

Wabedo Township Annual Meeting  
March 14, 2006

Present: Bill Bliss, Ralph Schmidt, Patrick Butler, Deputy Treasurer Alicia Burgers, Clerk Barbara Anderson, Planning Commission Chair Craig Anderson

Twenty seven people were in attendance. The sign in sheet is attached to the original minutes.

Clerk calls the meeting to order – Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Election of Moderator – MOTION: Toni Sausman/Luann Adelman/passed: Bill Bliss as moderator for this meeting. Bliss accepted.

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve agenda - Bliss added number 7a - town election date and 16a – newspaper. MOTION: Ken Sausman/Luann Adelman/passed: Approve agenda with additions.

Approve minutes of last year – Written minutes of 2005 annual meeting were handed out prior to the meeting. MOTION: Bill Berger/Doug Mayer/passed: Approve the minutes of the 2005 annual meeting as written.

Treasurer’s Report - Deputy Treasurer Burgers

For the Period 01/01/2005 to 12/31/2005

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund	\$13,132.74	\$43,812.91	\$47,264.79	\$9,680.86
Special Revenue Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$56,519.35	\$81,908.52	\$68,001.01	\$70,426.86
PLANNING COMMISSION	(\$251.06)	\$0.00	(\$251.06)	\$0.00
Lemke Escrow	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hausladen Cartpath	\$0.00	\$1,228.00	\$1,228.00	\$0.00
Debt Service Fund SRF	\$0.00	\$10,445.52	\$10,445.52	\$0.00
LONGVILLE	\$3,900.60	\$4,894.78	\$8,795.38	\$0.00
AMBULANCE				
LONGVILLE FIRE	(\$2,291.34)	\$19,099.76	\$16,808.42	\$0.00
DEPARTMENT				
VOTING TABULATOR	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,010.29</b>	<b>\$161,389.49</b>	<b>\$152,292.06</b>	<b>\$80,107.72</b>

MOTION: K. Sausman/M. Mix/passed: Accept the treasurer’s report for 2005 as presented.

Moving township elections - Bliss explained the changes in the laws. As it now stands as of 2008 the electronic tabulator- needs to be used at all elections. There was some talk about the townships being able to continue to use paper ballots. The cost the township will have to bare for a March election using the electronic tabular would be very expensive - approximately \$1,200. If the township elections are moved to November to coincide with the regular election the cost for adding the the township portion on the ballot would be about \$500. The residents asked to have this on the ballot question at the March 2007 election. Bliss also discussed the election hours. At the present time law allows towns with less then 500 voters to open at 10:00 am. At the last presidential election voters were in waiting in the parking lot waiting for the doors to open. The residents asked that the hours for the primary and general elections be from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Road & Bridge report - Ralph Schmidt

1. Driveway and access standards:
  - a. Driveway should intersect the township road at a right angle. Driveway width should be a minimum of 20 feet and not more than 24 feet. Driveways should intersect township road flat, to prevent water from washing down the township road.
  - b. One driveway per parcel is allowed. Additional drives will require board action.
2. Driveway construction:
  - a. All work done within township right-of-way is subject to approval of township board.
  - b. The Township Board shall determine the size and length of the culvert to be used. The cost of a 15" x 30' culvert would run about \$300.00. The culvert may be supplied by the township or be purchased by the resident.
  - c. Wetland permits need to be obtained in advance.
  - d. No foreign material will be left on the township road or road right-of-way such as rocks, left over building materials or any item that could cause an accident.

Schmidt also discussed the 2005 road projects:

Road chloride was applied to the following roads at \$1,074.63 per mile, total 12,035.86:		
Glenmar (G)	3.0 miles	\$3,223.88
Sioux Camp (E)	2.7 miles	\$2,901.50
Diamond Crest/Stoney Creek (C)	3.2 miles	\$3,438.83
South Little Boy (D)	1.8 miles	\$1,934.34
End Shangir-la	.5 miles .5 mile	\$ 537.31
Shared roads with other townships		
		Total \$12,035.86

Road gravel program:			
Wabedo Springs (A)	due 08	Glenmar (G)	520 yds
Pine Crest (B)	130 yds	Pikie Point (H)	140 yds
Stoney Crk/Diamond Crest (C)	due 05	Hunter Lake (I)	due 06
South Little Boy (D)	510 yds	Wood Duck	due 05
Sioux Camp (E)	920 yds	Island View	400 yds
N. Rice Lake	932 yds	Shangri-La	100 yds
		Total	3652 yds

