Hobart Township Annual Meeting

March 12, 2024

17 people were present for the meeting.

Clerk Russ Berstler called the meeting to order at 8:15PM. Kathy Glawe made a motion to nominate Tim Hockett as moderator. Ray Sonnenberg seconded. A vote was called with all in favor for Tim Hockett as moderator.

Hockett led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Berstler read the minutes from the 2023 annual meeting. Moderator Hockett called for any additions or corrections. Kathy Glawe made a motion to approve the 2023 annual minutes as presented. Albert Doll second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Glawe gave the Treasurers report stating that the Town Hall was now paid in full. There was no discussion or questions. Ray Sonnenberg made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Heather Ware Nelson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The 2025 levy was discussed. The Supervisors proposed an increase of $30,000 to the Road and Bridge fund and that the General Fund and Fire fund remain the same. Ray Sonnenberg made a motion to set the 2025 levy as proposed. Larry Hoffmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The 2025 Levy was set as follows:

General Fund: $100,000

Road and Bridge Fund: $330,000

Fire Fund: $75,000

Donations were discussed. Heather Ware Nelson and 4 students gave an update on the Cornerstone Community and Youth Center in Frazee. Heather asked that the donation to the organization be set at $1000 same as it was in 2023. Kathy Glawe suggested the donation to the Cornerstone Community and Youth Center in Frazee be changed to $1000. Larry Hoffmann made a motion to donate the following:

Neighbor to Neighbor $1000

Otter Tail County Historical Society $250

History Museum of East Otter Tail $250

Perham Library $250

East Otter Tail Historical Society $250

ITOW Veteran’s Museum $250

East Otter Tail Co Ag Society (fair) $250

Frazee Rescue $500

Frazee Fire Department $500

Lake Sybil Cemetery $500

Cornerstone Community and Youth Center $1000

Diane Sonnenberg second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ray Sonnenberg made a motion to set the date, location and, times of the 2025 annual election, and annual meeting as follows:

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Location: Hobart Town Hall

Time of Annual Election 4:00PM – 8:00PM

Time of Annual Meeting 8:15PM

Larry Hoffmann second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Larry Hoffmann gave a brief update on the need for the Townships to help support Perham EMS (ambulance service). The estimated cost for Hobart Township is: $43,000 for 2024 and $47,000 for 2025.

Larry Hoffmann gave an update on the CDH – Vergas Fire department and their purchase of a new to them fire truck for around $218,000 with $125,000 being paid for by the fire department from the fire relief fund. Hobart Township’s share will be 44% of the remaining cost over the next two years.

Since there was no further business to come before the residents of Hobart Township, Ray Sonnenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Glawe second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Berstler

Clerk, Hobart Township

The votes were canvassed at 8:50 p.m. 28 voters cast their ballots with the following results:

Town Supervisor for a three-year term: Incumbent Larry Hoffmann received 28 votes.

Town Clerk for a two-year term: Incumbent Russ Berstler received 28 votes.

Hoffmann and Berstler were declared winners.