

**Hobart Township Annual Township Meeting
March 13, 2012**

Fourteen people were present for the meeting.

The annual meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm by Clerk Debi Moltzan.

Rick Sonnenberg made a motion to elect Rich McCrady as moderator. Ray Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

McCrady lead the pledge of allegiance.

Clerk Moltzan read the minutes from the 2011 annual meeting. Terry Hockett made a motion to approve the minutes. Dennis Pausch second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Glawe gave the Treasurer's report and explained the receipts and disbursements for the year. Discussion included the reason for surveying and recording the town roads and explaining that Stabnow is the TWP's road engineer and is on a retainer. Diane Bruhn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Ray Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on setting the levy for 2013. The 2012 budget was \$35,000 for the general fund, \$190,000 for the road and bridge fund and \$60,000 for the fire fund. Currently, the Township has money in the bank and is sitting financially sound and felt that there was no need to increase the levies.

Dennis Pausch made a motion to set the levy for the general fund at \$35,000. Bev Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dennis Pausch made a motion to set the levy for the road and bridge fund at \$190,000. Marv Anderson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gary Gunstinson made a motion to set the levy for the fire fund at \$60,000. Marv Anderson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Donations were discussed. Pete Zavadil, EOT Fair Board, thanked the Township for their donation last year. Zavadil stated that there are many repairs that need to be done at the fairgrounds and any donation would be helpful. Dennis Pausch, Neighbor to Neighbor, thank the Township for their donation last year and stated that the program benefits about 20 to 30 Town Residents. Marv Anderson thanked the Board for their donation last year and stated that currently, the Frazee Rescue Squad is financially sound. Anderson further stated that their organization is trained to train others in CPR and could give classes.

Rod Boyer made a motion to make the following donations:

Neighbor to Neighbor	\$1000.00
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Otter Tail County Historical Society	\$250.00
History Museum of East Otter Tail	\$250.00
Perham Library	\$250.00
East Otter Tail Historical Society	\$250.00
Veterans Museum	\$250.00
EOT Agricultural Society (fair)	\$250.00
Frazee Rescue	\$500.00

Diane Bruhn second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The 2013 Township election date is March 12, 2013. Gary Gunstinson made a motion to set the election hours from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m, with the annual meeting to begin at 8:15 p.m. Marv Anderson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Supervisors presented the idea of building a new town hall, with storage space. The Supervisors explained that the way that the existing building is constructed, an addition could not be placed on the building. There is a need for storage, because township items are being stored at Supervisor's or contractor's homes. The wiring in the existing building is to the point that it cannot handle the election equipment and there is no indoor plumbing or bathrooms. The Supervisors stated that they looked at prices for a particular size of building to give the voters an idea of what they were looking at but have already found out that that building would not be large enough. If a new structure was built, it could be rented out to lake associations and other groups.

Further discussion was held regarding how to fund the project, if the voters could decide this at the annual meeting or if a public vote needed to take place, that an amount should be set then have a committee work on designing the building then allow the supervisors to maintain the building. Discussion also included the fact that the town board has proven themselves to be good stewards of the town's money and would do a good job of designing a building without spending too much.

Rick Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the construction of a new town hall/storage building not to exceed \$100,000. Rod Boyer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Funding the new hall was the next topic of discussion. Moltzan had received information from the Auditor's office as to how much taxes would go up if \$100,000 were levied for either two years or three years. Discussion also included the money in reserve, levying partial payment for the building and the fact that if circumstances changed drastically, the voters could get together to change the levy.

Dennis Pausch made a motion to use \$50,000 out of the general fund and levy \$50,000 over two (2) years. Terry Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a committee to design the building and come up with rental guidelines and contracts. Volunteers for this committee will be a representative from Long Lake Lake Association, the Board Members, Rod Boyer and Rick

Sonnenberg.

McCrary thanked the Board members for the work they do for the Township.

Since there was no further business to come before the voters, Gary Gunstinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Pausch second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Results of the 2012 Election

After the Annual Meeting, the Supervisors canvases the votes. There were a total of 23 voters.

Office of Supervisor a three year term	
Ray Sonnenberg	19 votes
Gary Gunstinson, write in	1 vote
Blank	3 blank votes

Ray Sonnenberg was declared winner of the Supervisor position.

Office of Clerk a two year term	
Debi Moltzan	23 votes

Debi Moltzan was declared winner of the Clerk position.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Moltzan, Clerk