

Townships are required to hold their annual town meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of April each year. At these meetings, the Electors (registered Township voters) can submit a petition to add to the agenda, assuming it is one of the Electors' Powers (see Electors' Powers document). This petition must have at least 15 signatures of Electors and be presented to the Township Clerk by March 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. The Township Board and the Highway Commissioner can also add items to the agenda.

The Township Board approves these agenda items at the March Township Board meeting. Prior to approval, all petitions are reviewed to ensure that all the criteria have been met.

**Here is an explanation of our 2025 Annual Town Meeting agenda items:**

1. Agenda item #VIII - Motion to adopt a resolution to transfer General Town funds to Cemetery fund not to exceed \$10,000 for the purpose of Cemetery maintenance for the budget year 2025/2026. We receive \$120 in property taxes to fund our Cemetery. There may be some additional funding sources based on grave sales.  
**This motion is made because the General Town fund has funds to assist with the Cemetery expenses. (This is #28 on the Electors' Powers document).**
2. Agenda item #IX - Motion to adopt a resolution for Road District to request funds not to exceed \$2 million. The Highway Department maintains 38.26 miles of road (76.52 lane miles). The estimated levy is \$238,760 for road maintenance, salaries, supplies, snow removal, etc. There are very few additional funding sources available. The estimated cost of 1 mile of rebuilt road ranges from \$114,000 to \$315,000 depending on the type of rebuild. The roads continue deteriorating, and we cannot improve them with the current levy amount.  
**This petition polls the Electors to see if they want the Highway Commissioner to put a referendum on the ballot for approval. If the petition is unapproved at the Annual Town Meeting, then the idea is tabled (stopped). If it is approved, the Highway Commissioner can start gathering additional information for the voters' ballot. (This is #35 on the Electors' Powers document).**
3. Agenda item #X – Request brought forth by 15 Electors for consideration. Shall Hebron Township approve a cooperative agreement with the McHenry County Snowmobile Association (MCSA) and the Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs (IASC), both Illinois non-profit corporations to build a storage building to store McHenry County Snowmobile Association snow trail grooming equipment on Hebron Township property. This building shall also include an outside covered picnic pavilion with a concrete floor for Hebron Township Residents. All construction costs for this building will be paid for

with grant money secured by (MCSA) and (IASC). All maintenance and upkeep of this building would be the sole responsibility of the MCSA.

**This petition is because the Snowmobile Clubs want to build a storage facility for their grooming equipment. This is #4 on the Electors' Powers documents). However; This power has 2 parts: See Document titled "Purchase, Sale and Use of Real and Personal Property".**

- A. The Electors may delegate the power to purchase, sell, or lease property. The property may be leased to another governmental body or to a not-for-profit corporation that has contracted to construct or fund the construction of a structure and has contracted with the Township to allow the Township to use at least a portion of the structure for any term not exceeding 50 years. In the case of a not-for-profit corporation, the Township must hold a public hearing on the proposed lease.
- B. The Electors propose that the Township **enter into a lease agreement** with the Snowmobile Clubs.

At the Annual Town meeting:

**Petition states to build a storage facility for their grooming equipment and an outside picnic pavilion. This is the only request allowed. There will not be any discussion pertaining to bathrooms, ballfields, or any other infrastructure on township property.**

"A" is voted on first. If rejected, the entire petition is tabled (stopped). If "A" is approved, Electors will vote on "B".

If "B" is rejected, the petition is tabled (stopped). If "B" is approved, the Township and Snowmobile Clubs will enter into a lease agreement. **NO FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.**

Moving forward, the MCSA, IASC, and the Township will negotiate the lease terms. This lease shall address all concerns that both parties may have. Once both parties have agreed to the terms, a special meeting will be held, and the Electors will vote on the lease terms. If the lease is rejected, both parties will continue to negotiate or table (stop) the original petition.

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact Nancy Lech, Supervisor  
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