

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors
August 10, 2015

Present: Chair Ron Stokesbary, Supervisors Al Chacey, Bob Adelman, Treasurer Carole Houghton and Clerk Barbara Anderson

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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda. Motion: Adelman/passed: Approve the agenda as written.

Approve the minutes – Motion: Chacey/passed: Approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting as written.

Treasurer's report –

- Cash Control Statement – Houghton read the Cash Control Statement for the month of July. Motion: Chacey/passed: Accept the Cash Control Statement for July with the balance in all funds of \$321,219.33 and investments of \$22,410.84.
- Approve the claims for payment – Motion: Adelman/passed: Approve payments of electronic claims 8151 through 8155 and claims 10162 through 10171, totaling \$14,024.17 plus payroll.

Resident Concerns – The road condition on South Little Boy Drive at Barga Lane. Chacey will contact Lott Excavating and have all the roads inspected and graded as needed.

Chair's Report – Stokesbary

North Bay easements – sent documentation 4/15/2015 regarding N. Bay Road easements to Terry Freeman, Northern Engineering & Consulting, for him to review and provide input on whether the Township has valid easement next to Buss and Emerson properties.

Turnarounds – I started with three- Sioux Camp, Pikie Pt and Old CSAH 47 since all of these ended in Cass County maintained lands. Talked to Josh Stevenson, Cass County Land department and sent information to him. He called back and indicated the township should go ahead and have areas surveyed and legal descriptions created and he would take to County Board to provide the easements needed. Received board approval for survey work. Sent information to Freeman asking for a quote. July – Freeman quoted \$800-900/turnaround. I told him to go ahead. July – The survey work is complete. He still needs to create legal description and map. Waldera has marked the corners with signs. Will send to county for approval when Freeman completes map and legal description. Then Lott Excavating can quote the work.

N. Eagle Road – While talking to Stevenson regarding Sioux Camp turnaround, he indicated Pat Moran had called about legal road status of N. Eagle Road. Stevenson told him no legal ingress/egress for property owners located off this road. Stevenson suggested a centerline survey with 66" easement created from this and Cass County would provide easement. Would be best if Wabedo Township would accept easement (but not maintenance) for this so future land transactions would have a "public trust" holding the easement and they would not need to redo easement for every transaction. They need to check each property for legal access and see if Blueberry Trail needs easement also. I contacted Mr. Moran and discussed the matter. He indicated he would be at the May 6th meeting – he was not. Awaiting action from Moran.

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Cooper Lake Road turnaround – Need approval to survey turnaround so Lott Excavating can expand size or we may need to purchase some additional property to allow expansion. Received approval, sent information to Freeman. July – Freeman indicated \$800 – I told him to go ahead. July – Survey work is complete. Waldera marked corners. We have quote from Lott Excavating for expanding turnaround and WO 2015-012 has been approved.

Disc Re-Claimer – do we still need or want this? Not used for couple of years. Herheim indicated he may be interested in purchasing or other arrangement for him to use. We paid \$4,740 in June, 2009. May – sent email to Herheim offering to sell – no response.

North Bay Drive turnaround – need to contact Buehl/Chesla for land for turnaround. No action taken

Pine Crest Rd turnaround – need to contact Kelm or Purvis for land for turnaround. No action taken. Will work on later.

Wabedo Springs turnaround – need to contact Humrickhouse for land for turnaround. No action taken. Will work on later.

Other turnarounds – Diamond Crest (R. Duncan), Island View Rd (Moe/Watson, Hunter Lake Rd (?) need to get legal turnaround but will work on these later.

Signs – need to place a small order for signs, nut & bolts, posts. June - Will get a quote. July – approved quote and sent to vendor. Awaiting order.

Created the July water reports required by the Cass County SSD permits. Will send to Cass County at the end of the year with the other reports.

Road & Bridge

- Supervisor Chacey's report – Lott Excavating is going to screen for rocks in the township gravel pit in about two weeks to see if there are any rocks for gravel.

Crow Wing Power said that \$16,000 is the best price they can give to move the pole. Crow Wing Power's cost is about \$24,000.

