

Wabedo Township
Board of Supervisors
August 11, 2009

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

The sign-in sheet for the meeting is attached to the original minutes.

Call to Order – Bliss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda – The following items were added to the printed agenda: Under Road & Bridge -Report of meeting at Backus, Pull fire number signs; under New Business – Review pay scale and Town Hall Roof. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Approve the agenda as amended.

Secretary's minutes – The supervisors had received a written copy of the July 14th meeting prior to the meeting for review. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Approve the minutes of the July 14, 2009 meeting as written.

Treasurer's Report – Houghton read the Cash Control Statement for the month of July. MOTION: Bliss/passed: Accept the Cash Control Statement for the period July 1 through July 31, 2009 with a balance in all funds of \$128,170.79 and investments totaling \$36,635.44. MOTION: Bliss/passed: transfer all monies from the ambulance fund to the general fund. Bliss asked Houghton to keep track of the payment received from Cass County for tax forfeited monies in case it is needed for road maintenance.

Resident Concerns – There were none.

Road & Bridge

Supervisor's report - Schmidt

1. Warning signs. Schmidt called Cass County Highway Department and asked about their policy on placing signs for handicap/disadvantage people. Cass County has passed a resolution stating that they will not place this type of sign. The Board authorized Schmidt to order either sign W 11-9 or W 11-9A and place them South Little Boy Drive as was discussed.
2. Chloride application for 2009
 - a. Total gallons 41,628 Cost per gallon was \$.7350 Total cost \$30,596.58
 - b. 16 miles at 2,601.75 gallons per mile. Total cost per mile is \$1,912.69.
 - c. Cost for 2008: 2,854 per mile Cost per mile \$2,97.69 Cost per gallon .7350
 - d. Cost for 2007: 2,322.67 per mile. Cost per mile \$1,347.15 Cost per gal. .5800

Glenmar was sprayed from grass to grass for the first mile with a cost of \$2,549.00.

3. Dwayne Waldera, mower operator, started cutting the road ditches on August 3, 2009. He did Hunter Lake Road and it looks great. Schmidt and Waldera went over the road ditch cutting policy and developed a working plan. Waldera will cut 2 or 3 swaths now or what he can cut. He will get into the heavy brush latter.
4. Schmidt checked on the gravel being done by Cass County on the roads the township will be taking over in January 2010. The only gravel that Schmidt saw hauled was for Little Boy Road and the road looks good. The county did put in some culverts.
5. C Road – The first culvert has been taken out and put back in – it will need more gravel. The north culvert is placed about 5-6 feet down. This culvert will fill up again. It was suggested that an additional culvert be placed on top of the old culvert and the area be graveled.
6. Work has been started on South Little Boy Drive where there was a road washed out this spring.
7. The Board discussed the culvert on Glenmar and decided to add an additional culvert in that area due to all the wires that runs through the old culvert.
8. Wabedo Springs Road – One end of the road is getting low. Schmidt reported that no work order was issued for this work in the spring. The work should cost about \$1,072. The board authorized Schmidt to issue a work order at this time.
9. Road ditching on South Little Boy Drive – The estimated cost for ½ mile of ditching is \$8,748. This work would include removing trees. The board asked Schmidt to talk to Ponto Lake Township to see how their ditching project went.

Meeting in Backus – Bliss reported that he attended a meeting in Backus with the Cass County Land Commissioner. They discussed how to handle the problem – when a land owner needs to go through county land in order to reach their private land. The county would like to sell the land in question to the township involved. The township representatives at the meeting said that the townships do not want to be involved in this way.

Old Fire Numbers – Bliss talked about the old red fire numbers. They are obsolete. Each property now has a blue 911 emergency address number. How can we get property owners to remove the old fire number? It was suggested to put something on the web site.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business

Pay the Claims - MOTION Adelman/passed: Approve payment of claim number 80809, and claims 8236 through 8249 totaling \$32,448.26, plus payroll.

MATS short courses – Schmidt and Adelman reported on the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) short course. They both attended the taxation seminar. They found the day to be boring.

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DNR Letter – Bliss discussed a letter he received from Jennifer Narveson from the Minnesota DNR regarding North Bay Road. The DNR would like to have the township take over the portion of North Bay Road where the property easements have been signed by the property owners. The board discussed this and had several questions. The clerk was asked to invite Ms. Narveson to the September board meeting.

Letter from Minnesota Revenue – Bliss discussed the July 15th letter from Jason Nord, State Program Administration Director regarding unallotment of Aids/Credits Payable in 2009. A copy of the letter is attached to the minutes.

