

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, November 11th, 2025**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Chairperson Steve Sorenson, Supervisors John Buhaug, Clerk Claudia Hanson, Treasurer Cindy Wipperling, and Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser. Supervisor Tony Hubbard was absent.

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

B. **Minutes** from October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting was read. Motion to approve minutes made by Steve, seconded by John, carried 2-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

1) **Steve Curtis, Constitution 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class** – Mr. Curtis is interested in teaching and facilitating a class to educate the public about the Constitution, as it is its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He has video and other teaching materials to inform the public about the Constitution, hoping to offer this class weekly for about 8 weeks beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. He would like to use the smaller School Room, begin class at 5:30 pm with informal social time, then have class from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Board discussed and asked what he would like to call the class, which he stated, “Constitution 101”. He added that he would ask for a free will donation. Ila and Claudia reviewed the calendar and Wednesday nights are the most open in the summer. Board thought this was a wonderful addition to events/classes held at the community center. Ila and Claudia will go thru any details with Mr. Curtis once May approaches.

2) **Cindy Lichtsinn, Cormorant LARL Link Site** – Cindy had emailed Claudia that the LARL (Lake Agassiz Regional Library) asked her for a community center fire evacuation plan. Ila helped locate and identify where all the fire extinguishers are. Claudia will work with Cindy on what type of diagram or information she needs. We have a tornado shelter plan and diagram posted for the center.

D. **Old Business**

1) **115<sup>th</sup> Street** – No activity on this.

2) **Assessing Update** – Steve stated that he was in contact with Lisa Marschall and the deadlines to finish assessments is now back to December 1, 2025.

**E. Recycling**

- 1) **Close Compost Area** - Depending on weather conditions, John will proceed with closing the Brush/ Compost Site on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**F. Roads**

- 1) **Mailbox Posts Requests** – Claudia added she recently another mailbox post request.
- 2) **Wermager Beach weeds** – John sent form for this to property owner.

**G. Other Business**

- 1) **Follow Up on Anderson Variance (11/12/24)** - There has been no contact back from Ed Clem with Becker Soil and Water District regarding a recheck of this.
- 2) **Ladies Night Out Turn Out** - Attendance was down a little for this village event, on the evening of opening Rifle Deer Hunting, even though the community center was full of vendors.
- 3) **Becker County Association of Townships Meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** – (Becker County Courthouse). Claudia just reminded everyone of this.
- 4) **December Regular Township Meeting** – Board discussed when to have this meeting, as due to the holidays, the township only schedules one regular meeting in December. John motioned, seconded by Steve, to have the regular December meeting on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. if there is a variance hearing. Carried 2-0. Claudia will post notice for this.
- 5) **New Paid Sick Leave program** – Cindy has set up the two required accounts needed for this new program with MN Unemployment Insurance (MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development). One account is for elected officials and the second is for employees. A resolution still needs to be passed if the township will pay 100% or 50% of the withholding that will begin in January 2026.
- 6) **Data Request** – Claudia stated this is done and data given out. A fee for copies was charged.

- 7) **MAT Training** – Cindy and Claudia have signed up for clerk and treasurer training at their St. Michael location for November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- 8) **MATIT Worker’s Compensation Audit** – Claudia has received the bill for this insurance and also the audit notice and deadline (2/15/26) for completing the audit.
- 9) **Arvig Fiber Optic work** – Board reviewed the map and information from Arvig for upcoming fiber optic line work being done in the road right of way.
- 10) **Cormorant Quilters/Stitchers** – This group had a couple month hiatus but are returning back to meeting at the center on second Mondays of the month.
- 11) **Thank you** – Claudia shared a thank you note from the organizers of the Trunk/Treat event, for support from the township and the community.

**H. Treasurer’s Report** - Cindy presented her treasurer’s report for *October 2025*. Board reviewed claims (payments) and receipts. Data is available on request.

Beginning Balance	\$150,044.79
Receipts	+ \$ 1,839.73
Disbursements	- \$ 40,332.68
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$ 111,551.84</u>

The Treasurer’s Report was approved by Steve seconded by John. Carried 2-0.

**I. Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John. Carried 2-0. 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