

**Hobart Township Monthly Meeting
April 8, 2014**

Present: Terry Hockett, D Sonnenberg, R Sonnenberg, Kathy Glawe, Debi Moltzan, Karn Matnison, Polly Reitan, Jeff Stabnow, Paul Larson, Neil Strawhorn, Kit Nelson, Rebecca Berg, Marv Heisler, Torey Sonnenberg, LaRae Danielson, Marty Danielson, Lori Botzet and Mike Botzet.

Chairman Hockett called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. The agenda was considered and left as presented.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting and the Reorganization meeting. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

Strawhorn stated that there were members of the Loon and Sybil Lake Associations present and he has brought them up to date on the Sybil Lake culvert situation. Strawhorn told them that the TWP had agreed to replace the culvert with a larger one once the Co Hwy 36 culvert was replaced, which was to be in July and asked if there were further updates.

Stabnow stated that he has been in contact with the DNR regarding amending the original culvert replacement permit and the Hwy Department, which stated that the project is going out for bids and should be done in late July.

Strawhorn stated that at the last meeting, the Board stated that the project was on course but some outside help may be needed to complete the project and questioned if there was no outside help if that meant that the project would not be completed. Hockett stated that it was his opinion that the project should not be done without financial help from sources. Strawhorn stated that if he had to pay for the culvert, it was extortion. Hockett stated that replacing the culvert is not benefiting the residents of the TWP and why should TWP money be used to benefit someone that does not live in the township or pay taxes to the township. D Sonnenberg stated that the residents of Hobart need to be looked out for. R Sonnenberg stated that he, personally, would like to see compensation from those not in the township benefiting from the project. Moltzan explained the duties and obligations of the Supervisors, which is to look out for the residents and property owners of the TWP and spend the TWP money wisely.

Further discussion was held regarding previous meetings, previous motions, previous discussions on who was willing to pay for the culvert, if the culvert was restricting drainage flow upstream, the fact that the culvert is not endangering the road, which is the

TWP's responsibility, cost of a new culvert, how much compensation is needed before the TWP would consider replacing the culvert.

R Sonnenberg suggested that any information regarding this situation be taken to the TWP lawyer and that the lawyer look it over and send letters to the affected lake associations and townships asking for compensation for the culvert replacement. After this is done and response is gotten from all parties involved, then revisit the issue.

Further discussion was held including the amount of time that this issue has been worked on and spending TWP funds unwisely. Strawhorn stated that it was bribery to ask for money when the TWP already stated they would pay for it, according to the October 2013 minutes. Moltzan read those minutes. The motion stated that the TWP would go ahead with the project, but did not state who would pay for the project. All discussion prior to the motion stated that outside compensation was needed to complete the project.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to take any information regarding this situation be to the TWP lawyer and that the lawyer look it over and send letters to the townships asking for compensation for the culvert replacement. D Sonnenberg second. Further discussion was held. R Sonnenberg amended his motion to include lake associations be included in the letter. D Sonnenberg second the amendment. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Danielson's and Botzet's approached the Board regarding building a new road up to TWP specifications and asking what it would take to build it and what was needed to have the TWP take over maintenance. This would entail creating a new dedicated public road way and vacating the existing public road way. The Board explained the procedure and told them to work with the engineer, Jeff Stabnow. The Board stated that no Board action was required at this time, but to stay in touch with the Board so that appropriate action could be taken when necessary.

Town hall updates were given. The contractor is working on the punch list and is nearing completion. The well is in and water connected, but there is a higher than allowed level of nitrates and arsenic, which will have to be dealt with. Flooring is being installed at the end of the week. Landscaping can begin once ground firms up a little bit.

R Sonnenberg made a motion to postpone the open house until June 14, 2014 from 1:30 until 4:00 pm to allow everything to be accomplished without rushing. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

R Sonnenberg gave an update on the CDHV fire department. A new truck is being looked at and the one it is replacing has been sold. Discussion was held regarding CDHV taking over all sections of Hobart and withdrawing from the Frazee fire department. Research will continue on this.

Road inspection will be conducted on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 8:00. Everyone is to meet at the Town Hall. This year, two vehicles will be taken, splitting the TWP in two sections with one set of inspectors doing one half of the TWP and the other set of

inspectors doing the other half of the TWP. All three supervisors, the road maintainers, Clerk and Treasurer will be part of the road inspections, all acting as road inspectors and not as supervisory positions.

Upcoming meetings: Frazee Fire Department open house - April 16, 2014; OTCHWY Meeting in Perham - April 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Perham City Hall; Board of Review - May 1, 2014 at the Town Hall 9:30 - 10:30 am.

Updates were given on the Spring Short Course. The new CTAS program will be ready this fall. with the new program, it was found that both TWP computers are outdated and will not be able to handle the new program, so two new computers will be needed around the first of 2015.

Stabnow gave an update regarding the speed limit signs around Lake Seven and Camp Cherith road. Stabnow stated that he will include Hobart's seal coating in on a blanket quote with other area Townships. Stabnow gave information on a natural gas subordinate district.

Gravel was discussed. The gravel quote is soon set to expire. R Sonnenberg made a motion to extend the current gravel quote for two years with no increase in gravel price. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mowing quotes and brushing quotes were discussed. Two quotes need to be obtained and will be looked at next month.

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Hockett adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debi Moltzan, clerk