

**Hobart Township Monthly Meeting
January 15, 2013**

Present: Kathy Glawe, DuWayne Sonnenberg, Ray Sonnenberg, Terry Hockett, Debi Moltzan, Pam Jenkins, Jeff Stabnow, Ray Sazama, Al Braun and Gabe Dretsch.

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

The agenda was considered and the following items were added by motion and second: Snow removal complaint; fire department update, Perham EMS update and Al Braun.

Hockett gave an update on the repairs made to one of the EMS vehicles. The engine was repaired for much less than originally thought. Suggestions have been made that a fund be set up for future repairs needed in the future.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2012 meeting. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

Dretsch, EOT SWCD, and Braun explained that there is a run off problem involving run off from the road and Braun property, onto the neighboring property and directly into the lake. To slow down the run off to the lake, a rain garden is proposed on the Braun property, however a portion of the rain garden would be located in the road right of way. There is a natural depression in the ROW, which would be utilized and enhanced. The project is being funded by a grant and the property owner is responsible to maintain the rain garden.

Discussion was held regarding the construction of the rain garden, location within the right of way, type of plants being proposed, whether or not it would interfere with safety or road maintenance. Stabnow suggested that shorter plants be planted so they would not interfere with road maintenance and sight lines. R Sonnenberg stated that the Township would not be responsible for any damage to the rain garden caused by snow plowing, salt on the road or maintenance of the road.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to allow the rain garden to be located within the road right of way based on the fact that it would help reduce run off to the lake, helping in the aid to improve water quality of the lake with the stipulation that Braun and Dretsch get together with the Clerk to write an agreement not holding the Township liable for any damage to the rain garden and that the owner is responsible for cost of construction and maintenance. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moltzan explained that there is a grant available from Bremer Foundation that could be

applied for to possibly help aid in the construction of the new town hall. R Sonnenberg made a motion to have the Clerk proceed with the grant application. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The date for the audit meeting will be set at the February monthly meeting.

Contracts that will expire in April were discussed. Stabnow will write a quote sheet for snow plowing and road grading and will have ready by the March meeting.

Stabnow gave an update on the proposed road specification changes that are proposed for Land Shore Management and how they compare to the current Township road specification. Stabnow suggested that the township policy should be updated accordingly. Discussion was held regarding adding clauses in the policy that would not allow burying of stumps, debris, brush, etc. within the road right of way corridor and that the Township's engineer should be involved with the construction of the road to ensure the road meets the town's specifications so that the road will meet specifications before the Township assumes maintenance. R Sonnenberg made a motion to adopt the road specifications as presented by Stabnow in the form of a drawing with the written specifications to be presented for signatures. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the issue on Freedom Flyer Road and snow being pushed onto the road. Consensus was to wait to see if this was an isolated case or if it happens again, further action will have to be taken.

R Sonnenberg gave an update regarding the upcoming CDHV Fire Department audit, and the results of the annual meeting, which included what the increase would be, air pack replacement and radio conversion update.

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Hockett adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debi Moltzan, Clerk