

**Hobart Township Monthly Meeting  
May 8, 2012**

**Present:** Terry Hockett, Ray Sonnenberg, DuWayne Sonnenberg, Kathy Glawe, Debi Moltzan, Rich McCrady, David Geiszler, Neil Strawhorne, Allan Knoll, Scott Lovaason, Kit Nelson, Paul Bruhn, Elwood and LaVon Rieke, Fran Maday, Rick Sonnenberg and Marv Heisler.

Hockett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. R Sonnenberg made a motion to delete the Edna Town Line Road Agreement and Jim Jenson from the agenda and add Fritz/ Uf Da Vista Road and Firemen's radios to the agenda. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

D Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10/26, 2012 meeting. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to accept 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.

Paul Bruhn spoke on behalf of the Sybil Lake/Loon Lake residents. They want to address the on going flooding of the upper basin. They have been working with Julie Aaland, DNR, on an acceptable plan of a new culvert with a control gate. There is a defined operating plan, the new culverts would be installed adjacent to the existing culverts, the new culvert would be closed once Long Lake reaches the OHW and opened when the OHW of Long Lake drops 3 inches. The gate would be controlled by an independent contractor/company. Estimated cost of the project would be \$20,000. Sybil and Loon Lake Associations have already paid \$6,000 for the initial study. Further study has been done by Houston Engineering and the DNR and this plan satisfies the DNR. Funding could be equally shared between Candor, Dora, Hobart and the Lake Associations. Aaland is ready to issue the permit, but needs the approval of the Board. Kit Nelson stated that Aaland is comfortable with the plan and has looked at the risks.

Further discussion was held regarding cost, lake capacities, size of existing culverts, size of the new culverts, where the control gate would be located, cost on installation, cost of maintenance, if all agencies have been contact, the fact that the Board has received written information from Land and Resource Management and the DNR, but not the US Army Corp of Engineers, and what impact the extra water would have on the Long Lake residents.

Rich McCrady stated, that as a private citizen, he could endorse the project but felt that the Lake Association needed to meet and get the input from the residents of Long Lake. McCrady felt that something should be done to help relieve the water problem if it did not impact Long Lake.

R Sonnenberg questioned if the other Townships have committed to funding. Bruhn stated that they have addressed Dora Township and Dora wanted to see a permit before committing to anything and Candor has not yet been contacted. Bruhn further stated that they want to go forward with the project and wanted approval from the Board tonight. R Sonnenberg felt there were still too many unanswered questions and would like to hear from the Long Lake Lake Association and the Corp of Army Engineers. Bruhn stated that the permit could be obtained and then the Board could decide if they want to go through with the project.

Consensus of the Board was that the Township Attorney would need to be contacted for direction and that they needed to hear from the Corp of Army Engineers.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to go ahead with the permitting process with the stipulation that the Board needed, in writing, the Corp of Army Engineers stance on the project. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Allan Knoll, Buehler Drive, approached the Board regarding asphaltting about ¼ mile of the road, at his own expense. Discussion was held regarding bringing the road up to township specifications before asphaltting, who would maintain the upkeep of the asphalt. Consensus of the Board was that Stabnow needed to look at the road with Knoll and give Knoll his recommendations as to what was needed to bring the road to specifications.

The City of Vergas has sent notice that Bruce and Carol Albright want to annex .44 acres they recently purchased into the City. This property is adjacent to their residence.

Lyle Fritz, Uf Da Vista Road, contacted Board members regarding what it would take to bring that road up to specifications in order to have the Township maintain the road. Discussion was held and an estimate was given by Heisler for the amount of gravel it would take to make an acceptable base. To gravel the road, shape up the road and fix the sink hole in the right of way, it was estimated that the cost would be around \$8,000. Further discussion was held regarding Schlauderaff Dairy using the road when existing their fields and felt that once the road is taken over, any damage caused by Schlauderaff's would need to be fixed by Schlauderaff's.

R Sonnenberg updated the Board regarding the new digital radios for the Fire Department. The grant was not awarded to this portion of the County so the County may need to assess property owners for the radios.

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Hockett adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Moltzan, Clerk