Road projects		
Pikie Point Rd install new culvert. (Felton)		\$2,155.70
Gravel crush (Lott) 3,000 tons at \$2.00		\$6,000.00
Mowing road ditch (Lott Excavating)		\$2,362.50
Remove trees on Sioux Camp Rd (Felton Bros)		\$1,362.00
General Maintenance & spreading road gravel work (Lott & Felton)		\$17,825.38
Snow plowing (Lott & Felton)		\$6,168.52
Road grading (Lott & Felton)		\$13,503.35
	Total	\$49,377.45

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Schmidt reviewed the proposed 2006 road projects:

CHLORIDE	56.2 per gal	29,411.2 gal used (05) @ 49.9	
Stoney Crk / Diamond Crest	3.2 miles		\$5,000
Sioux Camp	2.7 miles		\$4,100
Glenmar	3.0 miles		\$4,100
Shangri-la end	.5 miles		\$ ,800
South Little Boy	1.8 miles		\$2,500
Island View Drive	2.5 miles		\$4,000
	11.2 miles	TOTAL	\$20,500

2005 Projects not completed

Gravel (Stoney creek / Diamond Crest (C)	\$6,000
Crush 1,000 yds gravel, crushed 3,000 yds 2005	\$2,000
TOTAL	\$8,000

Reserve for plowing and blading	\$20,000
Reserve for general maintenance & hauling gravel	15,000
Reserve for shared maintenance	4,000
Reserve for gravel crushing	10,000
Sign replacement	500
Road mowing	2,500

TOTAL \$52,000

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FUTURE PROJECTS (not added to above totals)

Upgrade east end of Island View	\$9,500
Brushing on South Little Boy Road ½ mile	\$7,622
S. Little Boy Road, change the approach at Bergen Lane	\$7,200

TOTAL \$24,322

The plans for the future include:

1. Achieve a standard for driveway approach to township roads.
2. Continue apply chloride to Stoney Creek/Diamond Crest Rd, Sioux Camp Rd., Glenmar RD, & end of Shangri-La Rd. Island View Rd will in added in 2006.
3. Brush & ditch 1 or 2 miles of road way each year.
4. Road signs: Keep a good inventory. Make sure signs are not obstructed by brush.
5. Crush gravel each year as needed.
6. Check roads to make sure they are maintained as required.
7. Have the mower operator cut two swaths along our roads. This will reduce the cost of brushing in years to come.
8. The following roads need work done:
  - a. South Little Boy – Change the approach Bergen Lane.
  - b. Sioux Camp, Glenmar, Pikie Point, Woodduck & Shangri La, total 7.8 miles will be brushed by Welk Logging and Excavating, Cost \$5,650.00.
  - c. Roads will be graveled as required or as shown in the township’s five year gravel plan.

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Schmidt explained that JJ Welk will be trimming 7.8 miles of road at a cost of \$5,650. This is a project this will help prevent the tree growth in the ditches.

Culverts - Bliss discussed driveway approaches off of township roads and need for culverts. This goes hand in hand with road maintenance. Other townships have ordinances regarding driveway approaches off township roads. It is a concern of the fire department. When a person applies for a building permit with the county they would also have to apply for a driveway permit. When new plats are plotted driveway permits could be applied for at that time. The ones that will be hard to catch will be the people who just put in a driveway and have not applied for a building permit or are not part of a new plat. Research other townships and the county's rules and standards. MOTION: Bill Berger/Doug Mayer/passed: Set up an ordinance to regulate driveway approaches on township roads and property owners pay for culvert when needed.

Set Road & Bridge Levy - Bliss explained that in order to get the gas tax from the state we need to raise our road & bridge tax levy to \$85,500. MOTION: Berger/D. Mayer/passed: Set the road & bridge levy for \$85,500 for 2007 payable in 2008.

Fire Department Report - Patrick Butler explained that there are eight townships and one city in the fire district. The budget for 2007 is \$75,250. This increase includes \$5,000 for a truck.

Set Levy for Fire Department - MOTION: Craig Anderson/Doug Mayer/passed: Set the fire department levy at \$21,446.25 for 2006 payable in 2007.

Ambulance Report - Bliss reported on the Longville Joint Powers Ambulance Board and updated what has been happening with the ambulance service. The Joint Powers Board is in process of negotiating an ambulance contract with Crosby Ambulance Service. As of July 1<sup>st</sup> the City of Longville will not provide ambulance service. Bliss explained that he is going to ask that this meeting be continued until August 1<sup>st</sup> in case there needs to be a change in the levy.

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Set Ambulance Levy - MOTION: Bill Berger/Pat Butler/passed: Set the ambulance levy at \$79,500 for 2007.

Donation Requests - The residents discussed the requests for donations. After a discussion about the expenses that the township may incur this next year it was decided to table the donation requests. MOTION: Bill Hansen/Doug Mayer/passed: Table all request for donations until the continued meeting.

