

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors

Monthly Meeting

October 11, 2011

Present: Chair Ron Stokesbary, Supervisors Bob Adelman, Bill Gehrman, Treasurer Carole Houghton and Clerk Barbara Anderson

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

Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Stokesbary.

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of agenda – The following items were added to the printed agenda: Road Inspection minutes, Bank resolution, Fall Expo, North Bay, Initiative Foundation meeting and Liquor License renewal. MOTION: Gehrman/passed: Approve agenda as amended.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Houghton read the Cash Control Statement for the month of September 2011 with a starting balance in all funds of \$147,498.41 and an ending balance in all funds of \$144,164.20 plus \$23,849.08 in investments. MOTION: Adelman/passed: Accept the Cash Control Statement as presented.

- Houghton reported that the billing for the three SSD takes about 5-6 hours per billing. Bills are sent out four times per year. Stokesbary explained that when the SSD quarterly billing was set up there were no administrative costs built in to the billing. The board decided that the next time the rates need to be changed for any one or all of the SSDs that would be the time to address this issue.
- Bank Resolution - The clerk reported that Kathy Sweeney has agreed to be the deputy clerk for Wabedo Township. Sweeney is a township clerk and knows the duties of the clerk. Houghton presented a bank resolution for the board members to sign and for Sweeney to sign. The resolution will be filed with the bank and allows Sweeney to legally sign Wabedo Township checks.

Residents Concerns – There were none.

Road & Bridge

- Supervisors Report – Gehrman Sept. - Oct. 2011 Road Notes
(9-14-11) JJ Welk called and said he'd re-grade the North Bay Circle NE. I e-mailed the following to Craig Anderson on 9-23-11. "The road specs. concerning North Bay Circle NE are acceptable now per our comprehensive plan. The vegetation overgrowth on the 22' road driving surface has been graded off. I visually inspected the road." Dead End and Yield signs are in place.
(9-19-11) FYI-Per Bill Herheim's e-mail "he tries to grade the non-chloride roads every other week.
(9-27-11) Received a return phone call from Cass County Highway Dept. rep. Mike Bolin concerning credit we can receive for used road signs. We bring the old signs to the Cass County Garage in Walker for evaluation and get a credit for any deemed re-usable.
(9-27-11) Called Dave Felton to discuss turning his grader around this winter on N. Bay Drive NE. He said he talked to the Buell's about using their existing drive and thinks he can turn around there. I requested he call me if he has any problems
(10-2-11) Bob Adelman called about a tree down on Stoney Creek Road. It needed to be cut up and removed. I staked and put ribbon in the area then called Dwayne and he took care of it.
(10-10-11) Barb requested a complete township road inventory list including nearest cross streets after receiving a call from the sheriff's dept. looking for a road location in our township. I augmented a list Ron had already done by adding cross streets to his list. (I'll bring a copy for all to proofread)

(10-10-11) Viewed the recent ditch work on Stoney Creek Road; water should now flow away from the road surface and edge. The repair work on Diamond Crest underwent a real test last week with the heavy rainfall we received. The road does have some rain caused rutting but nothing like we saw earlier this year. I deem our super elevated road experiment a success!!

- land View Road connection – The Board discussed the Larson and Moe properties and the connection of the two portions of Island View Road. The clerk was instructed to write to both Don Larson and Mr. & Mrs. Moe giving them copies of their file, stating that the Township does not build roads, and the road qualification information for a possible road take over.
- Pinedale Resort letter – Anderson explained that there are two letters from the owners of Pinedale Resort. Copies of the letters are attached to the original minutes of this meeting and are part of the record. In response to the letter regarding the speed limit on Wabedo Frontage Road, Stokesbary will do some research and then reply to the letter. The other letter is in response to the first letter the Board had sent to them regarding the boulders on the edge of their property. The Board had sent them a second letter stating that they did not have to move the boulders.
- Fall Expo Report – Adelman attended the Fall Expo on behalf of the township. He reported that this Expo is for township and businesses that use large equipment and maintain lots more miles of road than Wabedo has. He brought back lots of brochures that will be kept on file.
- North Bay Road Turnaround - Stokesbary reported that letters were sent to Buell and Chesla asking about having the North Bay Road turnaround in their area. Buell contacted Stokesbary and said the snowplow could turn around in their east driveway. A letter and a contract have been sent to the Buell's for signatures. Cheslas call Stokesbary and said they were not interested.

