

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors
March 11, 2009

Present: Chair Bill Bliss, Supervisors Ralph Schmidt, Bob Adelman, Deputy Treasurer Alicia Burgers and Clerk Barbara Anderson

The sign in list is attached to the original minutes of this meeting.

Call to order – Chair Bliss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda – The following items were added to the agenda: under Road & Bridge – Resolution from Cass County, Update on North Bay Road and Mower operator; under New Business add snowmobile club. MOTION: Bliss/passed: Approve the agenda with additions.

Residents Concerns - There were none.

Approval of Minutes – The Supervisors received a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting for review. A copy of the minutes was also made available for the residents in attendance at this meeting to read. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Approve the minutes of the February meeting as written.

Road & Bridge

Supervisor Schmidt's report

1. Contacted Kim Johnson, Fleet Manager with Dustcoating Inc. out of Savage, MN. We set the chloride application dates for June 15th and 16th. Weather could be a factor. Johnson is planning to be at our township meeting in May. We need to let our contractors know. Should this be done by mail or other? The Board discussed this and decided to send a written letter to Johnson and copy Felton and Herheim.
2. Logging operation on South Little Boy. There are traffic concerns where Barga lane traffic enters South Little Boy Road. Schmidt talked to Mike Bollin, head of the Cass county Sign Department. Bollin recommended two (2) possible solutions. (1) To use a “stop ahead” and a “stop” sign on Barga Lane or (2) put up a “side road” sign with a 24” x 18” caution sign on South Little Boy Drive. Schmidt reported that the township should have the posts that are needed, but if posts are needed they cost \$12.00 each. Sign cost of #1 \$103.83, plus shipping and taxes. Cost of #2 is \$87.70 plus shipping and taxes. The Board discussed the different signs and decided option 2 is the best. The signs need to be on South Little Boy Drive. The drivers on Barga approach South Little Boy Drive with caution at the present time. Schmidt will order the signs.
3. Schmidt suggested some dates for the road inspections. These dates are prior to the next board meeting. The Board decided the road inspections should be after the road quotes are opened at the April meeting.

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Road and Bridge continued

Road quotes – The clerk was asked to put an ad in the newspaper for the road quotes for 2009. The quotes will be opened at the April meeting.

Mower Operator – The Board decided to run an ad for the mower operator's position for two weeks. Schmidt and Anderson will write a job description for this position.

Expo – Schmidt reported that there is a gravel show in Virginia, MN, put on by LTAP. Schmidt said he was not available to attend the show this year. MOTION: Bliss/passed (1 abstained): Approve all necessary expenses and mileage for Adelman to attend the LTAP conference in Virginia, MN.

Resolution regarding road signage – Bliss explained that Cass County is requesting money for the new road signs from the Federal and State Road Sign Program. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Pass Resolution 3-11-09-1. A copy of this resolution will be sent to Cass County

North Bay Road Update – Anderson reported that Jennifer from the State DNR called about the North Bay Road. Jennifer explained that four of the five property owners involved with this road project have their easement paper work into the State; the easements will be filed with Cass County within the week. The fifth property will be dealt with in a different method. Jennifer thought the project should be done and the road turned over Wabedo Township sometime this summer.

Maintenance Garage with Cass County - Bliss talked about the township leasing land from Cass County Highway Department and building a road equipment maintenance garage in conjunction with the county. This has been discussed in the past. He then presented the idea of the township purchasing land and building a Morton style garage. Is it better to go with garage and town hall on the same site? What is best for the township in the long run? The Board discussed this and came to no conclusion. The Board reviewed the Road Maintenance Study by Al Ritchie. Ritchie prepared this study for the annual meeting. The clerk will ask Ritchie to include a \$200,000 building instead of a \$300,000 building.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the claims – Burgers and Anderson presented the claims for approval to the Supervisors. The Supervisors had received a copy of the claims list prior to the meeting for review. MOTION: Adelman/passed: Approve payment of claims 8087 – 8096 totaling \$4,359.24, plus payroll.

Short Courses – Bliss explained that each spring the Minnesota Association of Townships holds an education opportunity for members of townships boards. MOTION: Bliss/passed: Approve the payment of all expenses for any board member who attends the MATS short course.

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New Business continued:

Newsletter – The Board authorized the clerk to write a newsletter.

Snowmobile Club – Schmidt explained that the Longville Area Snowmobile Club has asked for permission to use the township's mower to clear overhead trees and brush from their trails. The Board discussed this request. The board encourages the Snowmobile Club to rent a piece of equipment for this project. The township is not interested in letting the Snowmobile Club rent or use the township's mower at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT Deputy treasurer Alicia Burgers read the Cash Control Statement for the month of February 2009. MOTION: Adelman/pass: Authorize the treasurer to transfer the balance of \$169.56 from the ambulance line item to the general fund line item. MOTION: Schmidt/pass: Accept the Cash Control Statement for the month of February 2009 with the balance of \$128,805.55 in all funds.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Chair Craig Anderson reported on the variance application of Rupert on Woman Lake. Schmidt and Stokesbary went on the site visit. Rupert is the new owner of this property on Walleye Drive. The previous owners applied for and received a variance to build a garage. The new owners applied for an additional variance to put a second story on the garage. Wabedo's planning commission recommended denying this variance. Cass County denied the approval of this variance. The first variance with its conditions still stands.

Anderson explained that there is a change in the variance process. The applicant no longer has to show hardship. The new terminology for this is practical difficulty.

OTHER BUSINESS

Annual Meeting – Bliss explained that he will not be able to attend the annual meeting.

Road bids – The suggestion was made that when asking for road bids we set a gallon price of the gas and then pay a surcharge when the price of gas goes over that price.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Board reviewed all the correspondence listed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Barbara Anderson, clerk

William C. Bliss, chair