

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting was 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) No new business was presented or discussed.

D. **Old Business**

1) **115<sup>th</sup> Street** – Claudia advised that the township attorney is on an international trip and he will continue with mediation attempts once he returns.

2) **Assessing Update** – Township assessor Lisa Marschall sent email in which she expressed her frustration with the last-minute timeline changes imposed upon her assessments by the County Assessor Lee Brekke. She is trying to accommodate them but may not have every property assessed by the new October 31st deadline instead of December 1, 2025, old deadline. Claudia distributed copy of her email outlining the new assessment rules, set by the County, versus what the State deadline was at 12/1/25. Claudia also received a phone call from a resident in Cormorant Park Place, in which he expressed his difficulty with obtaining answers to why he never received any written letter of any property value adjustment that was agreed upon at the spring Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting. He had tried to contact Mr. Brekke and has had no contact back from him. Steve indicated he would reach out to Lisa if we could possibly help Lisa with this situation. Tony searched for this topic on the internet and did find information that the County Assessor can set different deadlines for finishing assessments, than the State deadline. However, Lisa was apparently only given about two weeks' notice before 10/31/2025 of the new County-imposed deadline.

**E. Recycling**

- 1) **Burn Pile – Move, When to Close Compost Area** - John indicated that the burn pile will be relocated across to the southwest corner of the brush/compost site so the new storage units will not have the smoke infiltrate that area. Compost will be located to the east of site. John anticipates closing the Brush/ Compost Site on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**F. Roads**

- 1) **Snowplow Drivers** – John advised that the snowplow drivers lined up for this season are Kevin Wickenheiser, Ross Seifert, and Andrew Seifert. John will also provide pickup truck plowing services. At this point, no other drivers will be needed.
- 2) **Couple of Mailbox Posts Requests** – Claudia mentioned she received two requests.
- 3) **145<sup>th</sup> Street** – John updated that the rut on 145<sup>th</sup> Street (was inhibiting the mail carrier) has been filled in.
- 4) **N Ida Heights Road** – John indicated that he tried to call the homeowner but has been unsuccessful in connecting that that individual.
- 5) **Noxious Weeds on Wermager Beach Road** – John stated he sent the form out property owner.

**G. Other Business**

- 1) **Follow Up on Anderson Variance (11/12/24)** - Ed Clem with Becker Soil and Water District has been notified to recheck this variance which the DNR, and Becker County Planning & Zoning were all engaged in the stipulations of this variance.
- 2) **Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> results** - Ila updated there were 23 trunks available and at least 105 children present! Weather conditions helped with the high attendance. It was requested from participants to hold this event next year on the same Sunday (the week before Halloween.) Claudia will add it to the 2026 calendar, date would be Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- 3) **Becker County Association of Townships Meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** – (Becker County Courthouse). Claudia added that the subject of cannabis distribution and regulations will be addressed.

4) **Data Request** – Claudia stated she is making arrangements with requestor which she is primarily looking for 2 months past treasurer reports and the 2025 annual report. Claudia and Cindy indicated, if necessary, they will meet with the requester to answer additional questions.

H. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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