

Wabedo Township  
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting  
November 10, 2009

Present: Chair Bill Bliss, Supervisors Bob Adelman, Ralph Schmidt, Treasurer Carole Houghton and clerk Barbara Anderson

Guest sign-in sheet attached to 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.

Approve Agenda – There were no additions or changes to the written agenda. MOTION: Adelman/passed: Approve the written agenda as presented.

Approve the minutes – MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Approve the minutes of the October 6<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting, the minutes of September 10<sup>th</sup> the North Bay Road meeting and September 10<sup>th</sup> the Island View Road meeting as written.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Houghton read the Cash Control Statement for the month of October. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Accept the Cash control Statement for the month of October 2009 with an ending balance in all funds of \$89,918.38 and investment balance for the same month of \$36,791.82.

Residents concerns – Ron Stokesbary reported that the Wabedo-Little Boy-Cooper –Rice Lakes Association (Lake Association) received a grant in partnership with Wabedo Township for septic system inspections. The inspections have been completed. The grant allowed the Lake Association to inspect properties on Little Boy, Rice and Cooper Lakes. Wabedo Lake was done a few years ago.

Craig Anderson reported that the ten properties around his land have been having beaver problems. The property owners have hired Marlow Kottke to trap the beaver.

Road & Bridge

- Supervisor's report – Schmidt reported:
  1. He ordered road signs for the bridge on Sioux Camp Road. The signs have arrived and have been installed. He also ordered two safety vests.
  2. Schmidt called H & R Construction at Fergus Falls, Minnesota. They put the bridge repair job on hold until spring. However, Dwayne Waldera and Schmidt fixed the bridge. The work has been completed.
  3. The culvert on Glenmar ended up being more expensive than planned. Gopher State had miss-marked the fiber optics cable and Lott Excavating cut as marked. Herheim of Lott Excavating called and asked Schmidt to come to the site and verify the markings. Gopher One has missed-marked the cable by 18 to 24 inches. This four hour job took about 12 hours instead. Gopher One did realize the cable was not marked correctly.
  4. Schmidt met with Bill Herheim of Lott Excavating on the roads the township will be taking over from Cass County. Schmidt and Herheim drove each road and the following problems need to be addressed by the board:

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Cooper Lake Road- The County constructed a T type turn around. The area to the north end was determined to be wet lands and could not be filled in. The township will need to do some work on this some day. The road does not have stop sign at County Road 54.

Old CSAH 47 Road – On the Coryell Road the turn around is very small. This road does not have a stop sign at CASH 47.

The question was raised about when is a stop sign needed and when is a stop sign not needed. The clerk will write a letter to Dave Enblom of Cass County Highway Department for clarification.

These roads all need to be brushed prior to winter. This item may be the main issue. Herheim is very concerned about the trees hitting the windshields and lights of the plow if not brushed. Does the township have permission to brush these roads prior to January 1020? The Board asked Schmidt to get permission from the County to brush the roads as needed.

Schmidt reported that he thinks that within the next few years the township will be asked to take over the Putnam Road and North Bay Road. With this in mind Schmidt would like Lott to grade and plow the new county roads. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: As of January 1, 2010, Lott Excavating grade and plow the following road the township will take over from Cass County Cooper Lake Road, Little Boy Road, Wabedo Frontage Road and Old CSAH 47 Road.

5. Schmidt reviewed the traffic sign inspection report. The Board discussed if any signs could be safely removed in the township. Schmidt reported on the Cass County Association of Townships (CCAT) meeting he attended. CCAT reminded the township that all the signs the township has posted as of 1/1/2012 will need to be kept. This is the time for townships to review the signs they have and which, if any, signs can be safely removed. No decision was made.
- North Bay Road Update - Anderson reported that she had an e-mail from Jennifer Narveson of the DNR. In the e-mail Naverson reported that she would have a written report for this meeting.
  - Adelman reported on the meeting with David Clute and Mike Brolin of the MN DNR. They met at highway 84 and North Bay Road. Clute and Brolin marked the center line of North Bay Road from Highway 84 to the Buhl-Chesla property line. They also marked the outer limit of the right-of-way with orange tape. They tried very hard to be sensitive to the residents concerns as to location of trees to be removed. Regardless, there will be a lot of trees to be removed.