Old Business

- ✓ Fire Department Payments - Adelman reported that the Longville Volunteer Fire Department approved the townships making their annual payments in two payments. Stokesbary asked that the fire department send out an annual statement to the townships stating the township's annual fee. Adelman will follow up on this.
- ✓ Koon's Loop – Stokesbary explained that the township has received a letter and a packet of information from Adam Ripple, attorney, on behalf of James and Joanne Friedrich. The letter is regarding "Illegal Septic System in Road Right of Way" on Koon's Loop. Cass County has also received the same information. Stokesbary stated that Cass County issued the permit for the septic system, not Wabedo Township. The township will check with the Minnesota Association of Townships lawyers for legal guidance. Koon's Loop is not a township road; however, it is a dedicated easement. Mr. Friedrich was present and explained that he can no longer use his driveway and no delivery trucks or emergency vehicles can turn around in the area either. These vehicles need to turn around on State Highway 84 and back in. This is a safety issue.
- ✓ Flag Pole Update – Adelman reported that Stokesbary, Gehrman, Waldera, himself and members of the VFW put in the flag base. The next step, after the concrete cures, is to install the flag pole.

New Business

- Pay the Claims - The board had received a copy of the claims for review prior to the meeting. Stokesbary questioned the claim # 8913 to Cass County for the Lot split fee, parcel 46-003-1012. The board decided not to pay this claim at this time pending further information. MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Approve payment of electronic claims #10251 – 10254, claims # 8908 through 8924, with the exception of claim #8913, totaling \$11,092.48, plus payroll.

- MATS Fall convention- The clerk explained that the MATS fall convention and annual meeting is coming up in November. The board discussed this and Gehrman said he would attend. The topic of the meeting is supposed to be roads. MOTION: Stokesbary/passed: Approve all expenses be paid for Bill Gehrman to attend the MATS convention and annual meeting in Alexandria, MN in November.
- Renewal of liquor- Stokesbary presented the request from Paty Underwood to renew the 3.2 liquor license for the Mule Lake Store. Anderson reported that there have been no problems in the past. MOTION: Adelman/passed: Approve the renewal of the 3.2 liquor license for Mule Lake Store.

Planning Commission – Craig Anderson’s report

- Larson Variance – This variance was tabled last month. The county offered Larson an alternative shape to his deck; however, he did not accept it. The variance was denied.
- Goodwin Variance – Goodwins live on Woman Lake. They wanted to add a bedroom on the left side of their house; the surveyor determined that would put the house too close to the property lot line. The county tabled this for one month in order for Goodwin to come back with an alternative plan. Wabedo Township Planning Commission had recommended denial of the variance as presented.
- New Commissioner – Tom Lund accepted the position on the planning commission board.
- Developer’s Agreement – Anderson informed the board that Mule Lake Estate First Addition has run into some problems. Fritch Investment has to be added to the Developer’s Agreement because they have a mortgage the land.
- Road Agreements – At the Ruppe legal seminar the topic of road agreements were discussed. The board discussed the possible use of this agreement and asked the clerk to get more information on it.
- Interim Use Permits - Also at the Ruppe seminar there was discussion about Interim Use Permits instead of Conditional Use Permits. Interim Use Permits are for a project or time period, whereas, Condition Use Permits stay with the land forever. C. Anderson was asked to send a letter to Cass County encouraging them to use Interim Use Permits whenever possible.

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

Adjournment – MOTION: Adelman/passed: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Barbara Anderson, Clerk

Ronald Stokesbary, Chair