

Hobart Township Monthly Meeting
June 13, 2023

Present: Terry Hockett, DuWayne Sonnenberg, Larry Hoffmann, Kathy Glawe, Russ Berstler, Jim Peterson, Joshua Carlson, Jennifer Carlson, Monte Bachmann, Gary Schattschneider, Jon Swyter, Mara Iesalnieks, Shannon Charpentier, Corey Thompson, and Tom Thompson

Chairman Hockett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 2023 meeting. Hoffmann 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.

A PO Box at the Vergas Post Office was recommended by Berstler, Sonnenberg made a motion to approve getting the PO Box, Hoffmann second. All in favor. Motion Carried.

The new mailing address for Hobart Township is:

Hobart Township
PO Box 142
Vergas, MN 56587

A recommendation was made to use the townships' ARPA funds to pay Newling Asphalt for the crack sealing of tar roads. Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the use of ARPA funds for the crack sealing project, Hoffmann second. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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

Joshua and Jennifer Carlson purchased a lot on Lake Six (51732 Lake Six Road). There is an easement for a dedicated public road not being used by Hobart Township for the township road know as Lake Six Road. Joshua presented the board with information from work performed by Meadow Land Surveying showing the lot and the easement. Joshua asked the Town Board to legally vacate the easement. This would increase the size of their lot allowing them to build a larger home on the lot. After some discussion the board agreed to look into the matter and come up with a decision at the next meeting.

Monte Bachmann brought up concern with Sunrise Beach Rd. The gravel washes out of the road and is washing out the end of the driveway. The supervisors agreed to look at the road after the meeting.

Gary Schattschneider Chairman for Edna Township presented an undated Agreement for Division of Maintenance Responsibilities for the Edna/Hobart Town Line Roads (460th Street). The document was reviewed and agreed to by the Hobart Town Board. Supervisor Hockett, and Clerk Berstler signed the document.

A joint letter from Hobart and Gorman townships stating their rejection of the proposal from MNDOT and BNSF to the closure of the railroad crossing at 495th Ave was presented to the board for their review. After discussion approval was given to send the letter. The Hobart Town Board, Gorman Township Chairman, and Gorman Township Clerk all signed the letter. Clerk Berstler will send the letter to Anthony Cenci, Rail Safety & Coordination Unit of the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Jim Peterson asked the board some follow-up questions from last months meeting related to work to be done on Adams Point Lane/Road. The supervisors answered his questions.

Shannon Charpentier, President of the Rose Lake Association ask the town board questions on the maintenance and grading schedule of township roads around Rose Lake. The association is concerned that with the increasing traffic and increasing number of people making the lake area their permanent homes that the current road maintenance schedule is inadequate. The supervisors explained the current maintenance system for gravel roads and will consider the concerns.

Tom and Corey Thompson expressed concern with East Rose Lake Road and the need for gravel on that road. There was discussion on where the township road and maintenance responsibilities ended. The board will review the road surveys for East Rose Lake Road.

The Township received the final bid from the county for the seal coat project on Lake Six Road. It was agreed to move forward with the project and pay for the project with the townships ARAP funds.

Supervisor Hoffman discussed an approach being planned on east lake 7 Road; an approach permit will be submitted to the township. It was also discussed that an approach was added on W Wymer Lake Road without a permit being submitted to the township. The supervisors will look at the approach.

Supervisor Hoffmann attended meeting for the CDH-Vergas Fire and Rescue board. Hoffmann stated that he was appointed chairman at the meeting. The fire department is looking to establish a truck fund for future truck replacement. There is a large hole in the parking lot behind the fire hall that was not budgeted for. The estimate to repair the hole is \$48,025 of which Hobart Township would be responsible for 44.3% (\$21,275). The supervisors discussed and agreed to pay the townships' share of the repair if the project is approved.

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Hockett recessed the meeting at the hall, the meeting was continued with the supervisors going on a tour of the road concerns brought up at the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Russ Berstler, Clerk