

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors  
December 8, 2015

Present: Chair Ron Stokesbary, Supervisors Bob Adelman, Al Chacey. Treasurer Carole Houghton, Deputy Treasurer Tenlee Lund and Clerk Barbara Anderson  
Sign in sheet for the meeting is attached to the original minutes of this meeting.

Call to order – Chair Stokesbary called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Agenda – Addition to agenda – under new business add insurance review and water plan. Motion: Adelman/passed: Approve the agenda for this meeting as amended.

Approve the minutes – Motion: Chacey/passed: Approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting as written.

Treasurer's report

- Cash Control – Treasurer Houghton read the Cash Control statement for November. Motion: Adelman/passed unanimously: Accept the Cash Control Statement for the month of November with an ending balance in all funds of \$270,374.02 and investments of \$22,543.28.
- Approve the claims – Motion: Adelman/passed unanimously: Approve payment of electronic claims 12151 through 12153; claims 10241 through 10263 totaling \$21,039.24

Residents' concerns – Patrick Moran talked to the board about easement across county land. He is asking Wabedo Township to hold an easement with Cass County which is needed to get to the platted portion of Eagle Nest Road. Moran is asking for a 33' easement, not the 66' right of required by the township. Attached to the minutes is a copy of the legal description and a map of the area. Moran reported that Josh Stevenson of Cass County Highway Department suggested that the township hold the easement (but not maintain the road). If the property owners hold the easement then each time a property is sold a new easement would be needed. If the township holds the easement then a one-time easement is needed and the property owners can change without affecting the easement. Stokesbary reported that he spoke to the township lawyer regarding this matter and the lawyer stated that the road should have a 66' right-of-way, nothing should be required of the township, this easement should go from the public road (Sioux Camp Road) on the north to the platted road on the south and that all the property owners be aware of this easement. The easement as presented by Moran goes from Sioux Camp Road on the north to 75 feet shy of the platted road on the south. The supervisors stated they needed time to study this new information and table any decision until the January 2016 meeting.

### Road and Bridge

- Supervisor's report – Chacey reported that Erickson Engineering has finished the bridge plans and sent them to Cass County for review.
- The last snow fall – Lott Excavating made a path in the middle of all roads. Because the roads were not frozen, Lott was concerned about taking the gravel off the roads. Making a path in the center of the road is not the normal way of plowing snow nor is the weather we are having this year.
- Summering Logging – Stokesbary reported that Josh Stevenson of Cass County Highway said there is no process in place to prohibit summer logging. Weight restrictions effect everyone and every type of truck.
- Cooper Lake Road Turnaround – Lott Excavating talked to Cass County about the turnaround. There is a process called the joint application form for activities affecting water resources in Minnesota. Stokesbary has filled out the township portion of this application and sent it to Cass County to get permission to fill in some wetland at the end of Cooper Lake Road for the turnaround.
- Wabedo Springs – The property owner at the end of the road gave his permission for a larger turnaround. Terry Freeman of Northern Engineering recommends also getting an easement for the portion of the road near the end that wanders outside the current platted area.
- Paving roads – Dave Enblom of Cass County Highway Department had an article in the Pine Cone Press newspaper regarding the cost of paving roads at this time. Stokesbary is working on information for a few of the township roads to determine if paving would be a good investment. The information he is gathering includes gravel, hauling chloride and crushing for a 20 year period. Twenty years is the life expectancy of a paved road. He will share this information when it is completed.
- Crushing – Chacey was asked to contact other crushing companies to see they can crush in the township gravel pit in 2016.
- Old County Road 47 – The turnaround work has been completed.

### Old Business

- SSD update – Adelman reported that all is going well at this time. The mild fall has helped. A letter was sent to all the property owners on the South Little Boy SSD with a bill for \$300 to bring that SSD fund up to date. Only one property owner has contacted Adelman about the charge.
- Arcasearch update – Anderson reported that the company is working with MATS to see if they can come up with better pricing for this project.
- NJPCA update – Anderson reported that even though the township has a credit there is nothing we can purchase.
- Crow Wing Electric letter – Anderson talked to Crow Wing about the letter the township received last month from them. The letter is referring to moving the power pole on Sioux Camp Road. They will keep this file open.

New Business

- Insurance review – Stokesbary reviewed the information from MATIT. There were three areas that board has to address
  - 1 – correct our list of buildings and equipment: add
    - Garage and some tools at the location of 4742 Cty. Hwy 54
    - leave town hall, personal property, papers, mower and blower on policy
    - Add small shed at the town hall location. 3726 Cty Rd 54.
    - Remove the electronics valued at less than \$1,000
    - Remove the SSD information, but ask the owners if they want to pay for this insurance.
  - 2 – Deductible – leave as is.
  - 3 -Replacement Value” or “Agree Value”
    - Replacement Value means MATIT will pay for replacing the building
    - Agreed Value limits coverage to that value no matter what it costs to replace.
    - The board chose Replacement Value.
  
- Water Plan – Stokesbary reported that Cass County sent a link for their Water Plan. The County updates their plan every 5 years. Stokesbary talked to the chair of the Planning Commission to see if the Planning Commission had any issues with the Water Plan. The concerns the planning commission have is about septic system inspections, follow up and enforcement of these inspections; dock standards and river buffers, forested area in a watershed and geothermal - how it affect the environment. Stokesbary will have a letter for the board to review next month.

Other business - Review the Moran request so all the supervisors were up to date and making sure they were understanding the request as presented. Reviewed what the lawyer recommended. This was a discussion only.

Adjournment - Motion: Adelman/passed: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Barbara Anderson, Clerk

Ronald Stokesbary, Chair