

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
April 14, 2009

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

Guests: 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.

Approval of agenda – Under Old Business: add send letter to Cass County regarding garage; Under Road & Bridge: add road ditch cutting and ditching. MOTION: Schmidt/Passed: Approve agenda with additions.

Road & Bridge

- Review road maintenance quotes – The Board reviewed road maintenance quotes from Lott Excavating, Felton Brothers, Schrupp Excavating and Peterson Trucking. MOTION: Schmidt/Passed: Wabedo Township accepts the road maintenance quotes from Lott Excavating and Felton Brothers for April 15, 2009 to April 14th, 2010.

The Board decided that they would like more time to review the road quotes in the future. The road quotes should be reviewed at the February or March board meeting next year.

- Road inspection dates – Schmidt suggested April 16th for road inspections. The board will review the roads the Felton Brothers are maintaining at 7:30 a.m. followed at 11:00 a.m. the roads that Lott Excavating will maintain.
- Mower operator applications – The clerk reported that seven applications for the part time road mower positions have been received. The board asked the clerk to set up interview times on Tuesday, May 12th prior to the monthly board meeting.
- Road Ditch cutting & Brushing - Schmidt
Schmidt received a telephone call from Dick Olsen of Thunder Lake Township. Thunder Lake Township has a need for brushing and ditch cutting. The Thunder Lake Township Board of Supervisors authorized Olsen to look into working a partnership with Wabedo Township because Wabedo has the equipment needed. The following are some things Schmidt and Olsen discussed:
 1. Thunder Lake Township (TLT) has a well qualified operator and he is very willing to do the extra work.
 2. TLT will pay the operator \$20.00 per hour and have him covered by their township insurance.
 3. TLT will have the possibility of storage for tractor in the winter.
 4. Wabedo Township (WT) will have about 25 miles of roads.
 5. TLT will have 20 miles of roads.
 6. WT wants all our roads done with one swath cut by July 4th.
 7. TLT did not require that to be done. TLT really needs brushing done.
 8. TLT would be willing to meet with Wabedo Township board at any time.

9. TLT operator has done some brushing for Wabedo Township several years ago.

Olsen felt it would take about 4 days to complete the brushing for Thunder Lake Township. There was a discussion about this request and no action was taken at this time.

Supervisor's Report - Schmidt

1. Ice guidelines – Schmidt reported that at the annual meeting the township ice control guidelines was a big concern. It was decided that the Board of Supervisors should review this plan. At the present time the township does not do any salting or sanding for ice. However, this past winter Schmidt had Lott Excavating use their chisel points on the ice. It worked very well. The board decided to hire Lott Excavating to use chisel points on all the township roads as needed.
2. Telephone call – Schmidt received a telephone call from Tom Kurz, 444 Glenmar Dr., about a large washout near his property. Schmidt called Felton to take care of it.
3. Township driveway approach policy
 - a. The clerk will have control of the application forms and receive the checks.
 - b. It was decided that members of the Planning Commission and supervisors will inspect the site, recommend culvert size and approve the location. The approved section of the form will have to be filled out on site and given to the contractor or land owner.
 - c. The supervisor or planning commissioner who did the original site visit will do the final site visit, if possible.
 - d. A permit book with numbers needs to be prepared.
 - e. It was decided that Bliss will contact the township's attorney Andy Shaw about the driveway ordinance.
4. Road and bridge levy
 - a. With the larger levy each year it is getting harder to get a motion to accept the levy suggested by the state in order to receive Gas Tax Revenue. One question was asked at the annual meeting, what happens to the extra money? It was stated that the money is left in the account and used as needed for roads. Bliss explained that money received from the road and bridge levy and the gas tax revenue needs to be spent on roads and bridges only.
5. Shangri-La - Schmidt reported that residents along Shangri-La are asking for a warning sign prior to the big arrow sign now in place and they also want an additional big arrow sign prior to the next curve. The Board authorized Schmidt to order the signs that are needed.
6. Tree - Schmidt reported that some one hit big trees on the right side going down Glenmar Road at marker 0100. There is a small curve prior to the accident site. Bliss reported that he knows who was involved in the accident and the accident was reported.

Safety vests – Schmidt reported that when a supervisor, clerk or anyone representing the township is doing anything on the roads, the person(s) should wear a safety reflective vest. The board ordered Schmidt to order the amount needed.

Culverts – Schmidt stated that some of the culverts on the township roads need to be cleaned out this spring or summer.

Road work – Schmidt will work with the road contractors and get estimates about future road projects.

Approve minutes – The supervisors received a written copy of the March meeting minutes prior to the meeting for review. MOTION: Adelman/passes: Approve the minutes for the March meeting as written.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer read the Cash Control Statement for the month of March. MOTION: Schmidt/passes: Accept the treasurer's report for the month of March 2009 with an ending balance in all funds of \$122,713.57, and investments of \$30,329.86.

Residents Concerns - John Weber asked permission to have community a garden on township land. Weber is working with Camp Olson on a mentoring program for the youth of the community. Weber indicated that it may take a few years to get the quality of the land suitable for gardening. MOTION: Bliss/passes: Allow residents to have a community garden on the lower portion of the township land, with John Weber as the contact person.

Craig Anderson reported that at the annual meeting Al Ritchie presented a case study on road maintenance. It was suggested at that meeting that the township give Ritchie a gift certificate to a local restaurant to show the township's appreciation. Bliss reported that the township offered to pay Ritchie's mileage for attending the meeting, and he had agreed.

Old Business

- Short Course – Schmidt and Adelman reported on the short course. They found the information they received that day very helpful. Schmidt has information on possible grants for township roads.
- Letter to the County – The board asked the clerk to send a letter to Dave Enblom of the Cass County Highway Department stating that the township will not be entering into a joint venture with the county in building a new road maintenance equipment garage.

New Business

- Pay the claims – MOTION: Adelman/passes: Approve payment of claims 8120 through 8143, and claim 409 totaling \$13,820.93; and payroll.
- Review annual meeting – The meeting went very well. There was a lot of information about the roads and the road equipment study. There was also a discussion about a water surface ordinance. Bliss will contact the township's attorney, Andy Shaw, about the correct wording for this ordinance.

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- Cheryal Hills e-mail letter – Adelman volunteered to attend this workshop. MOTION: Bliss/passed: Pay all expenses for Adelman to attend the Region Five workshop.

Planning Commission

Chair Craig Anderson explained the planning commissioners are working on updating the Wabedo Township Comprehensive Plan. The three specific areas that need updating are: to reflect the new conservation design ordinance from Cass County, incorporate the new developers agreement for the township and is to incorporate the new driveway ordinance for Wabedo township. When the commissioners have finished their work consultant Bridget Chard will review the updates.

Other Business – The board reorganized as follows: Chair is Bill Bliss, Supervisor Bob Adelman will be the representative to the Longville Fire Department, and Supervisor Ralph Schmidt will be the vice chair and in charge of road and bridges.

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

Adjournment – MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

Barbara Anderson, Clerk

William C. Bliss, Chair