

Wabedo Township Annual Meeting
March 9, 2004

Present: Bill Bliss, Patrick Butler, Alicia Burgers, Ralph Schmidt, Barbara Anderson
Residents – 30
Guests – 4

A list of names of everyone present is attached to the original minutes of this meeting.

Calling Meeting to order - Clerk Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Election of moderator - Nominations were open for a moderator for the meeting. MOTION Dennis Zaske/Ken Sausman/passed: Nominate Bill Bliss as moderator.

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the agenda – MOTION: Bill Berger/Toni Sausman/passed: Approve the agenda for this meeting. Bliss noted that the off-sale liquor license would not be discussed at this meeting. It will be discussed at the monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors’ on March 17th. The meeting will be held at the town hall at 7:00 PM.

Approval of minutes - Copies of the minutes of the 2003 annual meeting were available to everyone before the meeting. MOTION: Lorin Neuenfeldt/Bill Berger/passed: Approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on March 11, 2003, as written.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Alicia Burgers gave the financial report for 2003.

<u>Cash Control Statement</u>				
<u>For the period 1/01/2003 to 12/31/2003</u>				
<u>Name of Fund Balance</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund	\$13,018.07	\$ 43,813.22	\$ 35,638.49	\$21,192.80
Special Revenue Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Road and Bridge	\$36,819.26	\$ 79,039.44	\$ 64,851.65	\$51,007.05
Planning Commission	\$ (395.37)	\$ 5,018.47	\$ 4,551.03	\$ 72.07
Lemke Escrow	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ -
Coryell Cartpath	\$ (38.50)	\$ 38.50	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service Fund SRF	\$ -	\$ 6,263.88	\$ 6,263.88	
Longville Ambulance	\$ 1,953.34	\$ 4,205.65	\$ 6,485.32	\$ (326.33)
Longville Fire	\$ 7,225.35	\$ 15,215.94	\$ 23,599.16	\$ (1,157.87)
	\$58,582.15	\$158,445.10	\$ 146,239.53	\$70,787.72

Bliss thanked Burgers for all her years as treasurer of Wabedo Township. Burgers is moving out of the township in April.

Old Business

Survey/Community Center – Copies of the survey results were available to people before the meeting. Bliss recapped the survey results. There was about a 48% return on the surveys. There was a lengthy discussion about the survey and what it means. People were glad to have a chance to voice their opinions and a few were disappointed in the questions. It was discovered after the survey went Out that community center means different things to different people. We should have had a definition included in the survey.

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- ⑤ Bliss explained that the Board has talked informally to Russ Link, executive director of Camp Olson. The Y Camp has a need for a building that can be used in the winter and they have land. The Township has a plan for the building and no land. Perhaps something can be worked out. This is just a preliminary starting point.

Pat Moran suggested that all the townships in the area and the City of Longville go together and build a community center. He has land (about 1.5 areas) in the City that he is willing to dedicate to a community center. He challenged Wabedo Township to get this project started.

The residents discussed this idea. Several residents want a town hall in Wabedo. It was suggested that the Board look into building a town hall off of the lake in Wabedo Township. Perhaps Wabedo Township could build a town hall to meet our needs and be part of the area wide community center.

There was a discussion about selling the present town hall. Mary Jacobson reminded the board of the resolution that was sent by the Lakes Association and the Leech Lake Water Shed to keep the lake as is. Pat Larson said Leech Lake would help spearhead funding for the lake lot.

The Board will collect information and report back next year.

- ⑤ Website - Anderson reported that the Township has about 100 hits per month at the website. The website is a good way to inform the residents of what is going on in the township. The website is <http://wabedo.govoffice.com>.
- ⑤ Newsletter – Bliss reported that it costs about \$800 for the annual newsletter. The survey shows that about 81% of the people who responded have e-mail. The residents decided they would like the newsletter continued. They did suggest that in the newsletter the readers be given the option of receiving the newsletter via e-mail or printed copy.

Election results – Bliss read the election results. Supervisor: Patrick Butler 29 votes and Doug Mayer one write-in vote. Clerk: Barbara Anderson 30 votes and Iva Engel one write-in vote. Bliss explained that there is a ten day period when the election can be contested and then Anderson and Butler will be sworn in.

Road and Bridge Report - Ralph Schmidt reported on the proposed projects for 2004.

<u>Chloride</u>	
Stoney Crk/Diamond Crest, Sioux Camp, Glenmar	\$12,500.00
2003 Projects not completed	\$18,900.00
<u>New Projects</u>	
Brush & clear on Wabedo Springs & Little Boy Dr	\$ 6,400.00
<u>Reserve for:</u>	
Plowing and blading	\$20,000.00
Shared road maintenance	\$ 4,000.00
Gravel crushing	\$ 8,000.00
Sign replacement	\$ 500.00
TOTAL FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE & PROJECTS	\$70,300.00

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Set Road & Bridge Levy – MOTION: Bill Berger/Ken Sausman/passed: Set the road levy for 2005 at \$75,000.

