

**Hobart Township Annual Meeting
March 12, 2013**

Thirty one (31) people were present at the annual meeting.

Clerk Moltzan called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

The first order of business was to elect a moderator for the meeting. Ray Sonnenberg made a motion to nominate Rich McCrady as moderator. Gary Gunstinson second. All in favor except one person. Majority in favor. Motion carried.

McCrady lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the 2012 annual meeting were read. After discussion, Paul Trimbo made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2012 annual meeting, with minor grammatical corrections. Rich Ziegler second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. After discussion and explanations of the expenses and receipts, Bev Hockett made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Rod Boyer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Donations for 2013 were discusses. Dennis Pausch reported that Neighbor to Neighbor served 23 Hobart residents during 2012, which was the majority of the people served and that grants are dwindling. Marv Anderson stated that the Frazee Rescue is currently financially sound, but short of members.

Rod Boyer made a motion to approve the following donations:

Neighbor to Neighbor	\$1000.00
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

Dennis Pausch second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The 2014 Annual Meeting and Election will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, which would be March 11, 2014. Marv Anderson made a motion to hold the annual elections from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and hold the annual meeting at 8:15 p.m, with the elections and meeting being held at the Town Hall. Gary Gunstinson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The proposed town hall project was discussed. McCrady gave a short presentation regarding what had taken place at the last annual meeting and what has transpired till this point. At the 2012 Annual Meeting, \$100,000 was approved for a new town hall, with

no plans or estimates as to what it would cost to construct. Since a town hall could not be constructed for that amount, the Building Committee decided not to proceed with the construction until all funding had been secured.

Discussion on the project included the need for a town hall, optional meeting locations, not wanting to make the town hall a tourist attraction, keeping the township property natural and pristine for future generations to enjoy and learn, the new building raising taxes, what would happen to the old building, competing with the area community centers, if the new hall was built, it would have to be built large enough to accommodate local groups such as lake associations, why the need for a kitchen, the kitchen being basic for food warm up, not food preparation, keep Hobart Township on the map, not being incorporated into an adjoining community, the need for bathrooms, handicap facilities, adequate voting area and giving the people of Hobart Township ample area to come to meetings, people not coming to meetings now because of no room, the shape of the current building, care and maintenance of a new building, the rental and use of the new building and the possibility of grants. If grants could be secured, the amount levied to the taxes would be reduced by the amount of the grants. Examples were given as to the estimated raise in taxes if \$150,000 was levied over a five (5) year period. McCrady also stated that there is potential of future committees being formed to monitor who uses the new hall and how it is used, how the property will be enhanced and how the property will be used.

George Massey made a motion to approve up to \$150,000 to be levied over a five (5) year period (\$30,000 per year), which this amount added to the amount approved in 2012, for \$100,000, would allow construction of a new town hall up to \$250,000. George May second. Consensus of the voters was that a paper ballot vote should be taken. Ballots consisting of a yes (in favor of the motion) or no (in opposition of the motion) were handed out, vote cast and votes counted by two (2) of the election judges. Results of the vote was: 22 voting yes, in favor of the motion to approve the \$150,000 for a new town hall and 9 voting no, in opposition of the motion to approve the \$150,000 for a new town hall. One blank ballot was found in the box. Majority in favor. Motion carried. Up to \$150,000 approve to be levied over five (5) years to construct a new town hall, with the amount of \$100,000 approved in 2012, to construct a town hall up to \$250,000.

The levy for 2014 was discussed. The Supervisor's suggested levy is \$60,000 for General Fund, \$200,000 for Road and Bridge Fund and \$60,000 for Fire Fund. The Supervisor's explained the need to raise the levy - road projects, to repay the general obligation debt for tarring Lake Seven Road, unforeseen road repairs and preparation for increased maintenance for a new town hall.

Steve Bruhn made a motion to set the 2014 levy as follows: General Fund at \$60,000, Road and Bridge Fund at \$200,000 and Fire Fund at \$60,000. Amanda Homelvig second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Terry Hockett thanked the Building Committee for all the hard work they have done so far on the building planning.

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Since there was no further business to come before the voters, R Sonnenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Moltzan, Clerk