

**Hobart Township Monthly Meeting  
April 14, 2015**

**Present: Terry Hockett, DuWayne Sonnenberg, Ray Sonnenberg, Kathy Glawe, Debi Moltzan, Dianne and Don Westrum, Norma and Al Braun, Jim Peterson, Dallas Flynn, August Ziegler, Dan Winkels, Bev Mitchell, Marion and Dale Makey, Sylvia Sonnenberg, Brent Kuehne, Rod Boyer, Dennis and Karen Mathiason, Phillip and Patty Poppenhagen, George Massey, Donald Miller, Daniel and Beth Schupp, Barbara Olson, Mark Sonnenberg, Polly Reitan, Pam Jenkins, Kurt Janu and Ray Sailor.**

**Chairman Hockett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Public Hearing for defining and recording township easement roads north of State Hwy 228.**

**Clerk Moltzan explained the need for the public hearing. The township roads currently have either poor legal descriptions, hard to read road orders or the roads are by prescriptive descriptions. At the direction of the State and County, the Supervisors ordered surveys on all roads that were not described in a dedicated plat. This process was done in 2011 for the roads south of State Hwy 228 and now north of State Hwy 228. The road locations will not be changing, the roads are not being improved, the roads are only being legally described where they are now located and being maintained.**

**There was a brief question and answer session. Once the questions were answered, DuWayne Sonnenberg made a motion to adopt the following resolution:**

HOBART TOWNSHIP  
OTTER TAIL COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
Resolution No. 04-14-2015

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND RECORD A TOWN ROAD MAP  
PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 164.35**

At a town board meeting of Hobart Township in Otter Tail County, Minnesota, held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at the town hall in said township, Supervisor DuWayne Sonnenberg introduced and moved the adoption of the following Resolution, which was seconded by Supervisor Terry Hockett and unanimously adopted by the town board of supervisors.

WHEREAS, Hobart Township in Otter Tail County, Minnesota, contains a number of roads; and

WHEREAS, Hobart Township declares a number of these roads as town roads and maintains said roads; and

WHEREAS, Nearly all of the township roads have been established by use and/or prescription or by dedication and there may or may not be a record of said roads recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Otter Tail County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the township board of supervisors has determined it to be in the best interest of the township, the public, and all parties concerned to determined and record the location of said duly established town roads; and

WHEREAS, the town board has determined it to be in the best interest of the township, the public and all parties involved to record such roads in two phases, with Phase 1 to be said roads south of MN State Highway 228 and Phase 2 to be said roads north of MN State Highway 228; and

WHEREAS, the town board has caused to be prepared a road map indicating the location of said town rods contained in the township, north of MN State Highway 228; and

WHEREAS, the town board held a public hearing on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. and that notice of said hearing was provided according to law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the roads and road right of way listed on the attached Exhibit "A" and shown by survey on Exhibit "B" are hereby determined to be the duly established four-rod roads in said northerly portion of township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all town roads which lie upon and follow the boundaries of the township of Hobart and adjacent township or other abutting political units, are deemed to lie in equal proportion in the township and the abutting political units, unless expressly indicated otherwise.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, That the Township of Hobart may accept roads in future as town roads, which will be recorded by description, survey or map at the time of acceptance.

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Terry Hockett, Chairman of Hobart Township

ATTEST:

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Debi Moltzan, Clerk of Hobart Township

Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting.

The agenda was considered. R Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. D Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

from the reorganizational meeting. R Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried. Discussion was held if minutes had to be approved regarding the recount. Moltzan explained that the recount minutes were added to the annual minutes, but could be added elsewhere if the Board chose. Consensus of the Board was to leave the recount minutes with the annual minutes.

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

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

Mark Sonnenberg stated that he had been asked by a group of people to speak to the Board for clarification of the recount. Sonnenberg stated that voter intent had to be taken into consideration as long as voter intent can be proven and all votes must be counted and felt that the judges must be better educated. Sonnenberg also stated that there were questions and concerns about road maintenance when a supervisor is related to the maintainer.

Rick Sonnenberg responded to some of Sonnenberg's concerns first stating that R Sonnenberg does not have a financial interest in Sonnenberg Road Maintenance or Sonnenberg Excavating and that he takes his directions for maintenance from the Board, primarily DuWayne Sonneneberg.

Moltzan explained the recount process, stating that the recount was by the book. Voter intent, according to the State and County, means a check or x in a box means the same as a colored oval. In write in situations, misspellings can be overlooked such as Dennis = Denis; Dave = David; DuWayne = Duane; however, Dennis does not equal David; David does not equal Duane, etc.

Mark Sonnenberg questioned the bidding process. Moltzan explained that the State sets perimeters as to when the work can just be done by whomever the Board calls; when quotes are required and when sealed bids are required. Sonnenberg further stated that the Board must be good stewards and be individuals, if something is wrong, stand up and do not follow.

George Massey questioned the Sybil Lake culvert and why it was installed and felt that the culvert did not address the problems of Sybil Lake. Massey wanted a current reading of the lake on record before heavy rains come to help determine whether the culvert is working. D Sonnenberg stated that after much consideration, it was decided that the culvert was over 50 years old and it would be better to replace it before it collapsed and created more problems.

Pam Jenkins questioned the noxious weeds in the road ditches and if they could either be cut sooner or sprayed. It was explained that the Township must abide by State regulations as to when the ditches can be cut, how much can be cut and spraying. The Board will check to see if the ditches can be sprayed rather than cut.

Christy Goral asked if something could be done with the intersection of the two roads near her house. When it rains, gravel washes into her driveway. The Board explained the past history

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with that intersection and they will look over the situation during the upcoming road inspection and determine what could be done with it.

Other discussion was held regarding the condition of 345<sup>th</sup> and what needs to be done with that road; signage in the Township and the Federal regulations on sign reduction; and tarring of roads.

Road inspections will be done on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 8:00 am. Board members are to meet at the Town Hall.

Board of Equalization is April 30, 2015 from 9:30 am until 10:30 am.

Grading and Plowing contracts are due. Hockett made a motion to extend the current contracts for one month in order to obtain two quotes for both the grading and the plowing. 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