

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
October 9, 2012

Present: Chair Ron Stokesbary, Supervisors Bill Gehrman, Bob Adelman, Treasurer Carole Houghton, Clerk Barbara Anderson, Dwayne Waldera, Al Chacey and Craig Anderson
Guest sign-in sheet is attached to the original minutes of this meeting.

Call to order – Chair Stokesbary called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of agenda – There were no additions or subtractions to the printed agenda. The agenda was passed by consent of the board.

Approval of minutes – The board had received a copy of the minutes of the September meeting prior to the meeting for review. MOTION: Gehrman/passed unanimously: Approve the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting as written.

Treasurer's Report – Houghton read the Cash Control Statement for the month of September. The beginning balance in all funds was \$269,957.57 and the ending balance in all funds was \$197,326.96; with investments of \$24,340.21. MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Accept the Cash Control Statement for September as received. The board asked the treasurer and clerk to review the billing for the SSD riser repairs to make sure all expenses and income for this project have been recorded correctly.

Residents concerns – None

Road & Bridge

- Supervisor's report – Gehrman reported that he spoke to both Lott Excavating and Felton Brothers about contacting Dwayne Waldera a few days before they were scheduled to do the fall road work. This would give Waldera time to blow the leaves and debris from the road edges. Lott Excavating will gladly work with Waldera. The Board authorized Waldera to use the blower on all township roads as needed.
- Hunter Lake Turnaround - Chacey reported that he has spoken to the land owner about signing the agreement, but there has been a death in their family and the issue has been put on hold temporarily. The land owner may rewrite the agreement and present it to the town board. The board would like this settled before the snowplowing season.
- FEMA update – Stokesbary reported the FEMA representative that the township has been working with has approved the township claims and sent the paperwork on to the next level. Hopefully the township will receive a check by the end of the year. The total of the claims equals just about \$60,000 and FEMA, if everything is approved, will pay 75% of the total or about \$45,000. The township can then apply to the state of Minnesota for the remaining 25%. The township needs to keep records of the amount of gravel placed on the roads this fall and again next spring as this will come out of the FEMA dollars. The clerk and road supervisor will watch over this project.
- Gravel Hauling for next year – The board discussed the amount of crushed gravel in the township gravel pit and possible ways to make the supply last longer. One thing to look at next year is only using the

gravel on the roads in the southern part of the township. It may be more economical to hire company haul gravel for the roads in the northern part of the township.

- Fall Road Inspection – The Board set Tuesday, October 16th at 10:00 a.m. for the fall road inspection. The board will meet at the town hall.
- Beaver control & trapping – Waldera reported on the “beaver cage” he has placed in Jack Lake. This cage lets the water run through and gives the beavers a place to build a dam on the cage that will not affect the flow of the water. He will be placing the same type of cage in Swede Lake also. Stokesbary reported that he has spoken to Marlow Kottke about trapping beavers for the township. The township has hired Kottke in the past. MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Authorize Kottke to trap beavers at Stoney Creek with a limit of \$300. Beaver season opens soon and each beaver is \$25. Stokesbary will contact Kottke.
- Road Signs – Stokesbary discussed the ATV problem the township is having at the gravel pit. The board decided that the township should install warning signs at the gravel pit. Stokesbary stated there are other signs that are needed in the township, and there is a need for road emergency equipment, such as fencing to close off a road and road cones. The signs (slippery when frosty for Stoney Creek by culverts, end speed limit signs for Stoney Creek and Glenmar) and snow fencing, road closed signs and other materials needed for a road closure emergency will cost about \$1,000. The board asked Stokesbary to get the necessary quotes and to order all the necessary signage, fencing and other equipment needed.
- Follow up report – Chacey attended two events on behalf the township this past month. First he attended a Road Expo in St. Cloud and reported that he learned a lot and will continue to share the information as needed. Second he attended the Couri & Ruppe Legal Seminar in Cotton Township. He reported that he felt that this seminar was invaluable. The information he learned from both seminars will help him as he continues to do his township duties. He also reported that he would like to draw up the Cotton Township town hall plans for the board to review.

Old Business

- Cass County Land Sale – Adelman reported that if the township does test borings for gravel on the land the county has for sale in Wabedo Township, the township needs to share the findings of the tests with the county. The board decided not to pursue this any further.
- SSD Riser – Waldera has completed installing all the riser on the three SSD systems, except one; the property with the tree over the riser cover. The property owner has been contacted by letter stating that if arrangements are not made by October 1st to have the tree removed, the township will remove the tree and charge the property owner \$18.00 per hour. The board authorized Waldera to remove the tree and finish the work.
- Update on land parcels for sale - Stokesbary reported that he has spoken to the township’s realtor regarding both parcels of land that are listed for sale. There has been some interest on the parcel on Cooper Lake, but no interest on the town hall property on Little Boy Lake.

New Business

- Pay the claims – MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Authorize payment of electronic claims 1210 through 1212, and claims 9288 through 9300 totaling \$14,976.30, plus payroll. A list of the claims is attached to the original minutes of this meeting.

- Town Hall maintenance – The board discussed the mold issue that is developing in the town hall. Mold can be a health hazard to people using the building. Stokesbary reported that carpeting removal and installation for the building would cost about \$17.99 per yard. MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Authorize \$3,000 for carpet removal and installation and repair of leakage problem. Stokesbary will contact North Pine Interiors.
- Approve election judges – The clerk presented a list of election judges for approval to work at the general election. MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Approve the following people to work as election judges: John Weber, Anita Zaske, Dave Trampe, Sue Moytl, Jan Stokesbary, Sue Gehrman, Gladys Berger, Doris Schmidt, Barbara Anderson, Darcy Osburnson and Jan Schutz.

Planning Commission - Craig Anderson reported:

- Seaquist Variance - On Little Boy Lake for an 8 x 28 addition on the back side of the house away from the lake with a basement under this addition. There is also a 4 x 17 extension on the lake side of the house. The township planning commission recommended approval for this variance. Cass County approved the variance.
- Telecommunications tower – A representative of Minnesota Towers Holdings LLC attended the planning commission meeting last week explaining the plans for a 300’ telecommunications tower off Pikie Point Road in Wabedo Township. It is a new design with a white strobe light at the top and a set of lights half way up the tower. The company is in the process of purchasing 10 acres from JJ Welk for the tower. The tower will be able to house up to four companies, with AT&T being the main client. The board gave the planning commission permission to work with Bob Ruppe, township attorney, to develop the proper paperwork protecting the township roads for this project.

The board also asked the planning commission to review the township’s Comprehensive Plan and include wordage about road usage. How do we develop an agreement with the loggers, power companies, etc.

Correspondence – The board reviewed the correspondence listed on the agenda.

Adjournment - MOTION: Adelman/passed: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Barbara Anderson, Clerk

Ronald Stokesbary, Chair