

Hobart Township Monthly Meeting
June 12, 2012

Present: Board Members Terry Hockett, DuWayne Sonnenberg, Ray Sonnenberg, Kathy Glawe and Debi Moltzan, along with 25 constituents.

Chairman Hockett called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

D Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried. R Sonnenberg gave an update on the funding for the radios and stated that the County has found a way to fund a portion of the radios so the entire amount will not be levied against the taxes.

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.

Scott Ehlke addressed the Board regarding the condition of the East Lake Seven Road, particularly the portion from Co Hwy 4 to the intersection of East Lake Seven Road and Dusty Trail and what the plan is for retarring this section of road. Steffanie Hogan stated that the road needs more dust guard if it is not tarred. This area is a highly traveled area and the dust makes it impossible to enjoy the outdoors.

Discussion was held regarding the past and current condition of the road, costs of re-tarring the road, more dust guard, and budgeting for major projects and if added to the levy, it would take one year after the levy has been set before the funding is available. R Sonnenberg made a motion to approve additional dust guard for this portion of the road. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried. R Sonnenberg stated that the residents should contact one of the Board members when the dust starts to increase after an application.

George May addressed the Board regarding placing an aquatic invasive species sign in the road right of way between Lake 6 and Lake 7. May stated that the sign cannot be placed in the public accesses because the DNR states that the accesses are too small.

The Board conferred with their engineer regarding the placement of a sign, the location, size, height, the sign possibly interfering with snow removal and the sign possibly blocking vision. D Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the Lake Association to place an AIS informational sign on the north side of Camp Cherith Road, between the two public accesses based on the fact that it is a beneficial warning sign to the public. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Neil Strawhorne and Kit Nelson addressed the Board for the Loon Lake Association. Nelson stated that the public water's permit has been issued by the DNR and submitted

the Board with a summary of documents and an estimate for a sliding lockable gate. Scott Lovaason stated that Dora Township is willing to help fund a portion of the project, once a permit was issued to Hobart Township. Strawhorne stated that Candor Township did not commit. Nelson stated that he is requesting that the Board request bids for the projects.

R Sonnenberg stated that the Board has not had a chance to review the permit, it was presented to them right before the meeting began. R Sonnenberg also stated that the MPCA wants to see the plans and comment on the project.

Much discussion was held regarding the following issues: Long Lake being higher for a longer period of time than Sybil or Loon Lake; Freedom Flyer Road culvert being partially collapsed; need to obtain more information; acquiring costs for the project; the difference between estimate flows and flow analysis, the conditions of the permit and the fact that if the culvert was installed, it would be some time before considering opening the culvert because Long Lake is still over the OHW. Stawhorne questioned why the culvert size in Freedom Flyer road is not going to be increased. R Sonnenberg stated that the culvert was special ordered prior to the permit being issued, and an existing culvert could only be replaced with the same size culvert and that he feels more information is still needed before making a decision on the replacement culvert in Sybil Lake Road.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to go head to get a cost analysis for the project with the understanding that obtaining the prices does not mean that the work will be done. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rich McCrady gave an update from the Building Committee. McCrady stated that the group has met three times and has invested many hours. Estimates for various aspects of the project trying to stay in compliance with the \$100,000 approved by the voters. Tony Stoll, BHH, has been contacted to draw up preliminary plans, working plans, and final plans for the building. The estimated costs for the engineering aspects would be no less than \$3,000 but not more than \$5,000. Timeline for the plans is to have the preliminary plans by the end of June, sit down with the architect to discuss them (one to two meetings) by mid July and getting bids and breaking ground by the end of July.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to allow the building committee to go ahead with working with the architect getting the plans necessary to being the bid/quote process and approve up to \$5,000 for the architect's work. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jeff Stabnow stated that he met with Allen Knoll regarding the tarring of a portion of Buehler's Drive. Stabnow stated that the road has a good base for the project, but is only 22 ft driving surface, not the required 24 ft driving surface. Knoll stated that the road is a dead end road and would like the approval of the Board to allow the tarring project to go ahead with a 22 ft road. Knoll stated that he will be paying for the project and will make arrangements for the maintenance of the tar.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the tarring project of a 22 ft driving surface based on the fact that the road is a dead end road, the project is being funded and maintained by the citizens. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Stabnow gave an update on other potential road projects. Stabnow felt that the sink holes by Fairy Lake could be resolved by back filling the spots with a granular material; tar patching was needed between Allen Antoneson's buildings and Co Hwy 4, primarily at the intersection of this road and Co Hwy 4; the content of the Edna Town Line proposal and replacement of the Freedom Flyer culvert.

Strawhorne stated hat it would be irresponsible to replace the Freedom Flyer culvert with anything less than a 30 inch culvert. The Board explained that the culvert was a special order culvert and was ordered prior to the DNR Water's Permit being issued.

Roger Price addressed the Board regarding the culvert between Lake 6 and Lake 7, this is only a 16" culvert and is in bad shape. Price felt that a larger culvert needed to be installed at this location. Discussion was held regarding past performance of the culvert, the need to clean the culvert and the possibility of culvert replacement. R Sonnenberg stated that the replacement of the culvert with a larger culvert would require the same permitting process as what Sybil/Loon has gone through.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the signing of the new Edna/Hobart Town Line agreement. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Moltzan,
Hobart Town Clerk.