Fire Department Report - Patrick Butler explained that the monies for the fire district's budget come from eight townships and the City of Longville. Each township's portion is based on valuation of the properties in the township. For 2005 the total valuation is \$67,250 of which Wabedo Township pays 26.23% which equals \$17,639.68.

Set Fire District Levy – MOTION: Phil Mix/Bill Berger/passed: Set the Fire District's levy at \$17,639.68 for 2005.

Ambulance Report – Bill Bliss represents Wabedo Township on the Ambulance District Board. The Board owns the building. Bliss reported that according to the newspaper the City of Longville is considering buying out the townships that are represented on the Ambulance District Board so the City of Longville will then own the ambulance building. Wabedo Township would get back about \$23,700. It is up to the City. There has not been a meeting this past year.

Set Ambulance Levy – MOTION: Lorin Neuenfeldt/Bill Hansen/passed: Set the levy for the Longville Ambulance at \$4,500 for 2005.

Donations - Steve Lemster of the Longville Ambulance Service thanked the residents for the laptop computer they gave the ambulance service last year. He explained that the software used for address location was free from Cass County. He then gave a demonstration on how the computer is used to help them locate each emergency call.

The donations requests:

- ⑤ Lake Country First Response Team – Phil Mix reported on the activities of the Team this past year. MOTION: Patrick Butler/Doug Mayer/passed: Donate \$2,900 to the Lake Country First Response Team.
- ⑤ Friends of the Library – Mary Em Lundgren spoke on their behalf. MOTION: Mary Em Lundgren/Dick Anderson/passed: Donate \$1,500 to the Friends of the Library.
- ⑤ Family Safety Network – Barbara Anderson spoke on their behalf. MOTION: Mary Jacobson/Don Kraybill/passed: Donate \$1,000 to the Family Safety Network.
- ⑤ Northland Area Family Center – Bliss read a letter and B. Anderson spoke on their behalf. MOTION: Dennis Zaske/Craig Anderson/passed: Donate \$1,500 to the Northland Area Family Center.
- ⑤ Young At Heart Club (YAH) – Bliss explained that the township can only donate to organizations that help all the people of Wabedo Township. The YAH Club is only for people over the age of 55.
- ⑤ Cass County Historical Society – Bliss read a letter. MOTION: Don Waldera/Bill Berger/passed: Donate \$1,000 to the Cass County Historical Society.
- ⑤ Lakes Area Dive Team – Patrick Butler spoke on their behalf. MOTION: Ed Hammersten/Patrick Butler/passed: Donate \$1,000 to the Lakes Area Dive Team.
- ⑤ Longville Ambulance Service – MOTION: Patrick Butler/Ginny Anderson/passed: Donate \$2,000 for supplies and equipment to the Longville Ambulance Service.

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Set General Levy - Bliss stated that based on this past year the Board recommends \$22,400 levy for the general fund. This is the same as 2004. MOTION: Bill Hansen/Phil Mix/passed: Set the general levy for 2005 at \$22,400.

Planning Commission Report - Craig Anderson, chair of planning commission, gave an activity report for the year 2003.

- ⑤ 24 Zoning Applications
(15 houses, 11 garages, 8 septic system, 6 additions to houses, 4 other, 2 decks)
- ⑤ 11 Variance Applications
(5 closer lake setbacks 4 approved 1 withdrawn, 2 bluff setbacks 1 approved 1 withdrawn, 2 non-conforming lots 1 approved 1 denied, 2 other approved.)
- ⑤ 11 Shore land Alterations
(5 ice ridges, 2 rip rap, 2 retaining walls, 2 more than 50 cubic yards of fill)
- ⑤ 2 Conditional Use Permits:
(1 movement of more than 50 cubic yards of dirt-approved, 1 convert resort to PUD – withdrawn)
- ⑤ 2 Plats:
Mule Lake Estates and Taylor Timbers on Little Boy Lake
- ⑤ Update on the rewriting of the Township Comprehensive Plan.

New Business - Patricia Larson, a resident of Wabedo Township and chair of the Leech Lake Watershed Foundation, stated that there are bills before the House and Senate regarding townships House file 20-21 and Senate file 2108. She suggested that the people read these files and contact their representatives.

Set Next Years Annual Meeting - Bliss explained that the State set the meeting day as the second Tuesday in March. MOTION: Patrick Butler/Bill Berger/passed: Set the annual meeting date for the second Tuesday in March 2005 at 8:05 PM at the town hall.

Adjourn - MOTION: Toni Sausman/passed: Move to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Anderson, Wabedo Township Clerk