North Bay Road has very defined ditches on both sides of the road. However, due to neglect, the ditches are very overgrown with trees and brush. Brolin stated that he hopes to get started this year. He is waiting for directions from the DNR offices in St. Paul.

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- Gravel Pit - Schmidt stated that last month it was discovered that Lott Excavating had their crushing equipment on the gravel pit. Schmidt has since found out that the County was allowing Lott to crush some of their rock for another township. There will be no charge to Wabedo Township.
- Zeigler credit – Anderson stated she wanted the board to be aware of this credit. Last month the board had accepted Zeigler’s offer to return one-half of the price of the repair part for the mower about \$600. Evidently Zeigler decided to credit the township for the whole cost of the repairs.
- Road side maintenance – Schmidt reported that last month the board discussed hiring Waldera and his bob cat to remove large rocks along the side of township roads. Since Waldera was attending the meeting the board discussed this with him. Waldera suggested \$250 rate fee per day for the bobcat and he will work for the township to do the work at his regular pay rate.

Waldera reported that on the corner of South Little Boy Drive and County Road 54 the property owner has planted trees in the road right-of-way. Waldera spoke to the property owner in August about moving the trees before fall. The Board asked the clerk to send a follow up letter to the property owner about the trees. Anderson suggested that if this happens in the future Waldera should contact her and a letter would be sent out right away.

Old Business

- Town Hall Roof Repair – Adelman reported that we have received a check from the insurance company so the roof repair work could get started. Nick Burgers of Apex Roofing & Construction Inc has the lowest bid, with insurance. MOTION: Bliss/passed: Accept the bid of \$4,099.95 from Apex Roofing & Construction Inc to replace the roof on the town hall. Bliss reminded Adelman that we need a copy of the Burgers’ liability insurance before the work can begin.

New Business

- Pay the Claims – The Board received a list of the claims prior to the meeting for review. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Approve payment of claims 8305 through 8318, claim 11709 electronic payment and the payroll.

Planning Commission

- Cass County Ordinance #2009-04 Land Use Ordinance Amendments 8/11/09 version  
Craig Anderson, Planning Commission Chair, explained that this Cass County Ordinance will go into effect on January 1, 2010. This copy of the ordinance is for the supervisors files.
- Draft – Wabedo Township Resource Protection Reclassification Process  
Anderson explained that in the Cass County Ordinance mentioned above, the County requires each township to have a process in place to handle any changes that may come up.

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The Draft that he handed out is the Wabedo Township's Planning Commissions first attempt at putting the process on paper. There was some discussion. The Board decided to table any action on the Draft until they have had more time to study it.

- Training - Anderson reported that there will be a training session on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in Backus about the revised County Ordinance. Ron Stokesbary and Craig Anderson from the planning commission and Ralph Schmidt from the board will be attending this meeting.
- Cass County Planning Commission & Board of Adjustment – Anderson reported that Cass County is considering combining their planning commission and board of adjustment as a cost savings effort. This change would not affect the township.

Correspondence - The board read the correspondence listed on the agenda.

Other Business

- Change December meeting date – The treasurer asked if the December meeting could be changed to another date. MOTION: Adelman/passes: Set the December 2009 meeting date for December 15<sup>th</sup> at the town hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Announcement – Bliss announced that he will not be seeking re-election next year. His term expires on December 31, 2010. He will be living part of the year in another state and part of the year in the area.

Adjournment – MOTION: Schmidt/passes: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Barbara Anderson, clerk

William C. Bliss, chair