

**Hobart Township Monthly Meeting  
April 10, 2012**

**Present:** Ray Sonnenberg, DuWayne Sonnenberg, Terry Hockett, Kathy Glawe, Debi Moltzan, Rich McCrady, Rick Sonnenberg, Toery Sonnenberg, Steve Ehnert, Marv Heisler, Frank Hanson, George Massey, Joe Stenger and three residents of Rose Lake, Adams Lane.

Hockett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The agenda was considered and the following items were added: Massey and Rose Lake residents wished to speak to the Board, dust guard, mowing quotes, and gravel quotes.

D Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting and the re-organization meeting. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Massey addressed the Board concerning the grading of Long Shore Trail/Lane, why it was graded when he felt it was not needed; who graded the road; was the contract given to a person or a company; what the standards were for grading; and the Board being accountable for decisions and spending. The Board responded by explaining the grading process; the need for cutting shoulders; that the Board has full authority on how, when and why roads are maintained and without that authority the roads would be in worse condition or there would be no roads.

The Rose Lake residents addressed the Board regarding soft spots in the Adam's Point Road from where last year's road work ended and the public access and if this portion of the road could be dust guarded. R Sonnenberg stated that Stabnow had checked the road and is coming up with a recommendation to fix the problem areas and the possibility of dust guard once the work is completed. .

Board of Review May 1 at the Town Hall from 9:30 am until 10:30 am.

The letter from the DNR regarding the Sybil Lake culvert was read and discussed. After much discussion on the cost, existing culverts may be full of silt, the fact that the water is going down naturally, the fact that the township and/or lake should take on water from someone else's problem and the number of Hobart residents that would be affected by the increase of water, the Board felt that Otter Tail County Highway Department should be contacted about cleaning out the culvert under Co Hwy 36. R Sonnenberg made a motion not to change the culvert under Sybil Lake road based on the fact that the Board has not received a conclusive plan or study showing impact on the Long Lake residents,

costs and how the project would be funded. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried. Letters are to be sent to Neil Strawhorne and Paul Bruhn with a carbon to Long Lake Association.

R Sonnenberg gave a report on the signage complaint. R Sonnenberg stated that Stabnow had checked the locations listed in the complaint and felt that these areas were properly signed. A letter will be sent to the complainant, with a copy being sent to the County Highway Department.

Reminder that the AIS meeting is on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergas Event Center.

The building committee set a date of Thursday, April 19, 2012 to get together and visit area town halls for ideas for the new hall.

Mowing and gravel quotes were due May 1, 2012. Quote sheets have not yet been sent out. Discussion was held regarding extending the quotes until the May meeting or recessing the meeting, send out the quote sheets and reconvene the meeting later this month.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to recess the meeting and reconvene Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to finish the meeting with the items on the agenda. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting recessed at 9:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm, April 26, 2012.

Three additional bills were approved by the Board for the Election Judges from the Annual Election.

One mowing quote was received from Steve's Road Maintenance. R Sonnenberg made a motion to accept the mowing quote from Steve's Road Maintenance for two years. Hockett second. All in favor. R Sonnenberg made a motion to clarify that double cuts, where needed would be charged by the hour and that the quote was to apply to two cuttings. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Two gravel quotes were received. One from Heisler's Gravel and one from North Central. Discussion was held regarding the quality of gravel, location of the pits, and service. D Sonnenberg made a motion to accept the quote from Heisler's Gravel based on past experience and past quality of work. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Two quotes were received for Dust Guard. One from Becker County Highway Department and one from Stenger's Dust Control. Discussion was held regarding the quotes. D Sonnenberg made a motion to accept the quote from Stenger's Dust Control based on the fact that it was the lower bid and past experience with the contractor. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The road inspection was set up for May 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. Attending will be D Sonnenberg, Hockett, Moltzan and Rick Sonnenberg.

Hockett presented a proposal for updating the Town Line Road Agreement between Hobart and Edna. R Sonnenberg made a motion to have Stabnow review the proposal before signing. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding proposed work for the Adam's Point Road and that about 200 ft of the road needs to be fixed and should be done in the next few weeks so it could be dust guarded. R Sonnenberg made a motion to have Stabnow go ahead with the project, using the usual contractors that have worked for the Township. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

R Sonnenberg stated that concerns and problems with citizens should be addressed at the time they happen and be resolved with the resident before the next meeting. R Sonnenberg felt that the integrity of the Board was insulted at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, that no resident has the right to tell the Board how to or when to maintain the roads, and that if anyone wants to speak at the meeting, they need to sign up with the clerk prior to the meeting, so the Supervisor's know what is going on so there are no sudden surprises. R Sonnenberg stated that incidents like the one on April 10<sup>th</sup> cannot happen again and if they do, the Sheriff should be called.

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Hockett adjourned the meeting.

The Building committee met after the regular meeting to discuss possible floor plans and building sizes and what the next step would be.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Moltzan,  
Hobart Town Clerk