

Wabedo Township Annual Meeting
March 13, 2007

1. Call to Order – Barbara Anderson, Clerk called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.
2. Election of Moderator – MOTION: Pat Butler/Luann Adelman/passes: Appoint Bill Bliss as moderator of this meeting.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approve the agenda – There were two additions to the agenda. Under donations Lake Country First Responders was added. Under Old Business Town Hall was added. MOTION: Toni Sausmann/Luann Adelman/passes: Approve the agenda with the additions.
5. Approve minutes of 2006 annual meeting – MOTION: Pat Butler/Ralph Schmidt/passes: Approve the minutes of the 2006 annual meeting as written.
6. Treasurer’s Report – Deputy Treasurer Alicia Burgers gave the treasurer’s report. Beginning balance in all account on January 1, 2006 was \$80,107.72; receipts for the year 2006 were \$356,062.54, disbursement for 2006 were \$319,981.20. The ending balance in all accounts as of December 31, 2006 was \$116,189.06. MOTION: Ralph Schmidt/Mary Em Lundgren/passes: Accept the treasurer’s report for 2006 as presented.
7. Election Results - Bliss read the election result: Supervisor: Pat Butler – 24 votes, one-write-in with no name 1 vote; Treasurer: Carole Houghton 24 votes, one write-in with no name. The question ballot to move the township election to November passed 24 yes and 1 no.
8. Road & Bridge Report – Ralph Schmidt, supervisor

**WABEDO TOWNSHIP ROADS
PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

1. To achieve a standard for driveway approaches to township roads.
2. Road signs: Keep good inventory. Make sure signs are not obstructed by brush.
3. Check roads to make sure they are maintained as required.
4. Make sure road ditches are cut two (2) swats wherever possible late in the fall. This will reduce the cost of brushing in years to come. We are planning to cut one (1) swat during July to keep the brush and weeds down and make it easier to see.
5. Ice condition. In the past we have done very little on the ice problem. We have been talking about applying salt/sand mixture on the bad spots. What are your thoughts?

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

1. Projects completed year 2006:

Road chloride was applied to the following roads at \$1,282.62 per mile, total \$16,674.10:

Glenmar (G)	3.0 miles	\$3,847.86
Sioux Camp (E)	2.5 miles	\$3,206.59
Diamond Crest/Stoney Creek (C)	3.2 miles	\$4,104.38
South Little Boy (D)	1.8 miles	\$2,308.72
End Shangir-la	.5 mile	641.31
Island View	2.0 miles	2,565.24
	13.0 miles	Total \$16,674.10

Road gravel applied 2006:

Wabedo Springs (A)	260 yds	Glenmar (G)	430 yds
Pine Crest (B)	362 yds	Pikie Point (H)	120 yds
Stoney Crk/Diamond Crest (C)	1280 yds	Hunter Lake (I)	130 yds
South Little Boy (D)	430 yds	Wood Duck	0
Sioux Camp (E)	252 yds	Island View	90 yds
N. Rice Lake	0	Shangri-La	0
		Total	3354 yds

Road work completed:

South Little Boy Rd install new culvert. (Lott)	\$713.00
Gravel crush (Lott) 7,000 yds at \$2.40	\$16,800.00
Mowing road ditch (Lott Excavating)	\$3,575.00
Remove tree South Little Boy Rd (Felton Bros)	\$60.00
Spreading road gravel (Lott & Felton)	\$13,705.75
General maintenance, snow plowing & blading (Lott & Felton)	\$18,512.61
Brush 7.8 miles of roads Welk Logging & Excavating	\$5,650.00
	Total \$59,016.36

Contract equipment rate per hour:

Equipment	2004		2005		2006	
	Felton	Lott	Felton	Lott	Felton	Lott
Loader	75	77	75	77	80	83
Grader blading	71	73	71	75	77	83
Grader Snowplow	73	60	73	60	79	72
Excavator		115		125		132
Mower		53		63		65
D-5 Cat		115		125		132
Bob Cat		75		75		87
Truck 10 yd & man					95	96


 Ralph Schmidt
 Road Supervisor

Magnesium Chloride .58 per gal 29,564 gal used (06) @ .564

Stoney Crk / Diamond Crest	3.2 miles		\$5,000
Sioux Camp	2.5 miles		\$4,000
Glenmar	3.0 miles		\$4,500
Shangri-la end	.5 miles		\$1,000
South Little Boy	1.8 miles		\$2,500
Island View Drive	2.0 miles		\$3,000
	13.0 miles	TOTAL	\$20,000

