

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors
February 10, 2015

Present: Chair Ron Stokesbary, Supervisors Bob Adelman, Al Chacey and Clerk Barbara Anderson
Excused: Carole Houghton and Alicia Burgers
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 pm at the home of the clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Agenda – Motion: Chacey/passed: Approve the agenda for this meeting as written.

Approve the Minutes – Motion: Adelman/passed: Approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting as written.

Treasurer's report –

- The chair read the Cash Control Statement for the month of January. Motion: Adelman/passed unanimously: Accept the Cash Control Statement for the month of January 2015 with an ending balance in all funds of \$339,553.40 and investments of \$22,342.97.
- Approve the Claims – Motion: Chacey/passed unanimously: Approve payment of electronic claims 2151-2153 and claims 9996 through 1009, totaling \$5,814.94, plus payroll.

Audit the books – The supervisors reviewed the Cash Control Statement for the year 2014, year ending report. Motion: Chacey/passed unanimously: After careful review approve and accept the financial reports for the year 2014 as presented by the Clerk and Treasurer.

Resident concerns – None

Road & Bridge

Supervisors report – Chacey reported that all township roads were sanded by Lott Excavating. Bill Herheim of Lott Excavating presented a copy of the sanding bill for approval. Motion: Chacey/passed unanimously: Approve payment of claim 11709 for Lott Excavating in the amount of \$1,450.00. The clerk will pay this claim this week. The clerk explained that all bills must be received by the 5th of each month in order to be paid.

There was discussion about the Lott Excavating bill. Herheim suggested that he could bill each township for the roads that Lott plows in their townships. This way the townships would not have to bill each other for the divided roads. Stokesbary stated that we will have to review the road agreement between Kego and Wabedo. The board will look into this.

Chacey handed out a copy of the plans for the bridge replacement on Sioux Camp Road.

Road quotes – The board reviewed the road quotes received. There was one quote for grading and plowing and that was from Lott Excavating. Motion: Chacey/passed: Accept and approve the grading and plowing quote from Lott Excavating.

There were two gravel quotes for the board to review, one from Peterson Excavating and the other from Schrupp. The board will review these quotes for next month. Chacey will drive the roads in preparation for this decision.

Road Contracts – The board discussed the changes that need to be made in the road contracts for this year – such as dates, rates, remove Felton Brothers, add policies as part of the agreement, agreement with Buehl for turning around on North Bay Road, gravel plan, and shared road agreements. These changes need to be made before Lott Excavating can sign the contract. There was a discussion about plowing the roads in the night. Herheim stated that Lott Excavating will only plow roads in the night that have a safe turnaround. The board indicated that there are a few township roads that would not be safe to turnaround and these roads would have to be done during the daylight hours. There was a discussion about the five year gravel plan. Herheim would like to gravel pit in the summer to determine if there is any more gravel to claim.

Ice Policy review – Stokesbary suggested that the township use the MATs ice policy as a starting point. Please review this policy for next month. The board will discuss the Ice Policy for the township at that time.

Old Business

SSD Report - Adelman reported that Sioux Camp SSD was frozen and has thawed out. Adelman and Waldera installed a heater and it is working well. This heater is plugged into the Arvig Communication's electrical post. Adelman agreed that Wabedo Township will pay the electric bill for Arvig for the months of November through March, if needed. Lazy Boy SSD has a problem. Adelman will check with the property owners to make sure they turned off the water to their cabins. Adelman will follow up on this.

Town Hall update – Stokesbary reported that a local builder gave him an estimate of \$75/\$85 per square foot for a new building. That means a new building would cost about \$310,000 to \$350,000. This is information for the annual meeting, if needed.

Island View Road update - The board discussed the proposed easement. The road needs to be brought up to township standard before the road would be taken over by the township. There was a discussion about the need for a legal turnaround on the existing road. The easement that was presented to the township is not what the township needs, so it is not acceptable. The board discussed the township paying for a survey if the Moe family agrees to a turnaround. Stokesbary will talk to Ruppe, the township lawyer, and have him contact Mr. Baker, the Moe's lawyer.

New Business

Board of Review – Anderson presented the request from Cass County to hold the Board of Review on Tuesday, April 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the town hall. Motion: Stokesbary/passed: Set the Board of Review for Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the town hall.

March board meeting – Due to the Township Annual meeting on the second Tuesday of March, the township will have to change their monthly meeting date. Motion: Adelman/passed: Set the March 2015 month board meeting for the Friday of the week of the Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. This means if the annual meeting is held on the second Tuesday the monthly meeting will be held on March 13th. If for any reason the annual meeting is held on the third Tuesday of March then the town board meeting will be held on March 20th.

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Review wages - Last month the board asked the clerk to review the wages of other townships. After reviewing the information it shows that Wabedo is low on the hourly rate; all the other wages are in line with other townships. Motion: Adelman/passes unanimously: Effective February 1, 2015, the treasurer will receive a stipend equal to two hours of hourly pay for the billing for the SSDS and the hourly wage will be \$15.00 per hour.

Motion: Stokesbary/passes: Due to the lateness of the hour this board meeting will recess and resume on Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of the clerk.

Resumed meeting on February 12, 2015:

Present: Chair Stokesbary, Supervisors Bob Adelman, Al Chacey, Clerk Barbara Anderson and Dwayne Waldera.

The meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m. at the home of the clerk.

Written reports - The chair asked the supervisors for written reports each month. The reports should be sent to the clerk in time to be included in the board packet. It was understood that if there are major issues with the SSDS a report will be written.

Preparing for the annual meeting – The board reviewed the packet of information for the 2015 annual meeting. The board decided to include the following in the annual meeting packet: agenda, minutes from last year’s meeting, cash control statement for 2014, road and bridge (2014 completed projects and proposed 2016 levy), fire department report, township revenues, township financial information for 2015, donation requests, budget review, and planning commission report. A slide presentation will be made from the list above.

Newspaper article – The board discussed the article in the Pine Cone Press Citizen Newspaper about a study from the U of M stating the 80% of people who own land in our area plan to move to the area within the next 10 years. That means about 488 people will be moving to Wabedo Township within the next 10 years. The board needs to keep this in mind when planning for the future.

The board decided that if there are any minor changes in the road contract they can be approved by an e-mail vote.

Adjournment – Motion: Adelman/passes: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Anderson, clerk

Approved

Ronald Stokesbary, chair