\$ 24,883.99</u>
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$ 231,818.50</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.

Susie mentioned the road work money will be distributed from ARPA funds. She stated there is \$47,000 remaining in ARPA funds. The remainder of the road work costs will be taken from township funds.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 29th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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