

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors Meeting  
August 11, 2014

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

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

Approve the Agenda- Under old business garage update was added. Under new business annual meeting resolution was added. Motion: Adelman/passed: approve the amended agenda.

Approve the Minutes – The supervisors received a copy of the minutes for review. Motion: Chacey/passed: Approve the minutes of the July 8, 2014, meeting as written.

Treasurer's report – Houghton read the Cash Control Statement for the month of July. Motion: Adelman/passed unanimously: Accept the treasurer's report for the month of July with \$358,824.28 in all funds and investments of \$22,207.09.

Pay the claims – The clerk and treasurer presented the claims to be approved and paid. Motion: Chacey/passed unanimously: Approve payment of electronic claims 08141 through 08143 and claims 9817 – 9837 totaling \$45,606.43 plus payroll.

Resident concerns – There was a discussion about the proposed bridge work on State Highway 84 near Longville. This project has been postponed until 2015.

Road & Bridge-

Supervisor's report – Chacey reported:

- There is about 1200 yards of gravel to be crushed.
- He and Bill Herheim of Lott Excavating looked at the two turnarounds. (Woodduck & Pokie Point Roads)
- He spoke to Bob Wright of Cass County about Cooper Lake Road and its turnaround. Wright said that the turnaround area on Cooper Lake Road is all that is available.
- The extra sign on the emergency house number has been removed on Shangri-La Road.
- Woodduck turnaround – Lott Excavating will put gravel in this turnaround area.
- Frontage Road – He reported that he has not been able to meet with the owners of Pinedale Resort.
- North Bay – He discussed a culvert with Lott Excavating. The right of way needs to be checked in this area before any work can be done.
- Pine Crest Trail - He reported fill is needed in the Johnson driveway. Ditch work may be needed also. He also suggested a culvert under Johnson and Adelman driveways.
- Gravel for next year – He reported that he will ask Peterson Excavating for a quote for gravel for the roads in the northern part of the township.
- Glenmar Road – Cass County has approved a culvert for this project

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Review quotes for turnaround work – The board reviewed the quotes from Lott Excavating for the work to be done on the turnarounds on Pokie Point and Woodduck. Pokie Point Road turnaround, the quote is for \$2,625.00. The board added erosion control mats not to exceed \$500. Motion: Chacey/passed: Approve Work order 2014-012 for Lott Excavating for \$3,125.00 (\$2,625.00 per quote and \$500.00 for erosion control mat) for the turnaround on Pokie Point. Woodduck Lane – The quotes is for \$2,724.00, the board added \$500 for erosion control mat. Motion: Chacey/passed: Approve work order 2014-010 and \$500 for erosion control mat). Glenmar Road – Culvert under Glenmar Road to Swede Lake near 306 Glenmar. Motion: Chacey/passed: Approve work order 2014-0015 for Lott Excavating to place a 12” culvert under Glenmar Road to Swede Lake, with the cost of this project not to exceed \$2,200 and to include riprap in outflow area and seed and erosion control on the ditch areas as needed. Crushing – Motion: Chacey/passed: Approve work order 2014-016 for Lott Excavating to crush gravel in the township gravel pit with the price not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Swede Lake – Waldera reported that he needs to rebuild the beaver cage on Swede Lake.

Minnesota Revenue Aid letter for 2015 – Stokesbary explained that this state aid payment has been reinstated. The township will receive \$4,013.00 for 2015. The payments will be in July and December.

#### OLD BUSINESS

SSD Report – Adelman reported that everything is going well. Stokesbary stated that as part of the permit for Cass County the township needs to provide a report on water value testing in July. This is something that Northland Septic does and the report needs to be sent to Cass County. Adelman will follow up on this.

