

Wabedo Township
Board of Supervisors
November 13, 2012

Present: Chair Ron Stokesbary, Supervisor Bob Adelman, Treasurer Carole Houghton and Clerk Barbara Anderson
Craig Anderson, Al Chacey and Dwayne Waldera

The 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.

Resignation of Bill Gehrman - Stokesbary explained that Supervisor Bill Gehrman's term ran until the end of the year and he chose not to run again. The Board has received a letter of resignation from Gehrman effective October 13, 2012. MOTION: Stokesbary/passed unanimously: Accept the resignation of Bill Gehrman with regrets. The board thanked Gehrman for his years of service and all the expertise he brought to the board.

Stokesbary explained that Al Chacey was on the ballot in the November 6th election and that he was elected to the Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors with his term starting in January 2013. MOTION: Stokesbary/passed unanimously: Appoint Al Chacey to the Board of Supervisors to fill out the last months of Bill Gehrman's term. Chacey agreed and was sworn in. He joined the board at this time.

Approve the Agenda – There were two additions to the agenda: under Road & Bridge add garage and under New Business add 2013 budget. MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Approve the agenda as amended.

Approve the minutes – There are two set of minutes. MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Approve the minutes of the monthly board meeting held on Oct. 9th as written. MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Approve the minutes of the closed board meeting on Oct. 23rd as written.

Treasurer's report - Treasurer Houghton read the Cash Control Statement for the month of October 2012. MOTION: Chacey/passed unanimously: Accept the treasurer's Cash Control Statement for the month of October 2012 with a balance in all funds of \$239,171.65 and investments of \$24,340.21.

Board of Canvass – Stokesbary explained that the board has to review and approve the township's portion of the ballot cast on November 6th. The clerk explained that there were 339 registered voters at 7:00 a.m., 24 new registrations on Election Day, 87 people voted by absentee ballot, with a total of 328 people voting at the general election. For the township portion of the ballots: seat one – Al Chacey received 245 votes and there were 5 write in votes; Seat three – Robert Adelman received 249 votes and there were 5 write in votes and Treasurer – Carole Houghton received 273 votes and there was one write in vote. MOTION: Adelman/passed: Approve the Wabedo Township election results for the General Election held on November 6, 2012.

Residents Concerns - Mark Gugisberg lives on Glenmar Road. He explained that he had asked the board for help with the drainage problem on Glenmar Road before. The thanked the board for their efforts to fix the problem, however, it is not fixed. He spoke to Bob Wright of Cass County Environmental Services about installing a culvert. The board decided to have Chacey and Adelman work with Mr. Gugisberg on this problem over the winter.

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ROAD & BRIDGE

Supervisor's report - Adelman reported that the culverts at the corner of Stoney Creek Road and Musky Bay Road have been installed. Diamond Crest Road and Stoney Creek Road area has a wash out from the weekend rains. Lott will grade this as soon as possible. Stoney Creek Road will be graded by Cass County after the bridge repair work is done on County Road 120. The county is taking sand from the gravel pit located on Stoney Creek Road.

Stokesbary handed out a road history showing the history of each road from 2009 to the present. This will be a good tool to use when planning for 2013 road work.

Hunter Lake Turn Around – Chacey reported that the family has not been up to the cabin this past month. He will follow through on having the property owners sign the plowing agreement.

FEMA update – Stokesbary reported that the township has received a payment of \$57,342.12. The balance of \$1,508.95 will be sent to the township next year after all the work is completed.

Fall Road Inspection report - The board reviewed the notes from the fall inspection. They will use the information in the notes when preparing the work schedule for next spring.

Waldera's Report - Diamond Crest Road, a tree on the hill before the swamp needs to be removed. Hunter Lake Road, on the first hill on the top, a pine tree needs to be taken down.

Road Signs – Stokesbary reported that he took 94 used signs to the county for recycling. The township will receive \$1,175.00 for these signs. He and Waldera also installed warning signs in the gravel pit. There are still signs to be installed throughout the township.

Driveway Application - The clerk reported that the township has received its first driveway application. It is from Minnesota Towers LLC for a driveway into their property on Pikie Point Road. This is where the new telecommunications tower will be located. The township also received a \$600.00 check to get the process started. The clerk was instructed to use the paperwork that indicates a culvert is needed.

Garage – The board discussed the possibility of using the FEMA money to build a garage on the new township property. This topic will be put on the agenda for the annual meeting in March.

OLD BUSINESS

Cooper Lake Property – Stokesbary reported that the survey is completed and closing should be in about two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Pay the Claims – MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Approve payment of electronic payments 11121 – 11123; claims 9315 through 9329 totaling \$8,296.87 and payroll.

SSD Report – The board reviewed and discussed the SSD reports from Northland Septic. Adelman will review all the notes carefully and make sure the work is done that is required. He will also send the necessary paperwork to Bob Wright of Cass County Environmental Service by the end of the year. This is to comply with the SSD permits. The board also discussed sending information to the property owners. It was decided that a letter should be sent out along with a copy of the July inspection report. This should be done in August of each year.

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New Business continued:

Election update – The clerk reported that everything went very well. There were no problems.

Budget for 2013 – Stokesbary asked the treasurer to start work on the 2013 budget using in the levies set at the 2012 annual meeting. She will bring this information to the December meeting. The board also discussed how to work with the donations at the annual meeting. Stokesbary explained that the donations requested at the annual meeting comes out of that years money and the levy for that money is placed in the next year’s budget. Perhaps the board could ask the residents to approve a dollar amount for the next year’s donations. Then at the next year’s annual meeting the donations would not be able to exceed the dollar amount set at the previous year’s annual meeting. This would help with budgeting and keeping track of dollars spent.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Craig Anderson, Chair

Freiberger Variance – The Freibergers have property on Little Boy Lake. They propose to take down the present cabin and build a new house twice the size 30' from the lake. A 100' set back is required on Little Boy Lake. The property owners have the room to comply with the setback requirements. The Wabedo Township Planning Commission recommended to the County to deny this request. The County did deny this request today.

Telecommunications Tower – The tower will be located off of Pokie Point Road. The Planning Commission has been working with Rick Adams and Gary Huberty of Minnesota Towers Holdings LLC on this project. The company has complied with all the county and township requirements. They have submitted the driveway permit application and the required down payment to the township. The Wabedo Township Planning Commission recommended to the County approval of this project with the condition that they sign a Road Use Agreement with Wabedo Township. Cass County approved it with the condition. Anderson explained that he is working with the township lawyer Bob Ruppe for the correct wording in this document. MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: authorize the Chair and the Clerk to sign the Road Use Agreement with Minnesota Tower Holdings LLC on behalf of the township, with the approval of the township lawyer. Anderson explained that the Road Use Agreement stays in effect until all four tenants of the tower are in place.

OTHER BUSINESS

New Township Property on 54 – Stokesbary reported that the real estate agent contacted him about a possible buyer for part or all of the land on County Road 54. This is the land the township purchased for a possible new town hall. The board discussed this and decided unanimously to decline the offer.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment - MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Barbara Anderson, Clerk

Ronald Stokesbary, Chair