

**Hobart Township Monthly Meeting  
August 13, 2012**

Present: Terry Hockett, DuWayne Sonnenberg, Ray Sonnenberg, Kathy Glawe, Debi Moltzan, and 15 constituents.

Hockett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The agenda was considered and the following items were added: Karen Lehman, Camp Cherith Road and Scott Ehlke.

The minutes from the July meeting were read. D Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the minutes. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried. R Sonnenberg stated that the rip rap on Wymer/Graham Lake was to take place in September and that, as part owners of the fire department, the Board should send thank you notes to the Long Lake Association and the McCrady's for their generous donations.

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

D Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the disbursements as read. R Sonnenberg second.

Discussion was held regarding changing the date of the September meeting due a scheduling conflict with the clerk's schedule. R Sonnenberg made a motion to change the September meeting until Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Camp Cherith Road culvert. The culvert is full of sand and roots, therefore is not working properly. The culvert has been added onto in the past. The ends of the culvert are approximately 15 inches and the middle of the culvert is approximately an 18 inch culvert. R Sonnenberg suggested that the culvert be replaced with one culvert of the same size (18 inch) then patch in the tar. Discussion was held regarding replacing the culvert with a larger one rather than one of the same size. It was stated that if the culvert was replaced with the same size culvert, it could be done without any special permits. If it was replaced with a larger culvert, special permits would have to be obtained. R Sonnenberg made a motion to replace this culvert with a culvert the same size as the original culvert (size as measured in the middle of the culvert). D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held regarding the culvert on the Sontag property, which is on private property and whether or not the changing of the culvert in the twp road would affect this culvert or flood out private property. Consensus of the Board was that the Sontag culvert would have to be checked out to see what size it was and then do some research as to whether or not this culvert would have to be replaced and if had to be, how it could be done and who would have to pay for it.

Kit Nelson and Fran Maday were present to represent Loon Lake and Sybil Lake. They

wanted an update on what was happening with the flow study. Chad Engels, Moore Engineering, was present to explain the proposal. Engels explained what the Houston Engineering report covered, what information it used to make the determination they did. Engels stated that they would review this information, review the DNR's study and what they would do and use to determine the effects downstream.

Nelson stated that some people took a canoe downstream and removed a portion of the beaver dam. This lowered the water, but the beaver repaired the dam. Discussion was held regarding complete removal of the dam and elimination of the beavers, what effect this would have on the lake level, drain down effects and long term effects. Consensus of everyone was that Loon/Sybil/ Long Lake Associations should get together to solicit help in controlling the beavers.

Discussion was held regarding the replacement of the Freedom Flyer Road culvert. It was explained that the TWP is waiting for the easements to cross private property while the culvert is being replaced. This is necessary so that there is a way for not only the residents, but emergency vehicles to access the properties north of the culvert while the road is being worked on.

Discussion then went back to the water channel from Long Lake to #228. Discussion was held regarding what would be necessary to speed up the flow study and what it would take to satisfy the Board as to assuring that the residents of Long Lake would not be further affected by the Sybil Lake culvert. After much discussion, R Sonnenberg made a motion to continue tonight's meeting until a date and time that would allow for the Township and Lake Associations to meet with each other and the other Townships affected by the water issue, coming up with a 'master plan'. D Sonnenberg stated that he felt that more progress has been made at this meeting than all the meetings held in the past year.

Scott Ehlke approached the Board with a proposition as to how to improve the safety of the intersection of the East Lake Seven Road and County Highway 4. Ehlke felt that it would be in the best interest of the public to improve this intersection by removing his house and felt that the Township should buy his property. Discussion was held and consensus of the Board was that the County needed to be approached because the structure affects the County Road right of way more than the township road right of way.

It was brought to the Board's attention that wild parsnip has been spotted along Sybil Lake Road. The Board will contact RMS to eradicate the parsnip.

Rick Sonnenberg gave an update on the proposed town hall building. Preliminary plans are done. BHH is willing to do the bidding process for the Board. The fee for this service would be \$3600. Discussion was held and the consensus of the Board was that no one on the Board has the expertise or the time to handle the bidding process. R Sonnenberg made a motion to approve \$3600 for BHH to oversee the bidding process. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried. Further discussion will be held regarding the building when the meeting reconvenes.

Discussion was held regarding the placement of a stop ahead sign and speed limit signs on Lake Six Road. Stabnow explained that the studies have proven which signs are required, which signs are ineffective and the process to designate a road as a rural residential district. Further discussion will be held when the meeting reconvenes.

At this time, Hockett recessed the meeting. The tentative date for reconvening the meeting is set for August 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The August meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m, August 27, 2012. Present were members from Edna, Dora, and Candor Township, along with other constituents.

Chairman Hockett explained to the Townships present what was going on with the Sybil and Loon Lake high water issues, culvert studies and possible culvert replacements.

Kit Nelson stated that he and others had removed the beaver dam behind Happels three times. Discussion was held regarding how much the water dropped, current elevation of the lakes, beaver control, and the need to trap beavers. Jeff Stabnow explained the report submitted by Moore Engineering, which stated that they did not believe the beaver dam was a factor of the high water issue. Stabnow felt that there was a discrepancy on what was reported to Moore Engineering and what was written. Discussion was held regarding how to further lower the water, what was the magic number to keep Long Lake at, larger culvert in the Freedom Flyer Road.

Further discussion was held regarding the stipulations of the DNR permit issued to replace culverts. R Sonnenberg stated that he would like to see the operating plan of the control gate in writing, signed by those stated in the permit, which has not yet been done. Further discussion was held regarding obtaining the correct easements to allow the traffic from Freedom Flyer Road to be detoured during culvert replacement and written authorization from the DNR to increase the size of the Freedom Flyer culvert.

D Sonnenberg stated the Hobart should not foot the bill for this project and wanted to know what the other Townships felt about funding the project. Nelson stated that the taxpayers should get a benefit from the Township. D Sonnenberg stated that there is such a few taxpayers that would possibly benefit from the project. Representatives from Edna Township stated that they could possibly help with some funding, but felt the conditions of the permit have not yet been met and would not contribute until everything was in place. Representatives from Candor Township stated that they could not justify funding for such a few taxpayers that live in their township. Nelson stated that he will still pursue this matter and wanted the Sybil culvert installed before freeze up.

Rich McCrady felt that the beaver dam should be dismantled and the beaver trapped, but should have some type of written agreement with Happel.

Paving East Lake 7 Road was discussed and two quotes were received for doing the job from Co Rd 4 until Dusty Trail, with alternate quotes for the remainder of the road to the intersection of Scalp Trail. The two quotes were received from Howard's and Central

Specialties. R Sonnenberg made a motion to award the job to Howard's based on the fact that they were the lowest quote. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a certificate of indemnity to fund the project. Glawe would look into what it would take to obtain the certificate.

Rich McCrady gave an update on the town hall building project and what the next steps would be. Discussion was held regarding the fact that professional services, site prep work, well and sewer were not part of the town hall building and could be done at any time and the cost would not be part of the \$100,000 allowed for the building. R Sonnenberg made a motion to go ahead with the site prep work, well and septic work. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

A paving policy was discussed. Moltzan stated that a policy had been drafted some time ago, the Board reviewed, but had never approved it. The Board reviewed the policy and R Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the paving policy by resolution. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Moltzan,  
Hobart Clerk