

Hobart Township Annual Meeting
March 11, 2025

19 people were present for the meeting.

Clerk Russ Berstler called the meeting to order at 8:15PM. Larry Hoffmann made a motion to nominate Ray Sonnenberg as moderator. Scott Ehlke seconded. A vote was called with all in favor for Ray Sonnenberg as moderator.

Ray Sonnenberg led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Berstler read the minutes from the 2024 annual meeting. Moderator Sonnenberg called for any additions or corrections. Kathy Glawe made a motion to approve the 2024 annual minutes as presented. Scott Ehlke second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Glawe gave the Treasurers report. There was no discussion or questions. John Schultz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Tim Hockett second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The 2026 levy was discussed. Because of an upcoming project on 460th St Ray Sonnenberg suggested that the Road and Bridge fund be discussed and determined first. Larry Hoffmann explained that 460th St was in need of a full-depth reclamation of the 2.1 miles of tar. The total cost of the project was estimated at \$600,000. This section of road is shared with Edna Township who would pay ½ the cost. Hobart Township's share would be \$300,000. Two options were presented. Option 1 would be to raise the Road and Bridge fund by \$100,000 on the 2026 levy and get a 5 year bond for the remaining \$200,000. There would be a \$15,000 fee and estimated 4% interest rate for the bond. Option 2 was to rise the Road and Bridge fund by \$300,000 for the 2026 levy as a one-time increase. The two options were discussed. John Schultz made a motion to go with option 2 the one-time increase of \$300,000 to the Road and Bridge fund for 2026. Jake Schultz second. All in favor. Motion carried. The Road and Bridge fund was set at \$650,000 for 2026.

The levy for the General fund and Fire fund were discussed. DuWayne Sonnenberg gave an update on the Perham EMS budget and the cost to Hobart Township which comes out of the General Fund. Larry Hoffmann gave an update on the CDH Vergas Fire Department which had a 4% increase in the budget for 2025. The board's recommendation was to keep the General fund and Fire fund the same as the 2025 levy. Kathy Glawe made a motion to set the 2026 levy for the General Fund and Fire fund as proposed. Tim Hockett seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The 2026 Levy was set as follows:

General Fund:	\$100,000
Road and Bridge Fund:	\$650,000
Fire Fund:	\$75,000

Donations were discussed. Albert Doll gave an update on Frazee Fire, Frazee Rescue, and Cornerstone Community and Youth Center. Albert thanked the township for the donations last

year and asked for donations to be set the same for this year. Mark Sonnenberg gave an overview of the nonprofit organization Pine To Prairie Antique Tractor & Gas Engine Association and asked for a \$250 donation. Scott Ehlke recommended the donation be added to the list of donations. Tim Hockett 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
Pine to Prairie Association	\$250

Total: **\$5250**

Polly Reitan second. All in favor. Motion carried.

DuWayne Sonnenberg made a motion to set the date, location and, times of the 2026 Township election, and annual meeting as follows:

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Location: Hobart Town Hall

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

Time of Annual Meeting 8:15PM

Kathy Glawe second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Since there was no further business to come before the residents of Hobart Township, Diane 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 9:10 p.m. 71 voters cast their ballots with the following results:

Town Supervisor for a three-year term:

Incumbent DuWayne Sonnenberg received 32 votes

Tim Hockett received 38 votes

Write in Larry Hoffmann received 1 vote

Special Election for Town Supervisor to fill vacancy in term expiring March 31, 2026:

Incumbent Scott Ehlke received 62 votes

Town Treasurer two-year term:

Incumbent Kathy Glawe received 67 votes

Tim Hocket, Scott Ehlke, and Kathy Glawe were declared winners.