He spoke to Erickson Engineering about the bridge. They reported that the design is about done and then they will send it to the State for approval. After that they will let bids and possibly build the bridge this winter.

Erickson said the soil testing engineers suggested that soil testing should be done for the road way. The cost would be \$13,835 for this work. Erickson said this work is not required. They would call for a mat before the fill is put down. Chacey will contact Lott Excavating about this work.

The board discussed the moving the pole, boring testing and mat work. The board decided not to do the boring test. The board did decide to continue with the original plans for moving the pole and the bridge. Chacey will contact Erickson Engineering to report this decision.

- Supervisor Stokesbary's notes. Stokesbary continues to help the road supervisor as he recovers from surgery.

Contacted Cass County, Josh Stevenson, regarding the condition of South Little Boy Drive because a lumber company has been hauling and has filled in ditches, created washboards, etc. Stevenson replied the lumber contract states the lumber company will return roads to pre-existing condition. He will follow up on this.

Stokesbary asked Bill Herheim of Lott Excavating to look at Lazy Boy Lane and Trail to see if they see any problems maintaining the roads since the owners have been discussing asking the township to take over their road maintenance. Herheim indicated the roads need turnarounds built and the snowplows could not get up the hill in the winter, so they did not think Lott Excavating could maintain these roads.

Northern Engineering has completed their field work on turnarounds for Sioux Camp, Old 47 and Pikie Point Roads. When legal descriptions and survey maps are complete and the township has Cass County approval for the legal easements, then Lott Excavating will provide quotes to expand and/or create these turnaround areas.

Waldera has finished road and culvert sign replacement/install. A full inventory will be done later this fall. Waldera will start full mowing of ditches soon. He has installed ROW signs on the new surveyed turnarounds. He also removed some damaged/leaning trees identified in the spring road inspection.

Sign and culvert inventory database has been updated after Waldera's sign replace/install completion. The township needs to GPS a couple of the new signs to complete the paperwork. Will do that as time permits.

Sign and post ordered from Newman Signs.

Old Business

- SSD report – Adelman reported that he spoke to Bob Wright of Cass County regarding holding tanks. The County does not have a problem with them. Each property owner with need a \$50 permit annually. The average use of water is 50 gallons per day per person. Pumping charges are about \$200 for each pumping.

The meeting with the land owners on the three SSD is planned for Saturday. Houghton will provide the financial information for 2013 and 2014.

- Safety Deposit box – Anderson reported that in the safety deposit box are: the abstracts for the two parcels of land the township owns; certificates of deposit and a membership letter for Crow Wing Power.

New Business

- Local Board of Review – The clerk presented the letter from Cass County regarding the Local Board of Review. Motion: Chacey/passed: Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors chooses to continue to hold the Local Board of Review.
- District 11 meeting – This meeting will be held on August 26th at the Walker Community Center. Motion: Stokesbary/passed: Authorize payment for any board member to attend the District 11 meeting on August 26th.
- New Town Hall – The board reviewed a drawing of a possible proposed new town hall with 2,000 square feet. The cost would be about \$150,000. Craig Anderson will talk to Phil Blott on the Planning Commission about the cost of putting up a new building for this price, what size would it be, etc.

Planning Commission – Craig Anderson

Variances

- Hanson on Little Boy Lake. This property is part of the South Little Boy SSD. Wabedo Township planning commission recommended to deny the variance. They think there is room for the building to be set back farther from the lake. Cass County tabled the decision. The builder is trying to move the building back to 100’ or there will be another Cass County site visit.
- McNabb on Wabedo Lake – Needs a new roof. The variance is needed to raise the roof from 13’ to 20’ to add bedrooms. Wabedo Township planning commission recommended approval. Cass County approved with the caveat that the roof can be no more the 26’ high.

New Commissioner – Gary Ewald is interested in being a planning commissioner for Wabedo Township. Motion: Chacey/passed: Appoint Gary Ewald to the Wabedo Township planning commission for a term of three years.

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

Adjournment – Motion: Adelman/passed: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Barbara Anderson, clerk

Ronald Stokesbary, chair