

**Hobart Township Monthly Meeting
July 9, 2013**

Present: DuWayne Sonnenberg, Ray Sonnenberg, Terry Hockett, Kathy Glawe, Debi Moltzan, Neil Strawhorne, Gale Pfeiffer, Marv Heisler, Neil Johnson and Julie Lammers.

Chairman Hockett called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. D Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

D Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2013 minutes. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried. R Sonnenberg commented that the speed bumps and signs have been ordered for the road stretch in front of Antoneson's dairy farm. However, it will take two weeks to get everything before it can be installed. R Sonnenberg will contact Antoneson's to let them know.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. D 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.

McCrary gave an update from the Building Committee. McCrary explained that all the qualified bids were over budget. It was the recommendation of the Committee to reject all proposed bids and re-bid the project with more options to lower the base bid. McCrary stated that BHH would charge an additional \$2250 for the re-bid process. D Sonnenberg stated that, after his conversation with the Township Association Attorney, a pre-bid is required and that all bids should be rejected and the project re-bid. Discussion was held regarding the different types of bonds required throughout the project and if there was any way to get potential bidders to understand that a pre-bid bond is required. The re-bid process would be open to anyone that wanted to bid, allowing those that submitted a bid previously to re-bid and new contractors the opportunity to submit a bid. D Sonnenberg stated that BHH should have been on top of the expenses and materials in the building since they knew there was a cap on the spending.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to reject all previous bids based on the fact that the qualified bids were over the amount approved by the taxpayers. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

McCrary then explained that there was some confusion on what is to be paid out of the building fund and what is to come out of the general fund. McCrary stated that anything that was connected to determining whether or not the site is suitable for construction and where the best suitable site is and the well and septic system would be required whether or not a new building would be constructed. Past minutes elude to the fact that these expenses would be taken out of the general fund, but there was no formal action taken. R Sonnenberg made a motion to pay the following expenses out of the general fund:

architectural fees, well, septic system, site leveling, test borings, tree removal and interest for the general obligation bond based on the fact that this information was required to determine whether or not the project could go forward and that the well and septic would be required whether or not there was a new building. Hockett second. D Sonnenberg abstained from voting. Motion carried.

McCrary asked if there was further direction that the Board wanted the Building Committee to take. R Sonnenberg felt that the site leveling, well and septic should not be completed until a contract was awarded for the construction of the building and made this a motion. Hockett second. Motion carried.

Julie Lammers, City of Vergas, stated she was present to get the Board's opinion or thoughts about the annexation process. D Sonnenberg stated that the Board's local attorney could not attend tonight's meeting, but will be present at the next meeting, at which time it would be discussed. R Sonnenberg stated that he did not attend because there was not enough notice to allow proper posting of the meeting, explaining that since the Board consisted of three members, two was a quorum and a quorum could not be present in one place unless it is posted as a legal meeting. Lammers stated that the next City Planning Commission meeting will be July 24, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Neil Johnson questioned if the Board could look into having the Township connected to an instant alert system and explained the system that the City of Frazee is currently on. Lammers explained the system that the City of Vergas is on and that the fees for the service is based on the number of people, the number of text messages, the number of phone messages and if the message is an emergency or a reminder message. Lammers stated that the entity does need a contact person that would send out all the reminders. Lammers stated that the highest bill for the City of Vergas was \$26.00. Since the City of Vergas is already on the system, Hobart could 'piggy back' with the City to keep costs down.

R Sonnenberg suggested placing a survey on the website, a notice in each of the papers to see if there was enough interest in the Township to connect to the system. McCrary suggested a mailer to all residents. After further discussion, R Sonnenberg made a motion to put a survey on the website and send a mailer to all property owners in Hobart Township and discuss the results at the next meeting. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried. McCrary stated that he could send an email to the lake association members for Long Lake, Lake Six, Rose Lake, and Sybil Lake. McCrary will forward the list to Moltzan and Moltzan will send a mailer to those not contacted by email.

The letter received from Schurman-Winters Law Firm was discussed. R Sonnenberg stated that the letter could not be answered until the Board met with the Township Attorney and made that a motion. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Hockett will set up the meeting far enough in advance so that the meeting can be properly posted.

Updates were given on road signs that need to be replaced; brush removal, brush

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spraying, tree removal. Each of the Board Members is to drive a section of the roads and report back at next month's meeting.

McCrary gave an update on the culvert on the east end of Long Lake. The culvert has been unplugged but it is not known if the culvert has been compromised. Elevations between Sybil Lake and St Hwy 228 have been taken by the DNR and the information is being analyzed by the DNR and they will forward their report

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Moltzan,
Hobart Clerk