

Wabedo Township Annual Meeting  
March 11, 2008

1. Call to order – Barbara Anderson, Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Election of Moderator – MOTION: Ron Stokesbary/MaryEm Lundgren/passed: Elect Bill Bliss as moderator for the meeting.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approve the agenda – Lundgren asked that the Friends of the Library be added to the donation requests. MOTION: Craig Anderson/Stokesbary/ passed: Approved the agenda as amended.
5. Approve the minutes of 2007 annual meeting – The residents received a written copy of the minutes of the 2007 annual meeting as they signed in. R. Schmidt/C. Anderson/passed: Approve the minutes of the 2007 annual meeting as written.
6. Treasurer’s Report – Deputy Treasurer Alicia Burgers gave the treasurer’s report. The beginning balance in all accounts on January 1, 2007 was \$116,189.06, total receipts \$300,723.68, total disbursements \$332,510.24, leaving an ending balance as of December 31, 2007 of \$84,402.50. A copy of the report is attached to the original minutes of this meeting.

Bliss explained that the township received a refund from the Longville Ambulance district. This money was used to up front the cost of repairs on the Little Boy Subordinate Service District. The township also put in the Lazy Boy Trail Subordinate Service District this past year. The residents of both Subordinate Service Districts are paying the township for the costs occurred.

MOTION: Doris Schmidt/Ralph Schmidt/passed: Accept the treasurer’s report for 2007 as presented.

7. Road & Bridge Report by Ralph Schmidt – Schmidt had a written report reviewing the completed projects for 2007, the proposed road projects for 2008, and future road plans. A copy of his report is attached to the original minutes of this meeting.

Bliss reported that Wabedo Township will be getting parts of roads from Cass County in August 2009.

8. Set Road & Bridge Levy – Bliss explained that in order for Wabedo Township to receive gas tax revenue from the state the township needs to levy \$121,892 for 2009. Last year the Road & Bridge Levy was \$103,000 in order for the township to receive about \$8,000. The residents agreed to continue to levy what the state asks for in order to receive the gas tax revenue. MOTION: Bob Adelman/Ron Stokesbary/passed: Set the 2009 Road & Bridge Levy at \$121,892.

9. Fire Department Report – Bill Bliss

Bliss explained that Pat Butler was the representative from Wabedo Township to the Fire Department. The fire department is doing fine. They are purchasing a new truck for \$223,000.

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The Fire Department has been putting \$20,000 aside each year toward the purchase of the new fire truck. However, the cost of a fire truck is going up each year. The fire department decided to put \$40,000 aside for three years. Wabedo Township pays 28% of the fire department budget. Wabedo's portion for 2009 is \$29,756,

10. Set Fire Department Levy – MOTION: Craig Anderson/Ralph Schmidt/passed: Set the Fire Department Levy at \$29,756 for 2009.

11. Ambulance Report – Bill Bliss

Bliss reported that there were 300 ambulance runs last year. The expenses are going up. When the ambulance district dissolved Wabedo Township received about \$27,000; this money was put into the general fund. The levy to support the ambulance service comes from the county.

12. Donations Requests –

- Cass County Economic Development Corporation – MOTION: MaryEm Lundgren/R. Stokesbary/passed: Deny this request.
- Cass County Historical Society – MOTION: R. Stokesbary/Dennis Yerxa/passed: Donate \$100.
- Crisis Line & Referral Service – MOTION: R. Schmidt/B. Adelman/passed: Deny this request.
- Family Safety Network – MOTION: B. Adelman/Doris Schmidt/passed: Donate \$1,000.
- Lake Country First Responders – Jay Mahon spoke on their behalf. MOTION: D. Yerxa/C. Anderson/passed: Donate \$1,400.
- Lake Area Dive Team – C. Anderson/R. Schmidt/passed: Donate \$500 in memory of Pat Butler.
- Longville Area Ball field Committee – Stokesbary/Schmidt/passed: Donate \$500
- Longville Area Community Choir – Yerxa spoke on their behalf. MOTION: Adelman/Schmidt/passed: Donate \$2,000 with the understanding the money will be refunded if the choir does not make the trip to Vienna.
- Longville Area Food Shelf – MOTION: Dennis Zaske/R. Schmidt/passed: Donate \$1,000.
- Longville Area Family Center – MOTION: Adelman/Zaske/passed: Donate \$1,500.
- Northland Scholarship Fund – MOTION: Adelman/C. Anderson/passed: Donate \$500.
- Young At Heart – MOTION: Stokesbary/Adelman/passed: Donate \$500.
- Friends of the Library – MOTION: Lundgren/C. Anderson/passed: Donate \$1,000.

13. Set General Levy – Bliss explained that the amounts of donations are added to the general levy. The Board of Supervisors recommends \$30,000 for the general levy. MOTION: Don Waldera/Stokesbary/passed: Set the general levy for 2009 for \$30,000 plus \$10,000 for donations that were authorized at this meeting.

14. Select financial depository – MOTION: Stokesbary/ R. Schmidt/passed: Woodland Bank.

15. Select the official newspaper for the year – MOTION: Zaske/Adelman/passed: Pine Cone Press-Citizen as the official newspaper.

16. Planning Commission Report – Craig Anderson, chair, handed out a written report recapping the activities of the planning commission for the past year. He also handed out a report from Cass

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Planning Commission report continued:

County on roads that end in lakes in Wabedo Township. There was a discussion about what Wabedo should do with these roads. The Planning Commission is working with the County on this issue.

- Developer's Agreements – Anderson and Bliss explained that the planning commission and the board of supervisors are working together on a new tool for future plats. The Developer's Agreement is between the developer, the township and the county. The document spells out the responsibilities of each party. The Agreement stays with the land. The developer pays all expenses in implementing the Agreement. The Agreement is designed to be made specific for each development. There was a long discussion on this document and how it will help the developer as well as the township. MOTION: Adelman/Waldera/passed: The residents at the annual meeting instruct the Board of Supervisors to use the Developer's Agreement for all future plats in Wabedo Township.
  - Driveway Ordinance – Bliss and Anderson discussed driveways that enter onto township roads. Bliss explained that the county and the state now charge for driveway permits that enter onto their roads. The charge is \$300 and it includes culverts as needed. MOTION: Zaske/Mahon/passed: The residents at this meeting instruct the Board of Supervisors to adopt a driveway ordinance for the driveway approaches onto township roads. Cass County zoning will notify people when obtaining a building permit that they are to contact Wabedo Township if the property is on a Wabedo Township road.
17. Old Business – Town Hall – Bliss explained that the Board had contacted Nancy Mustonen of AIM Appraisal Service for a certified appraisal of the Town Hall. This information is not available at this time. Cass County Highway Department is pursuing a new garage on County Road 54 in Wabedo Township. Cass County has asked if Wabedo Township would like to build a town hall on their property. The Board of Supervisors is talking to the County about this possibility. The residents asked the board to continue this discussion. If there is a decision to be made about moving the town hall a special meeting will be called.
18. New Business – none
19. Set Next Years Annual Meeting – Time & Location – MOTION: Schmidt/Zaske/passed: Set the annual meeting for Wabedo Township the second Tuesday in March of 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
20. Adjournment – MOTION: Yerxa/Stokesbary/passed: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Anderson, Clerk