

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors  
September 8, 2009

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

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

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

Pledge – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda – MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Accept agenda as printed.

North Bay Road – Jennifer Narveson from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land & Minerals (DNR) and Lowell Jaeger from DNR waterways division, addressed the Board regarding the North Bay Road project. Narveson reviewed some of the history of this project. In 2004 land owners along North Bay Road petitioned the township to take over the road as a township road. Because the road belonged to the DNR the township invited the local DNR officials to a meeting. It was agreed that the township would take over ownership of the road from the DNR after they had obtained all the necessary right-of-way easements and brought the road up to township standards. North Bay Road starts at Highway 84 and goes to the DNR property on Mule Lake. There used to be a public access at the end of the road. The public access has been closed; however, the land is still used by the public and owned by the DNR. The road runs alongside properties and through one property. The DNR has an easement through this property. The township has not taken over ownership of the road at this time due to boundary and land easement issues. Narveson will be filing the legal papers for four of the properties on the last portion of North Bay Road. One property owner is not willing to go along with this project. Bliss suggests the turn around for emergency vehicles is be located at the end of the road. There is no other place for a turn around.

Jaeger stated that the DNR cannot condemn land or property. Narseson stated that according to the State Attorney General's office since the DNR has an easement through the Chesla property and has been using it for all these years, that easement still stands.

Jaeger said the Waterways Division of the DNR will gladly start clearing the ditches and preparing the road as soon as the easements have been filed with Cass County. Narveson said she will be filing the easements with Cass County on September 9<sup>th</sup>. She will have this legal paperwork to the township by October 1, 2009. Jaeger has contacted the power company and the telephone company to mark in the line placement and move any lines that need new placement. Jaeger asked to meet with the Township Board and the property owners to discuss and determine what trees will need to be removed, if culverts will be needed at the private driveways. He stated if culverts are needed it will be at the expense of the property owner not the DNR. The meeting was set for Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. Jaeger stated that no work will be done on the Chesla property until Narveson has written permission to do so.

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Approve minutes – Bliss stated there are minutes of the August 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting and the August 18<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing to approve. Bliss made a correction on the August 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes as follows: on page 2 under meeting in Backus. ..”the County would like townships to take over roads easements..” MOTION: Adelman/passed: Approve the minutes of the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting with corrections. Motion: Adelman/passed: Approve the minutes of the August 18<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing on the updated Comp Plan as written.

Treasurer’s Report - Houghton read the Cash Control Statement for the month of August. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Accept the Cash Control Statement for August 2009 with a balance in all funds of \$101,557.92 and investments of \$36,635.44.

Residents Concerns –

- Ron Stokesbary reported that there will be logging on South Little Boy Drive and asked that the temporary signs be put out.
- Stokesbary also reported that Cass County is changing their land use ordinance for sensitive shorelines. There can be multiple classifications on one lake. The Wabedo Township planning commission recommends these changes. A motion from the township is needed to reclassify lakes within the township. The forms will be coming from the county. As president of a lake association Stokesbary recommends that Wabedo Township start work on this process. The planning commission could do the work.

Road & Bridge

- Supervisors Report – Schmidt
  - Schmidt has ordered warning signs from M & R Sign Company.
  - Schmidt is trimming around road signs.
  - Island View Drive – Dave Felton asked if the township is going to do anything with the far end of the road. The board discussed this portion of the road. The board will meet at the site on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> after the North Bay Road meeting.
  - The Board discussed the roads the township will take over on January 1, 2010. Who will maintain these roads? This decision will be made later.

Old Business

Bliss reported that the clerk received an e-mail from the DNR regarding Little Boy surface water. The clerk will send in the proper information.

New Business

- Pay the claims – The clerk and treasurer presented the board with the monthly claims. MOTION: Adelman/passed: Approve payment of claims #8261 - #8268, the electronic payment of claim # 9409 totaling \$7,894.06 plus payroll.

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New Business continued:

- Review pay scale – The Board reviewed the pay scale for the township. After reviewing the pay rate and when the last pay increase was made in 2007 the board decided to make some adjustments. MOTION: Bliss/passed: Increase the monthly meeting rate from \$60 to \$65 per meeting, the hourly rate from \$10.00 to \$10.50, the election judges training to \$10.50, the planning commission meeting from \$35.00 to \$40.00 per meeting and hourly rate from \$10.00 to \$10.50.
- Bliss reviewed the letter from Cass County Land Department. There is an 8.9 acre parcel of land for sale on Winnie Chapman Beach. The appraised value is \$40,000, the tax assessor value is \$29,500. MOTION: Adelman/passed: Table this until next month.

Planning Commission

Chair Anderson gave the board a completed Updated Comprehensive Plan. He reported that the plan incorporated all the changes from the open house and public hearing. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: Accept the revised Wabedo Township Comprehensive Plan dated September 2009.

Chair Anderson reported that since the planning commission is almost done meeting for the year, they would like to wait until 2010 to purchase a laptop computer.

Correspondence - The Board reviewed the correspondence listed on the agenda.

October meeting date – It was noted that two of the supervisors were not available for the October meeting. MOTION: Schmidt/passed: The next meeting of the Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Adjournment - MOTION: Adelman/passed: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Barbara Anderson, clerk

William C. Bliss, Chair