Set General Levy - Bliss explained that the Board is asking for a general levy of \$30,000 plus any and all donations. MOTION: Phil Mix/Bill Berger/passed: Set the general levy for 2007 at \$30,000.

Set Financial Depository - Bliss said the township has had a good working relationship with Woodland Bank. MOTION: Bill Hansen/Bob Adelman/passed: Continue with Woodland Bank as the township's financial depository.

Newspaper - Bliss explained that there are now two legal newspapers in our area. The board will make the decision as to which newspaper to use, however, he asked the residents for their opinion. MOTION: Bill Berger/ Ken Sausman/passed: Check the price for each newspaper and select the lowest price.

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Planning Commission – Craig Anderson reviewed the planning commission’s work for the past year. There were 70 Zoning Applications: 12 new houses, 4 additions to existing houses, 14 new garages, 22 septic system work, 3 decks, and 6 pole buildings. There were 5 Variance applications and 7 shore land alterations.

Summary of past three years

YEAR	2005	2004	2003
Zoning Applications	70	59	46
Variance Applications	5	8	11
Shore land Alterations	7	13	11
Conditional Use Permits	0	0	2
Plat Filings	0	0	2
Total Activity	82	80	72

Old Business – There was no old business.

New Business

- Johnson petition – Bliss explained that Laurie Johnson on old C road has asked that her petition be brought to the annual meeting. She wants the township to vacate a portion of right-of-way of Stoney Creek Road in front of her property. Bliss said this same request has been received from two of her neighbors and has been granted. Johnson is coming to the annual meeting in lieu of having eight neighbors sign her written petition. The rest of the
- Johnson petition continued process is still the same. Johnson will have the land resurveyed and re-recorded at her expense. MOTION: Phil Mix/Ken Sausman/passed: Approve this portion of the procedure for Laurie Johnson to petition the Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors to vacate the old Stoney Creek Road right-of-way on lot 9 of Manders Muskie Bay.
- Lazy Boy Trail SSD - Bliss explained that the owners on Lazy Boy Trail have petitioned the Board of Supervisors to setup a Lazy Boy Trail SSD. The paper work started last fall and the final work should be completed this summer.

Set Next Year’s Annual Meeting – Time & Location – MOTION: Bill Berger/Ken Sausman/passed: Set the annual meeting date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March 2007, at 8:05 p.m. at the Wabedo Town Hall.

Continue – MOTION: Lorin Neuenfeldt/Doug Mayer/passed: Continue this meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wabedo Town Hall.

ANNUAL MEETING CONTINUED

August 1, 2006

Moderator Bill Bliss reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. This time and place was set by the residents at the March 13, 2006 meeting.

Bliss reviewed the ambulance levy. A levy of \$79,500 was set at the March 13, 2006 meeting to cover the Township's portion of the ambulance service for 2007. However, since that meeting Cass County has agreed to set up a special ambulance taxing district for the ambulance service district. Cass County will collect the monies for the special ambulance taxing district on the real estate tax roles. By using a special ambulance service taxing district all townships and cities in the district will pay for the service. Bliss explained that monies for the ambulance service will now be collected by the county and not by the township. MOTION: Craig Anderson/Ralph Schmidt/passed unanimously: Reduce the ambulance levy for 2007 to \$4,500.

Donations – Bliss explained the residents at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting decided to wait until this meeting to consider donations. The donations that are authorized are in addition to the general fund levy of \$30,000. Bliss reviewed the donations requests. The following donations were authorized:

- Northland Area Family Service Center: MOTION: Loren Neuenfeldt/Jim Felegy: Donate \$1,500 to the NAFSC as follows: \$1,000 to the Family Center and \$500 to the Food Shelf building fund.
- Young At Heart – The residents decided not to make a donation this year.
- Family Safety Network – MOTION: Pat Butler/Terri Felegy/passed: Donate \$1,000 to the Family Safety Network.
- Longville Library – MOTION: Don Waldera/Ralph Schmidt/passed: Donate \$1, 500 to the Friends of the Library.
- Northland Scholarship Fund – MOTION: Craig Anderson/Lorin Neuenfeldt/Donate \$500 to the Northland Scholarship Fund.
- Dive Team – MOTION: Pat Butler/Carol Neuenfeldt/passed: Donate \$500 to the Lakes Area Dive Team.
- County Historical Society – The residents decided not to donate at this time.
- Baseball field – MOTION: Ralph Schmidt/Lorin Neuenfeldt/passed: Make a one time donation of \$1,000 to the Longville Area Baseball Field. This donation will be made through the Longville Area Foundation at the request of the baseball field committee.

Bliss reported that the donations approved at this meeting total \$6,000, therefore the total levy for the general fund will be \$36,000.

Adjournment – MOTION: Lorin Neuenfeldt Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Anderson  
Clerk of Wabedo Township