

**Hobart Township Monthly Meeting  
May 10, 2011**

Present: Ray Sonnenberg, DuWayne Sonnenberg, Terry Hockett, Debi Moltzan, Kathy Glawe, Mar Heisler, Torey Sonnenberg, Jeff Stabnow, Mike Dufane, Paul Pinke, Rich McCrady, Ken Johnson, Jim Peterson, Bob Shelstad and Gary Hareland.

Chairman Hockett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

D Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2011 meetings. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Glawe gave the Treasurer's report.

D Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the disbursements as read. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mike Dufane and Paul Pinke were there to represent the City of Vergas. Pinke explained that a road maintenance agreement be drawn between the City and the Township. R Sonnenberg stated that one had been drawn up and signed by both entities in 2008. A copy was given to Pinke. Next, the City explained their desire to have the four adjoining townships help maintain the compost area of the recycling center. The cost to maintain this area is running the City about \$5,000 and would like to see \$1,000 from each Township. R Sonnenberg stated that the Township should not have to contribute because they were not part of the planning of the facility and should not have to fund something they did not help plan. Suggestions from the attendees were putting up signs "for residents only"; charge the commercial business that dump; putting up a locked gate and have swipe cards that can be sold. R Sonnenberg stated that these suggestions should be tried and if that does not help contain the costs, the issue could be revisited.

Johnson, Peterson, Shelstad and Hareland, all from Adam's Point Lane questioned if dust guard could be placed on Adam's Point Road from County Road 4 to the public access. They were also concerned about the frost boils in this location. Discussion was held regarding both issues. R Sonnenberg made a motion to approve dust guard from County Road 4 until the public access due to the fact that it would be in the best interest of the public and would reduce maintenance costs to the Township. D Sonnenberg second. The Board further explained that frost boils have been bad on roads where they have not been an issue in the past. Peterson questioned if the frost boils could be dug out. The Board explained that this job would not be able to be completed in one day and once the road work begins, the road would not be passable until the project is complete and the Township would not be able to shut down the road with that many residents living on the road.

Stabnow gave a report on what it would take to fix the water problem on East Wymer Lake Road by Makey's. A permit would not be required from USFWS if the work was done within the road right of way. Otter Tail County Lakeshore Management would be looking at the project to determine whether or not a permit would be required from the County. An 18" culvert would be installed and the road would have to be raised 2 to 3 feet. A burrow pit would need to be found in the area to keep the costs down. R Sonnenberg made a motion to allow Stabnow to proceed with the project, finding the fill and contractors. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The road grading policy was reviewed. The policy was drafted two years ago and reviewed, but a signed copy was not in the records. R Sonnenberg made a motion to approve, accept and implement the road grading policy as presented. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the need for gravel and dust guard, per information submitted after the road inspection. D Sonnenberg made a motion to place dust guard on Black Diamond Road from Mueller's corner to Schilling's driveway and on Rice Lake Road from Lenius's Corner to the Minimum Maintenance Sign based on the fact that by doing the entire stretches, it would save money on blading. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Stabnow gave a report on 470<sup>th</sup> St and what it would take to improve the road. Stabnow estimated the work would be around \$90,000 to \$100,000. The Board felt that this was too much money to spend on a minimally used road. Stabnow stated that he could put together a quote sheet and obtain two quotes to help the Board determine whether or not they want to proceed with the project. D Sonnenberg made a motion to allow Stabnow to proceed with preparing the quote sheets and obtaining two quotes. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried. D Sonnenberg suggested that Doug Ackling and Joe Stenger be contacted for a quote since both have done work in the Township in the past.

The letter received from Nate Welte, Attorney, regarding road recording and repealing the existing Ordinances. Preparation will be done on the notices and notification range prior to setting the public hearing date.

McCrary stated that the Township Website looks good, but suggested that Otter Tail County be contacted so they could add a link on their website. McCrary stated that the Long Lake Lake Association Meeting will be held June 11, 2011 at the Vergas Community Center and would like to see a representative from the Township at the meeting. McCrary stated that the Lake Association has been working on finding a way to make the culvert area on County Road 36 a safer place and would like to enhance the area for fishing. R Sonnenberg stated that McCrary should work with the Township's Engineer and County to come up with ideas. McCrary questioned what the process would be if the residents on Freedom Flyer Road wanted that road asphalted. The Board explained the different options. McCrary questioned the Board if they had given any thought to expanding the Board to a five member Board. McCrary felt that this would allow younger people to get involved without losing the expertise of the senior officers.

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Hockett adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Moltzan, Clerk