

**Annual Meeting of the Electors and  
Public Hearing on Michigan Trust Fund Grant  
March 18, 2011 – 6:05 p.m.**

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**Attendance:** Jack Hubbard, Kay Wampler.

**Citizens:** approx. 28 by show of hands, 27 signed in (1 not qualified elector).

**Public Comment:** Sal Brooks of the Harbor Committee reported that Reader's Digest will be here on April 16, 2011. They currently have no details but will be doing a community pot luck dinner that evening at the Community Center.

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved on motion by Jim Krempa, second by Norm Geiger – unanimous vote by show of hands.

**Public Hearing on Michigan Trust Fund Grant application**

**Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Jack Hubbard reported that Michigan Senator Tom Casperson has been helping with acquiring funding and to prepare a grant application with the DNRE's Michigan Trust Fund in the amount of \$5,000,000 to rebuild the breakwall. They are also helping prepare the narrative portion of the grant application package. The funding breakdown for the breakwall project is as follows:

US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) – appropriation	\$1,800,000
Township millage	100,000
Reader's Digest award	40,000
Personal donations	50,000
Great Lakes Foundation grant	10,000
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant	<u>5,000,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,000,000</b>

Part of the process is holding this public hearing to get feedback from the community.

**Public Comments:**

Pat Grasser - asked if there were any assurances that the Corps money is still available.

Stan Powers – asked if we get the grant from the Trust Fund, who will do the work?

Joe McDonald – asked what is the intended purpose of Trust Fund money?

Mike Lawless – stated that it is unconstitutional to spend the money only for land.

Bill Egerer – asked who will end up owning the breakwall?

Norm Geiger – stated that if the Corps owns it they would be responsible to maintain it.

Lois Kinlaw – stated that we will need a legal opinion on ownership.

Stan Powers – commented on ownership.

Mike Lawless – commented on ownership/jurisdiction.

Jim Krempa – asked what are the chances of this happening?

Mike Lawless – commented on Tom Casperson being the right “guy” to get this done.

Supervisor Hubbard answered each concern in turn, allowing the audience to discuss each.

**Motion was offered** by Steve Bell, second by Cathy Egerer, to have Jack (Supervisor Hubbard) go ahead with the grant application for \$5 Million – Supervisor called for the vote by a show of hands - unanimous.

Supervisor Hubbard stated that he was looking at filing for a grant from Waterways too. He's also looking into a Coastal Management Grant and as many others as he can so Senator Casperson has other items to fall back on if the Trust Fund doesn't pan out. Public Hearing closed.

**Annual Meeting of the Electors**

**Approval of prior minutes:** Clerk Wampler read the minutes of the March 19, 2010 Annual Meeting. **Motion was offered** by Bud Caryl, second by Sandra Sibbald to approve the minutes as read – unanimous.

**Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Hubbard reported on the following projects:

Water system upgrade grant application with Rural Development was approved with \$2.5 million grant and \$2.3 million loan package at 2.5% for 40 years. We got what we asked for.

Building Project for the Fire/Ambulance/DPW building was signed with Rural Development with \$200,000 grant and \$700,000 loan package. We are tweaking the space requirements – there's not enough room for all the DPW equipment and would still need a pole barn for cold storage. It's a possibility to build a separate building for DPW and move the Township offices into the new building. All costs of the new building will be split between all the funds/entities using it.

The Park is doing very, very well – making over \$250,000 last season. There were more improvements done last year including new windows in the East Bathhouse, new roofs on the West Bathhouse and the pump house. We had planned to buy a golf cart but will do it this spring.

Fire Department is in the process of buying a used tanker truck to replace the old one.

The Water Department was lucky this year with no major leaks. Last year we had two major leaks.

The Sewer Project can move forward with the grant application package now that we received the deed from the state for the lagoon system. It doesn't look like this project will come in any time soon. Bigger communities with plan ready to go got funded with stimulus money. Rural Development and Engineers encouraged us to move ahead with the plans for the sewer.

### **Electors Discussion:**

Jim Krempa asked about the timeline for the Water project - Supervisor Hubbard stated that construction will be in 2012, may be using 2 contractors to get the job done in one season.

Sandra Fisher asked if we can afford the building. Supervisor Hubbard explained that we have put aside \$25,000 from each fund into CD's without a problem. The anticipated annual payment would only be about \$10,000 so it appears we can afford it.

Cathy Egerer clarified that the way the money was set aside for the building proves it works. Supervisor Hubbard commented that we have extremely healthy fund balances. An enormous amount of thought is going into these projects. Cathy Egerer stated that even though it looks like we're spending a lot of money all at once is just that all these projects are coming in at the same time.

Christine Rosenberg commented on grant matching formulas.

Mike Lawless commented that capital investments never come at the most opportune time and he commended the Board for taking advantage of opportunities.

Bud Caryl asked if the new building can use local contractors.

Sandra Fisher asked if the new water system will be fluoridated or treated?

Pat Grasser questioned minutes of last year regarding recycling and use of the Revolving Loan Fund. Several others commented that Brian Prill is following and looking for something by spring to recycle paper first.

Someone asked how use of the Revolving Loan Fund worked.

Stan Powers asked about the enterprise funds "Park Fund" budget for 2010/2011.

Jim Krempa talked about the budget for the trustees and their salary of \$2600 plus hourly pay to Scott Wieting for additional duties having to be submitted as a voucher for payment. The board had budgeted \$8200 for the current fiscal year and \$8500 for the upcoming fiscal year. Jim proposed that salaries for the trustees be increased to \$3500 per year for Lois Leavenworth and \$5000 for Scott Wieting. **Motion was offered** by Jim Krempa, second by Sandra Fisher accordingly – Supervisor Hubbard called for a vote by show of hands – 17 ayes, 2 opposed. Supervisor Hubbard declared the motion passed.

Sandra Fisher commented that she feels the trustees are liaisons and need to have more conversations and questions with the public.

Norm Geiger commended Scott for his handling of fiduciary responsibilities and he appreciated it.

Christine Rosenberg commented on the school's financial dilemma with the state budget issues and the vulnerability of the 22d funding. She also brought up the Green Community Challenge and that it could include recycling, new jobs, expanding the curriculum at the school. She proposed a "Green" Commission be established by the township. Lots of discussion ensued regarding both the school and a commission. Sandra Sibbald commented on the Economic Development Board years ago that never worked. Bill Egerer suggest it not be government run but a community based group. Gee Petruske talked about alternate school magnet programs – Lois Kinlaw commented that everywhere they inquired on the subject their issues were their budgets.

Supervisor Hubbard answered each concern in turn, allowing the audience to discuss each along the way.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Kim Krempa, second by Chuck Wittenberg to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, March 23, 2011:  
Kay L. Wampler, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ on Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_ ~ \_\_\_ ayes, \_\_\_ nay's