

Wabedo Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
September 11, 2012

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

Guest 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 p.m. at the town hall.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda – The following items were added to the agenda: under Road & Bridge – North Bay Circle & Misc.; under new business – internet for town hall and SSD. MOTION: Adelman/passed: Approve the agenda as amended.

Approval of Minutes – The Board had received copies of the minutes prior to the meeting for review. MOTION: Gehrman/passed: Approve the minutes of the monthly meeting on August 16th as written. MOTION: Gehrman/passed: Approve the minutes of the meeting with FEMA on August 30th as written.

Treasurer's report – Houghton read the Cash Control Statement for the month of August 2012. MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Accept the Cash Control Statement dated August 31, 2012 with a balance in all funds of \$269,957.57 and investments of \$24,334.76.

Resident's Concern – There were none.

Road & Bridge

Supervisor's report – Gehrman reported

- He e-mailed Bill Herheim of Lott Excavating requesting that the intersection bumps at Goldfinch Lane and Bergen Lane where they enter onto South Little Boy Drive be fixed. Total cost of this project was \$127.50.
- He set up a meeting with Felton Brothers and the Board for August 27th to discuss the residents requested road adjustments to divert water from existing properties on Glenmar Road. Stoney Creek/Musky Bay project was also viewed and discussed.
- He called Cass County Engineer, Kris Lyytinen, to discuss the resident request of a guard rail installation by Stoney Creek culverts. Lyytinen suggested contacting H & R Construction. He talked to Mark Hanson (218-589-8707) from H & R and asked for a quote. The cost of a new guard rail is \$7,606 and the cost of a used guard rail is \$5,331. It needs to be at least a 100' span. The board discussed this issue and decided to have the crown of the road lowered. Stokesbary will research possible signage for the area. This is the first year a resident has requested the guard rails.
- He received a resident complaint concerning the condition of Glenmar Road. After driving the road, he had Lott Excavating grade the road because Felton Brothers grader was in the repair shop. Felton's grader should be available by September 14th.
- He reported that Dwayne Waldera's invention to control the beavers is working very well at Jack Lake. The invention makes the beavers think that the water is not running therefore they look elsewhere to build their huts. Waldera will install this invention on Swede Lake also.

Dwayne's notes: Stoney Creek culvert needs attention, the beavers are back. The mower blew the hydraulic line; however, it is fixed now.

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Adelmann's notes: Adelmann reported on the Stoney Creek/ Musky Bay Road project. He sent out letters to Harold Johnson at 1704 Muskie Bay Road and Gary Steffen at 2817 Stoney Creek Road stating that the township would install a new culvert at this intersection if the land owners would pay for the culvert. The cost of each culvert is between \$350 - \$350.00. He received a signed agreement from Harold Johnson. Mr. Steffen was in attendance at the board meeting and gave his permission to do the work. He also has the township permission to put in a longer culvert if necessary. MOTION: Adelman//passed unanimously: Authorize Lott Excavating to install the culverts and to complete the road work to be done at the intersection of Stoney Creek Road and Muskie Bay Road with the price not to exceed \$6,000.

Future gravel needs – Gehrman reported that the present gravel pit is out of gravel. According to Sander Construction the last crushing used up all the raw materials in the gravel pit. There is enough gravel for the township for 2-3 years. Gehrman will contact Cass County regarding the study they are doing to find potential gravel pits in Cass County. There was also concern about the path that was cut into the gravel pit area when Sanders Construction needed to take out some trees. Waldera will pile some trees across this path.

Glenmar Road – The board inspected this portion of the road during their meeting on August 27th. Stokesbary's notes are attached to the minutes of this meeting. The board approved the letter to the land owners who signed the petition.

Hunter Lake Turnaround – Anderson explained that Al Chacey has a copy of the letter sent to the property owners and when they come up to the lake he will talk to them about signing the agreement.

FEMA update – Stokesbary reported on the meetings with Gary Weimer of FEMA. On September 4th Stokesbary & Anderson met with Weimer to review and sign the report for the Stoney Creek repairs that had been completed. At that meeting Weimer stated that he needed to drive the roads and asked Stokesbary to get the GPS readings for each of the roads prior to that meeting. Stokesbary drove all the roads taking GPS readings and taking pictures. On September 10th Weimer and Stokesbary starting driving the roads; after three roads Weimer stated that he did not need to see any more roads. The information and pictures provided by Stokesbary would be enough for him to finish his report. Stokesbary and Weimer will meet later this week for Stokesbary to review and sign the report. Both reports will be sent to the FEMA office in Duluth for further review.