Garage Update – The Board discussed the quotes for work to be done in the garage. The board decided to modify the Build-All bid to include foam in the walls. Motion: Stokesbary/passed: modify the Build-All bid to include foam in the walls. Stokesbary will sign the Build-All quote. He will also write up a work order for the electrician.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Local Board of Review – Stokesbary explained that each year Cass County gives townships the option to hold their own local board of review meetings or give that responsibility to the County. Motion: Stokesbary/passed unanimously: Wabedo Township chooses to keep the Board of Appeal and Equalization at the township level.

Annual meeting date resolution - Stokesbary explained that at last month’s meeting a resident asked if the township would try to change the date the annual township meetings need to be held. The proposed resolution is for that reason. Motion Chacey/passed unanimously: Approve Resolution 2014-009. The resolution is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Variances

- Cavanaugh – Marilyn Davies reported that Cass County approved the addition for Cavanaugh on Little Boy Lake. Wabedo’s planning commission was concerned because this property is part of South Little Boy SSD, could the whole system handle the addition. The Wabedo Planning Commissioners concern is that Cass County look at properties that are part of an SSD differently than properties that are not. The SSD needs to be taken into consideration. The Board asked the planning commission to talk to Paul Fairbanks at Cass County about their concerns.
- Shaffer – This property is not part of an SSD. They want to add an addition to the non-lakeside of the house. The property owner did not attend the site visit, however, was present at the County hearing. They provided additional information at that time. Approved by Cass County.

Bylaws – Chair Craig Anderson reported on the minor changes to the planning commission bylaws. The Board then discussed if these should be bylaws or an administrative policy. The commissioners will discuss this at their next meeting.

Follow up- Anderson explained that last month the county board approved a lot be divided into two with certificate. Paul Fairbanks of Cass County said he would look at Wabedo Township in light of this decision. Anderson met with Fairbanks and reviewed the maps. Wabedo Township is zoned for a minimum of five acre lots. So this means everything should be fine.

Findings of Fact- Anderson explained that the Findings of Fact format is going to be changed. Anderson will keep the board updated on this topic.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Board reviewed the correspondence listed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion: Adelman/passed unanimously: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Barbara Anderson, clerk

Ronald Stokesbary, chair

**Wabedo Township  
Annual Meeting Discretionary Date Recommendation  
Wabedo Township Resolution # 2014-009**

A resolution recommending modification of Minnesota Statute 365.51, a statute regarding the Township Annual Meeting date for all townships in Minnesota, to allow Township discretion in setting the date of the Township Annual Meeting.

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 365.51, subd. 1, requires all townships to hold their annual meeting on the second Tuesday of March; and,

**WHEREAS**, over three-fourths (¾) of Wabedo Township's housing units are determined to be seasonal in nature thus the owners are not normally present in March; and,

**WHEREAS**, many seasonal owners work fulltime near their non-seasonal property and driving long distances from there to attend a Tuesday meeting near their seasonal residence in the middle of the week would be a hardship; and,

**WHEREAS**, forty (40%) percent of residents in Wabedo Township are over age 65 and many of them reside in southern US areas for the winter months and thus are not present in March; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wabedo Township would like to provide more opportunities for residents to vote on tax levies and all taxpayers to provide input at the Township Annual Meeting;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** Wabedo Township recommends to all state legislators, and to Tom Anzelc, District 5B Representative, and Tom Saxhaug, District 5 Senator, in particular, that Minnesota Statute 365.51 be modified to allow townships discretion in setting the date of their Township Annual Meeting; and;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED:** Wabedo Township recommends the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) work with state legislators to enable township discretion in setting their Annual Meeting date.

Approved this 12 day of August, 2014

Supervisors voting YES: Adelman, Chacey, Stokesbary; NAYS-none; Absent- none; Abstain-none

Signed: Ron Stokesbary  
Ron Stokesbary, Chairman

Date: 8/12/14

Signed: Bob Adelman  
Bob Adelman, Supervisor

Date: 8-12-14

Signed: Al Chacey  
Al Chacey, Supervisor

Date: 8/12/14

Attest: Barbara Anderson  
Barbara Anderson, Clerk

Date: 8/12/14

