

**Hobart Township Monthly Meeting
August 13, 2013**

Present: Ray Sonnenberg, DuWayne Sonnenberg, Terry Hockett, Kathy Glawe, Debi Moltzan, Rich McCrady, Rich Ziegler, Jeff Stabnow, Jim Peterson, Kermit Schultz, Marie Schultz, David Schultz, Chris Brown, Julie Lammers and Scott Goodman.

Hockett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The agenda was considered. D Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the agenda with and three items added. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

D Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2013 meeting. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

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. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

McCrady gave an update from the building committee. The re-bid process was completed and the re-bids were opened at 5:00 p.m. on Monday August 12, 2013. The recommendation of the building committee and BHH is to award the contract to the lowest bidder, which was Bob Bristlin and Son from Detroit Lakes. Should the Board approve that recommendation, the Clerk should notify BHH to go ahead with the award letter.

R Sonnenberg stated that he would like the building committee to oversee the project and made that a motion. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

McCrady stated that the building committee has decided to allow the general contractor work with the well driller and septic contractor as to the best time to install both the well and septic system. Quote sheets will be sent to 3 -4 area septic contractors and 2 -3 area well drillers for quotes, asking them to seal the quotes and open at the next meeting. R Sonnenberg made a motion to contact 3 -4 septic contractors and 2 -3 well drillers for quotes for the installation of a septic system and well. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Goodman and Lammers, representing the City of Vergas, were present to see what the Board's input was to the proposed orderly annexation. Discussion included cost sharing, zoning controls, what happens to the farms when annexed, taxation, special assessments, and the difference between orderly annexation and petitioned annexation. Goodman and Lammers stated that at this point, everything is negotiable. D Sonnenberg stated that the Ratz family was not in favor of the annexation. Kermit Schultz and family was present to voice their concerns and opposition to the annexation. Ziegler informed that Board that once a resolution was entered into, it was binding and could only be broken if both parties agreed to it. Ziegler stated that the process for orderly annexation was to come to an agreement, enter into a resolution, and then hold public hearings, but it is always good to get input and feed back up front.

R Sonnenberg stated that he would like to see some type of a cost analysis showing what it would cost the tax payers as far as possible assessments, tax increases, who pays for what when and long range plan before making any decision. Goodman and Lammers felt that they could have something put together before the next meeting.

Instant Alert System was discussed. Approximately 650 notices were sent out and so far about 100 people have responded, with most of them in favor of the system. Lammers further explained how the system works and fees involved. Currently the County has a grant to cover the cost of the system until there are 9000 or more users of the system.

R Sonnenberg made a motion for the Township to join the system. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Peterson, Adams Point Lane, questioned why the stop sign on the road has been removed. The Board explained that they did not remove it and would see to it that the sign is replaced. Peterson asked questions about the maintenance of the roads after the dust guard had been applied and the Board answered his questions.

McCrary stated that he has not heard back from MN DNR regarding the study from ST Hwy 228 and Sybil Lake. McCrary gave an update on the culvert on the east end of Co Hwy 36 and Freedom Flyer Road, which is plugging up. The Supervisor's will check the condition of the culvert on Freedom Flyer Road.

McCrary asked the Board if he could proceed with coming up with a plan for a trail system and parking lot for the TWP property to prepare for a Legacy Grant application. McCrary would like to work with TWP residents for input. R Sonnenberg made a motion to have McCrary explore a grant for a trail system and parking lot on the TWP property. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

McCrary stated that the Board should also look into getting the town hall removed prior to preparing a parking lot. R Sonnenberg made a motion to put the town hall building up for sale through a seal bid process, with the bids to be submitted prior to the October meeting and the winning bid will then have 15 days to remove the building from the premises. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. R Sonnenberg then made a motion that if no bids are received, the fire department should be contacted to do a control burn. D Sonnenberg 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,
Clerk