2006 Projects not completed

Upgrade east end of Island View		\$3,000
Brushing on South little Boy Road ½ mile		\$8,000
S. Little Boy Road, change the approach at Bergen Lane		\$3,000
	TOTAL	\$14,000

Reserve for plowing and blading		\$20,000
Reserve for general maintenance & hauling gravel		18,000
Reserve for shared maintenance		4,000
Reserve for gravel crushing		10,000
Sign replacement		500
Road mowing		2,600
	TOTAL	\$55,100

TOTAL \$89,100

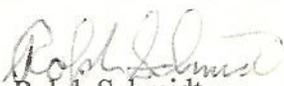
Gravel to be applied in 2007

Woodduck	200 yds	\$1,414.00	Pike Point	200 yds	\$1,414.00
Hunter Lake	200 yds	\$1,414.00	Island View	400 yds	\$2,512.00
Shangri-la	200 yds	\$1,120.00	Sioux Camp	240 yds	\$1,697.00
Glenmar	200 yds	\$1,414.00	Glenmar Div	200 yds	\$1,256.00
Shangri-La Div	100 yds	\$1,200.00	Pine Crest	200 yds	\$628.00
S. Little Boy	200 yds	\$628.00	Wabedo Spr	200 yds	\$628.00

Lott	600 yds	\$1,884.00
Felton	2,400 yds	\$15,800.00
Total	3,000 yds	\$17,684.00

FUTURE PROJECTS (not added to above totals)

Hunter Lake Road cut by Hwy 84 and culvert in Pike Point Road	\$3,500
Glenmar culvert between Sarajac & Barclay	\$1,100
Sioux Camp Remove Stumps by Birch Lane	\$2,000
	TOTAL \$3,522


 Ralph Schmidt
 Road Supervisor
 14 March 2007

There was a discussion about winter maintenance of the roads. During the icy weather salt & sand mixture spread on the roads and the special blades that cut through ice. Both methods have their use. Schmidt will look into managing the icy roads.

There was also a discussion about driveway approaches to township roads. Schmidt explained that this policy needs more work. Schmidt explained that some townships work with Cass County. When a resident applies for a building permit the applicant is told that they need to put in a driveway first with the approval of the township. The residents liked this idea. Schmidt will work with the township planning commission on this.

Bliss explained that Cass County is starting the process of turning certain county maintained roads to the township in which the road is located. Cass County will be turning over 5.2 miles of roads to Wabedo Township. The County will be holding a public hearing at the Wabedo Town Hall on August 21st. Then the County needs to bring the roads up to the County road standards for gravel roads and maintain the roads for two years. This will allow the township time to budget for the extra costs to maintain the roads.

9. Set Road & Bridge Levy – Bliss explained that in order for the township to receive gas tax revenue from the state the township needs to levy \$103,000 for 2008. The question was asked can we use the road and bridge money to purchase road equipment so the township can maintain the roads. Bliss said yes, the road and bridge money can be spent only on road & bridge it cannot be used for anything else.

There was a lengthy discussion about the township maintaining township roads. It would not be a financial savings to the township; however, the road work would be done in the townships time frame and in the manner in which the township wants the work done. Where does the township start? Schmidt said brushing and mowing would be a good place to start. The township spent about \$10,000 for mowing and brushing in 2006. Lorin Neuenfeldt spoke in favor of the township looking at maintaining the township roads very seriously. Several residents agreed.

Bliss said with this information in mind what do you think the road and bridge levy should be. MOTION: Phil Mix/Ron Stokesbary/passed: Set the Road & Bridge Levy at \$103,000 for 2008.

10. Fire Department Report – Patrick Butler, supervisor

The Longville Are Fire Department is made up of volunteers. There is a Joint Powers Board that oversees the Fire Department. There are eight townships represented on the Joint Powers Board. The Board set the budget each year. Wabedo Township's portion of the budget for 2008 is \$25,424.00.

11. Set the Fire Department Levy- MOTION: Ron Stokesbary/Lorin Neuenfeldt/passed: Set the Fire Department Levy for 2008 at \$25,424.00.

