

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors  
Monthly Meeting  
August 16, 2012

Present: Chair Ron Stokesbary, Supervisors Bob Adelman, Bill Gehrman, 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 in the town hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA – The following items were added to the agenda: under Road & Bridge – beavers; under New Business add elections; and under correspondence add SSD letter received. MOTION: Gehrman/passed: Approve the agenda with additions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The Board received copies of the July 10<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting and the August 7<sup>th</sup> emergency road meeting prior to the meeting for review. MOTION: Adelman/passed: Approve the minutes of the June 10, 2012 meeting as written. MOTION: Gehrman/passed: Approved the minutes of the August 7, 2012, emergency road meeting as written.

ACCEPT TREASURER’S REPORT - Houghton read the Cash Control Statement for the month of July 2012. MOTION: Gehrman/passed: Accept the Cash Control Statement for the month of July 2012 with a balance in all funds of \$267,190.29 and investments of \$24,334.76.

RESIDENTS CONCERNS - Tom Fisher discussed the legality of the lot for the new town hall location, since the lot that was purchased was divided into two lots and the proposed location of the new town hall is located on the new lot, not the original lot. Stokesbary reported that at the annual meeting it was discussed that the township wanted to purchase the northern portion of the lot that was for sale. That is the same location that the new propose town hall will be located. However, the land owner would only sell the whole parcel of land; therefore, the township purchased the whole parcel, then divided it into two parcels. The division of land offered the township the opportunity to sell the southern lot. Fisher stated that he thought the board should have consulted with the Lakes Association before listing the land for sale. The board’s decision stands to try to sell the southern lot. Gehrman thanked Fisher, Stokesbary and Kent Sulem MATS attorney, for their response letters to the board on this issue.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Supervisor’s Report - Gehrman

1. Per residents request at the last board meeting looked into the issue of installing guard rails on Stoney Creek by the culverts on the north end. Lott Excavating does not install guard rails. There was some discussion about alternatives to guard rails. Gehrman was asked to contact Cass County to see what they would recommend.
2. There was a bog under the bridge at Sioux Camp Road. Waldera was able to remove the bog.
3. Met with Cass County engineers concerning fence posts blocking entrance to the township property listed for sale. Cass County provided the township with a Certified Resolution regarding this road. Our survey is incorrect. The fence posts are okay per Cass County.

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4. Inspected resident requested road tilt change and proposed new culvert area on Glenmar Road. In my opinion, the road could be tilted away from resident driveways thus diverting some rain runoff. I recommend not install a new culvert under the road. Existing culverts should handle water flow. Dave Felton of Felton Brothers was at the meeting and he discussed the problem with tilting the road. It was decided that the board would meet at the site for inspection.
5. Approve cleaning out the culvert located by Swede lake on Glenmar Road at a cost of \$324.00 and work done by Lott Excavating.
6. Beavers plugged culvert within a few days of cleaning. The board will inspect this problem at the site visit.
7. Quote for installing MINNCOR Beaver Pond Water Leveler by Swede Lake on Glenmar Road is \$549.00 plus labor. There is a possibility that Waldera can up with some type of solution for this problem area. The board will discuss this at the site inspection.
8. Met with Lott Excavating on August 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss installing culverts on Stoney Creek Road and Musky Bay Drive. The board asked Gehrman to get the land owners approval to purchase the culvert and the township will pay for the labor for installation. Waldera will need to brush approximately 50 feet along Musky Bay Drive from Stoney Creek Road.
9. Felton called on August 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss roads. He recommends adding gravel to Glenmar Road going down the first hill and the left fork on Island View Road. He also suggests after Labor Day shaping Glenmar and grading weekly until the leaves fall. He would like a dollar limit parameter to work within. The board told Felton to hold off on any graveling at this time.
10. Sanders Construction is crushing gravel this week. So far so good. Hopefully, he'll continue finding enough clay and rock to fulfill the township's 10,000 yard order.

Blower – Stokesbary reported that the blower attachment for the mower will be delivered to Waldera's house in about one week.

FEMA update – Stokesbary reported that he has been writing the reports that FEMA has requested. The financial information in the reports do not include, lost chloride, all labor for board and labor for Waldera. He explained that we do not want any gravelling done until after FEMA representatives have been here to look at the township roads. FEMA needs to see as much damage as possible. FEMA hopes to be done with their work with checks in hand within two months from start date. Gehrman reported that Univar stated we have lost about 41% of chloride on the township roads. Stokesbary will be trying to contact FEMA for an appointment next week.

Beaver – Adelman has the name of people who professionally trap beaver in our area. The contract is \$1,800 plus \$50 per beaver. The contractor needs to recover the carcass in order to get paid. The board will discuss this when do the site visit on Glenmar Road.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Turn around agreement with Buell - The clerk reported that the township has received a signed agreement from Mr. & Mrs. Buell to use their east driveway as a turnaround for snow plowing on North Bay Road.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Pay the claims - The Board received the Claims List for Approval prior to the meeting for review. MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Approve payment of electronic claims number 81201, 82012 and 83012, plus claims 9208 through 9233 totaling \$28,197.78 and payroll of \$2,544.60.

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Paperless billing from Ruppe – The clerk reported that the township’s lawyer would like to know if the township would like to have paperless billing. The board asked the clerk to ask if there is a discounted rate for participating with paperless billing.

Elections – The clerk reported that 87 people voted in person and 2 people voted absentee ballot in the primary election. There were no problems and everything went well. The filing is closed for the general election which includes the township elections. For the board of supervisors, Bob Adelman has filed for the four year position; Al Chacey has filed for the two year position. Carole Houghton has filed for the treasurer’s position. She also noted that LuAnn Adelman and Carole Houghton will not be able to work as election judges for Wabedo Township at the general election. They will qualify to work as an election judge in a neighboring township.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Craig Anderson reporting

Variances brought before the planning commission this month –

- Eames – Little Boy Lake on a nonconforming house. They would like to add a 6’ x 26’ covered porch on the non-lake side of the house. The house is located too close to the lake and that is why a variance is needed. The township planning commission recommended approval. The County did approve this variance.
- Johnson – Expansion of a non-conforming house. The house is too close to the lake and the proposed garage will be in the bluff. The Wabedo planning commission recommended approval and the County approved this variance.
- Bergeron – Kirks Wabedo Park Plat on Wabedo Lake - There are covenants with this property. Bergeron has asked for a variance to replace the existing house with a larger house. There is not enough room on the property to build a house without a variance. There has been three site visits for this variance. The property owners have postponed their request for another month.
- Noble – Mule Lake - They want to replace a house that is 22’ from the lake with a house 38’ from the lake. Wabedo Township planning commission recommended denial of the request because there is room to move the new house back on the lot. Cass County denied the variance request.

Jack Abrahamson’s resignation letter – Abrahamson is the last charter member of the Wabedo Township Planning Commission. In the letter he states that he will resign effect after the November meeting.

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

Additional correspondence - Houghton reported that she received a note from one of the property owners when they paid their SSD bill. The board asked the clerk to respond to this note and send the property owner copies of all the information that was sent out when the SSD rates were increased.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION: Adelman/passed: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

Barbara Anderson, Clerk

Ronald Stokesbary, chair