

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
May 12, 2009

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

Guest: The sign in sheet is attached to the original minutes of this meeting.

Call to order – Chair Bliss called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the agenda – The following items were added to the agenda: Under #7 Road & Bridge – Hiring Mower Operator, Mowing with Thunder Lake Township and Reclaimer. Under #10 Planning Commission add Maps. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Approve agenda with the additions as stated.

Approval of minutes – The Board of Supervisors received a written copy of the minutes prior to the meeting for review. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Approve the minutes for April 14, 2009 as written. A copy of the minutes was made available for the public to read.

Residents Concerns – There were none.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Houghton read the Cash Control Statement for the month of April 2009. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Accept the Cash Control Statement for the month of April 2009 with an ending balance in all funds of \$107,436.86 and investments totaling \$39,612.18. A copy of the Cash Control Statement is attached to the original copy of the minutes of this meeting.

Road & Bridge

Supervisor's report - Schmidt

1. Additional comments to paragraph 5 of the Wabedo Township Ice Control Guidelines. Schmidt explained that at the annual meeting the residents asked the Board to review the Ice Control Guidelines. Due to the impact that ice has on traffic flow and safety of people using Wabedo Township roads, Wabedo Township Supervisors directed more guidelines on ice control activities. The following wording has been added to the Wabedo Township Ice Control Guidelines: If a resident feels that the road is hazardous for safe travel, call one of the Wabedo Township Board officers. The board officers will take proper action to take care of the situation. The township has contractors available to either salt/sand or use a motor grader with carbide tipped bits on the cutting edge.

The Board discussed the surcharge on the Lott Excavating bill for using the carbide tipped bits for cutting edge. Should the township purchase cutting edge tips and tell Lott to use it on township roads? Schmidt will check on the surcharge and report back next month.

2. Road inspections were completed on 16 April 2009. Reports are available to review. The report on the roads we will be taking over, are also available for review. The Board discussed the conditions of the roads that the County will be turning over to the township on January 1, 2010. Schmidt is very concerned about the condition of some

Road & Bridge – Supervisors Schmidt’s report continued:
of the roads. The Board asked Schmidt to set up a meeting with Cass County Highway
Department to discuss these roads.

3. Township Approach Policy:

- Met with the Township planning commission on Thursday 7, May 2009.
- Talked about their involvement in the township driveway approach policy.
Some very good points were addressed.
Should the township have a contractor doing the driveway approach
inspections? If problems come up can we call a contractor for advise and pay
the contractor out of the fee paid by the property owner?
When the driveway approach is approved by Wabedo Township inspection
team it will become the responsibility of the township.

Bliss will contact the Township’s attorney for legal advice on these questions.
Bliss reported that we should add the word maintain to the Driveway Approach
Guidelines. That way it is understood that the property owner is to maintain the
approved approach.

4. Work orders review.

While discussing the work orders for 2009 the board also discussed grinding the tree
stumps rather than having them bulldozed over. Schmidt will talk to the person from
Ponto Lake Township about this and report back to the board.

Road parcels ending in lakes update – Bliss reported that he has not heard anything about the
lawsuit for road parcels ending in lakes at this time.

Hiring a mower operator – Bliss explained the board interviewed seven applicants prior to the
meeting. It was a very hard decision. All the applicants were qualified. The board decided to
table this decision until the end of this meeting.

Mowing with Thunder Lake Township – Schmidt reported that Thunder Lake Township is very
interested in working with Wabedo Township on using the mower. Thunder Lake does have a
place to store the mower over the winter. The board discussed the proposal from Thunder Lake
Township. Schmidt will talk to one of the supervisors from Thunder Lake Township and set up
a meeting to discuss the options further.

Reclaimer – The Board discussed the piece of equipment called a Reclaimer that could be added
to the mower. The idea of this piece of equipment is that it will reach out into the ditch and
reclaim road materials and bring them back onto the road. It will work in some area of the
township roads and not in other areas. MOTION: Bliss/passed (yes 2, abstain 1). Purchase a
ditch reclaimer with a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Old Business

Update on Water Surface Ordinance – Bliss presented an ordinance regulating the operation and
speed of watercraft on certain public waters in Wabedo Township as written by the township’s
attorney Andy Shaw. A copy of the ordinance is attached to the original minutes of this meeting.

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Update on Water surface Ordinance continued:

MOTION: Adelman/pass: Authorize Chair Bliss to sign the Ordinance Regulating the Operation and Speed of Watercraft on Certain Public Waters in Wabedo Township – Little Boy Lake, Number 5-12-09.01 This ordinance will now go to the Department of Natural Resources of Minnesota and the Cass County Commissioners for review.

New Business

Pay the Claims – The Board of Supervisors received a list of claims prior to the meeting for review. MOTION: Schmidt/pass: Approve claims #508, #8155 through #8169 totaling \$6,253.99; the payment to the Minnesota Pollution control for \$3,131.94 and payroll as presented.

On Sale Liquor License Renewal for Ridgewood Golf Course – Bliss presented the proper paper work for the renewal of the On-Sale Liquor License for Ridgewood Golf Course. MOTION: Adelman/pass: Approve the renewal of this liquor license.

Planning Commission by Chair Craig Anderson

Paulson Variance – Property owner wants to add a three season porch to existing cabin. The Wabedo Planning Commission recommended approval with these conditions: 1) The boat house should be removed, 2) A vegetation bugger plan should be implemented, 3) A storm water management plan should be implemented, 4) An erosion and sediment control plan should be implemented during construction of the addition and during removal of the boathouse, such as silt fencing. Cass County approved the variance with the condition numbers 2, 3, and 4 as suggested by the Wabedo Planning Commission. The property owner had decided to take down an old boat house.

Comp Plan Update – The commissioners are making good progress on the Comp Plan updates. Each commissioner took a portion of the plan to review and make suggestions if changes were needed. When it is finished the commissioners will present the updated plan to the board and suggest that Bridget Chard review the new plan before the public hearing is held.

Zoning Maps – Two new zoning maps have been purchased from Cass County. The Wabedo Planning commissioners had suggested some changes in classifications for some property in Wabedo Township. Cass County agreed with these changes and incorporated them into the new zoning maps.

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

Hiring a mower operator – This item was tabled earlier in the meeting. The Board reviewed all the applicants. MOTION: Adelman/pass: Hire Dwayne Waldera as the part-time mower operator at \$18.00 per hour. Anderson will offer the position to Waldera, and send thank you letters to the other applicants.

Adjournment – MOTION: Adelman/pass: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Anderson, Clerk

Approved

William C. Bliss, Chair