Letter from Cass County Assessor – Bliss explained that this letter is asking if Wabedo Township wishes to transfer permanent, to the County the Board of Review duties to Cass County. The Board decided to put this on the annual meeting agenda.

Letter from the Wabedo-Little Boy-Rice-Cooper Lakes Association – Bliss explained that the Lakes Association is asking for permission to conduct a septic system inspection at the town hall. The board gave the Lakes Association permission to do this work.

Town Hall roof – Adelman reported that he had two people come out to inspect the town hall roof. After a close inspection it has been recommended that the roof be re-roofed. The board decided to put this on the annual meeting agenda.

Pay Review – Bliss asked the board to think about the pay scale for the Board and Planning Commission. This will be discussed at the September meeting.

Planning Commission

Pinedale Resort Variance – C. Anderson reported on the Pinedale Resort Variance on Wabedo Lake. The Wabedo Planning Commission recommended approval of this variance. The County Board of Adjustment met on Aug 10th and approved this variance.

Sietseman Variance – This property is located on Wabedo Lake. Their variance was to rebuild the bunk house at its present location, closer to the lake than allowed. The property had been for sale for a very long time. All the for-sale signs were down during the site visit. One hour after the site visit was over the for-sale signs were back up. Wabedo Planning Commission commended denial of the variance on economic reasons. The County Board of Adjustment approved the variance if the bunk house is moved to be 50’ back for the lake shore, the house is 100’ back from the lake shore, the fish house needs to be removed by 10/1/09, and shore land restoration with a \$1,000 surety.

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Terms – C. Anderson reported that the three year terms for Marilyn Davis and Ron Stokesbary are up this October. Both commissioners have indicated that they would like to serve another three year term. MOTION: Adelman/pass: Reappoint Marilyn Davis and Ron Stokesbary to a three year term on the Wabedo Township Planning Commission.

Mesch letter – C. Anderson asked if the Board had received a response from Mr. Mesch? Bliss reported that they had not. The clerk was asked to follow up on this matter.

Projector/computer – C. Anderson discussed the need for a projector for the planning commission. Also, the secretary for the planning commission is using her personal computer, he believes it is time for the township to provide her with a township owned computer. The Board asked C. Anderson to get prices and report back at the September board meeting.

Public Hearing – C. Anderson reminded everyone that there will be a public hearing on August 18th regarding the updates on the Comprehensive Plan.

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

Adjournment - MOTION: Schmidt/pass: Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Barbara Anderson, Clerk

William C. Bliss, Chair
Date:

MINNESOTA • REVENUE

July 15, 2009

WABEDO TOWNSHIP
BARBARA ANDERSON
CLERK
1535 BARGEN LN NE
LONGVILLE, MN 56655

RE: Unallotment of Aids/Credits Payable in 2009 -- URGENT!
This is the only letter sent to your township. Please forward to the appropriate contacts!

As a necessary measure to balance the state budget, the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget, at the direction of Governor Tim Pawlenty, has unallotted portions of state aids and credits payable in 2009 to counties, cities, and towns. For towns, the 2009 unallotment is \$2.5 million. The 2009 unallotment amount is 1.735 percent of the town's revenue base and is limited to \$5 per capita. To avoid severe consequences for small townships that may have less flexibility in coping with a cut, Governor Pawlenty exempted towns with a population under 1,000 if their adjusted net tax capacity (ANTC) per capita is below the statewide average. Unallotments are applied to market value homestead credits (MVHC).

For your township, WABEDO TOWNSHIP, the impact of this unallotment is as follows.

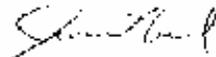
		Oct MVHC		Dec MVHC		Totals
Certified Payment	\$	1,508.89	\$	1,508.89	\$	3,017.78
Unallotment Amt	\$	930.00	\$	930.00	\$	1,860.00
Net Payment	\$	578.89	\$	578.89	\$	1,157.78

The "revenue base" or "levy plus aid" includes the certified 2009 levy plus income aid. Calculations used 2007 population figures.

The unallotment of aids and credits payable in 2010 is planned for January 2010 and has not yet been executed. Proposed unallotment amounts for 2010 are posted on our website and an additional letter will be sent when these are executed.

Additional information on the unallotment calculations can be found on our website (www.taxes.state.mn.us) If you have any questions about the payments or the unallotment that are not answered by the posted information, please contact Larry Bewley at larry.bewley@state.mn.us or 651-556-6096.

Sincerely,



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