

Hobart Township Monthly Meeting
August 08, 2023

Present: Terry Hockett, DuWayne Sonnenberg, Larry Hoffmann, Russ Berstler, Jennifer Carlson, Cody Nunn, Luke Ellenbaum, Cory Bonebrake, Dan Bucholz, Troy Thompson, Joleen Thompson, Joshua Carlson, and Benjamin Anderson

Chairman Hockett called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hoffmann made a motion to approve the Minutes from the July 2023 meeting. Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Hoffmann made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Hoffmann made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Ben Anderson made a request to have the board vacate the road corridor in front of his property at 51580 Lake Six Rd. Joshua Carlson reiterated his request to have the board vacate the road corridor at in front of his lot at 51732 Lake Six Road. There was discussion on the subject of vacating road corridors. Commissioner Bucholz stated that the request would also have to be approved at the county level and he suggested that that be done first with the county understanding that the township would also need to approve. Both Anderson and Carlson will take the matter up with the county and come back to the township, no decision was made at this time.

Luke Ellenbaum brought up the subject of a blocked culvert at 50411 E Lake 7 Rd as a follow up from the e-mail he had sent to the township last month. Supervisor Hoffmann said he had looked at the situation but could not see the culvert. Ellenbaum said the culvert is there but is completely hidden by vegetation. Hoffmann will contact Torey Sonnenberg and set up an onsite discussion on the culvert with Luke Ellenbaum.

Troy Thompson stated that the residents of Long Shore Trail and Long Shore Dr. had a meeting discussing the blacktopping of those Township roads. Troy had questions on some of the wording in the township's Resolution Establishing a Blacktop Paving Policy. There was discussion on the resolution and potential costs. It was suggested that the residents get a firm cost on the entire project. A question was raised on specifications for a blacktop road. The township will look through their records for road specification.

Commissioner Bucholz updated the township on items pertaining to the township:

The J-Turn at the intersection of HWY 10 and County Road 60. This is a project that is already approved by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The closest J-Turn to the area is in the Bemidji area. An informational meeting will be held by MN Dot from 4:00 – 6:30 pm at the Perham Area Community Center on August 15, and at the Hobart Town Hall on August 16.

Approved

Perham EMS is proposing a tax levy to cover EMS operating/capital subsidy. The Perham EMS August meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Perham Fire Hall.

Bucholtz stated that the State of Minnesota has legalized recreational Marijuana and that there are details that still need to be worked out.

Supervisor Hoffmann stated that he looked at the approach for Alvin Aho across from 50791 East Lake Seven Rd. The approach looked good and final approval was given.

Supervisor Sonnenberg gave an update on the blacktop road shared with Edna Township. Sonnenberg discussed the road with Jeff Stabnow. Jeff suggested that the current blacktop be ground up and used as a base and that 4 inches of new blacktop be placed on top. Stabnow suggested budgeting around \$500,000 for that stretch of road (just over 2 miles).

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

Respectfully Submitted
Russ Berstler, Clerk