12. Ambulance Report – Bill Bliss, supervisors

Bliss reported that the transition to North Ambulance Service went well. The Longville Area Ambulance Joint Powers Board is in the process of returning \$40,000 to the townships that financially supported it. Wabedo Township should receive 24.95% or \$12,476.07. There will

be no levy for 2008. The last payment for the building will be paid out of the general fund. The payment should be around \$4,500.

13. Set Ambulance Levy – None is needed.
14. Donations – Bliss reminded the residents that the total of the donations will be added to the general fund levy. The township has been doing this the past few years and is working well.
 - a. Northland Area Family Service Center – MOTION: Butler/Schmidt/passed: Donate \$1,500 to the Northland Area Family Service Center.
 - b. Longville Area Food Shelf – MOTION: Craig Anderson/Stokesbary/passed: Donate \$500 to the Longville Area Food Shelf and \$500 to the food shelf building.
 - c. Young At Heart Club – MOTION: Butler/Neuenfeldt/passed – No donation at this time.
 - d. Friends of the Library – MOTIN: Lundgren/Bob Adelman/passed: Donate \$1,500 to the Friends of the Library.
 - e. Cass County Historical Society – MOTION: Mix/Don Waldera/passed: Donate \$100 to the Cass County Historical Society.
 - f. Lake Area Dive Team – MOTION: Butler/Waldera/passed: Donate \$500 to the Lake Are Dive Team.
 - g. Leach Lake Area Watershed Foundation – MOTION: Neuenfeldt/B. Adelman/passed: Make no donation at this time.
 - h. Cass County Economic Development Corporation – MOTION: Mix/Stokesbary/passed: Make no donation at this time.
 - i. Lake Country First Response Team – MOTION: Anderson/Butler/passed: Donate \$1,400 to the Lake Country First Responds Team.

Bliss reported that the donations total \$6,000. This amount will be added to the general fund levy.

15. Set General Fund Levy – MOTION: Sausman/Waldera/passed: Set the general levy at \$30,000 for 2008.
16. Select financial depository – Bliss explained that we presently use Woodland Bank and are satisfied. MOTION: Lundgren/Sausman/passed: Select Woodland Bank as the township’s financial depository.
17. Select legal newspaper for the year. – Bliss stated the rates for the Northland Press are \$6.50 per column inch and the rate for the Pine Cone Press are \$7.10 per column inch. Bliss read a letter from the Pine Cone Press stating they would meet their competitor’s rates. MOTION: Stokesbary/Neuenfeldt/passed: Select the Northland Press as the legal newspaper.
18. Planning Commission Report – Craig Anderson, Planning Commission Chair Anderson reviewed the Zoning Applications for 2006 – 57. He talked timeline set by the Comprehensive Plan and what the commissioners have been working on this past year, such as environmental design, roads, driveways. In 2007 they will be working commercial goals, nuisance goals, new roads and snowmobile & hiking goals.
19. Old Business
 - a. Lazy Boy Trail SSD – Bliss gave an update on the installation of the Lazy Boy Trail Subordinate Service District. Everything should be up and running in this spring. The

Board capped the price to the land owners at \$12,500. The total project will cost a little over \$50,000.

- b. Town Hall – Waldera asked where we stand with a new town hall. Bliss explained that the Board has not found a suitable piece of land in Wabedo Township for such a building. Bliss reviewed what the board has done up to this point – toured other town halls, worked with a class for Detroit Lakes Technical College regarding possible floor plans and had the present town hall appraised about three years ago at \$375,000. If a piece of land becomes available the board would call a special meeting of the township to discuss the next steps.

20. New Business

- a. Cass County meeting on roads. Bliss explained that this was discussed during the Road & Bridge Report portion of the meeting.
- b. Signage – Bliss would like to see signage for local businesses and events only in Wabedo Township not for businesses a hundred miles away. However, he has been told that the township can control the size of the signs and does not have control over the sign content.

21. Set Meeting Date For Next Year – Bliss explained that since the Township Election will now Be held in November, the annual meeting can be held earlier than 8:00 p.m. MOTION: Lundgren/Waldera/passed: The annual meeting for Wabedo Township shall be the second Tuesday in March 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Bliss announced that a former Board member Bill Berger passed away this week. Our sympathies are extended to his family.

Happy Birthday to Alicia!

22. Adjournment – MOTION: Waldera/Stokesbary/passed: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Anderson, Clerk