Minnesota Fall Maintenance Expo in St. Cloud – The board asked Al Chacey if he could attend this expo on behalf of Wabedo Township. MOTION: Stokesbary/passed unanimously: Authorize payment of all expenses for Al Chacey to attend the Minnesota Fall Maintenance Expo in St. Cloud on October 3rd.

North Bay Circle – The Board discussed taking over North Bay Circle. MOTION: Adelmann/passed unanimously: Approve Resolution #2012-008 – Accepting a Platted Road For Maintenance By the Township:

WABEDO TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #2012 008

**RESOLUTION
ACCEPTING A PLATTED ROAD FOR
MAINTENANCE BY THE TOWN**

WHEREAS, Chris Fritch, representing T&T Northern Development, LLC, hereinafter referred to as Developer, has complied with conditions of the Wabedo Township Subdivision and Platting Process and has received final plat approval from Wabedo Township for the plat named Mule Lake Estates, First Addition; and;

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WHEREAS, the town board of Wabedo Township, Cass County, Minnesota has agreed that after Developer has received final plat approval for Mule Lake Estates, First Addition, the town will accept the following described platted road as a town road and begin to maintain it as a town road: North Bay Circle NE as described on the final plat of Mule Lakes Estates; and;

WHEREAS, the town board requires that a platted road be built to town road specifications for such roads before it will accept and maintain the road as a town road; and;

WHEREAS, the town board has inspected the road and has determined that it meets the specifications and otherwise satisfies the requirements established by the town board; and

WHEREAS, the town board determines that the nature and character of the road are such that expending town funds to maintain it is in the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wabedo town board, Cass County, Minnesota, that the town board hereby accepts the above described platted road as a town road and will begin maintaining it as such effective September 11, 2012. Adopted this 11th day of September, 2012, by the Wabedo Town Board.

MOTION: Gehrman/passed unanimously: Authorize payment to Chris Fritch of TNT the balance of the Developer's Agreement Funds totaling \$1,312.50. This is to be included in claims to be approved at next month's meeting.

Miscellaneous

Mail Box Issue – Because the mailbox in question is located within a restricted speed limit there is nothing the township can do. The clerk will send letters to Lott Excavating and to the property owner regarding this issue.

Shangri-La Road – A Wabedo Township resident asked for help asking Kego Township to chloride Shangri-La Road. Stokesbary reported that Kego did have Shangri-La Road chlorided before Wabedo Township could take any action.

Blower – The blower has been delivered and Waldera is using it. It is working very well. Waldera asked that the two road contractors contact him two days prior to their doing the fall and spring road work so he can blow the leaves off the township road for them.

Old Business – none

New Business

Pay the claims – The board received the claims list prior to the meeting for review. **MOTION:** Gehrman/passed unanimously: Pay electronic claims 9111,9112 and 9113; claims 9258 through 9276 totaling \$47,025.66, plus payroll.

Local Board of Review Option – Stokesbary explained that each year Cass County gives the townships in the county the choice to continue holding the local Board of Review or to have the county take this project over. **MOTION:** Adelman/passed unanimously: Continue to hold the Board of Review at the township level. Anderson will make sure the proper paper work is sent to the county.

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Cass County Land Sale – The board reviewed the parcels of land in Wabedo Township that Cass County Land Department is going to sell. The township has six months to respond. The board asked Adelman to contact the County Land Department and ask if there is gravel on the land, if they don't know ask permission for Wabedo Township to do a soil survey.

Ruppe Seminar – Couri & Ruppe are holding a Township Legal Seminar this fall. MOTION: Adelman/passed unanimously: Authorize payment of all expenses for the board members and Al Chacey to attend the Couri & Ruppe Township Legal Seminar on Oct. 6th at the Walker Community Center.

Internet for the town hall – Stokesbary explained that he has applied to Arvig for free internet service to the town hall for one more year.

SSD update – Cavanaugh – Adelman reported that he has spoken to Mrs. Cavanaugh regarding the crack in their holding tank. Because the tank is on private property the land owner is responsible for the repair.

Busch –Anderson reported that she has not heard back from Ms. Busch regarding the removal of a tree over the cover of the septic tank cover. The board asked the clerk to send another letter to Busch stating that she has three weeks to respond to the letter after that time the township will remove the tree and charge her an hourly rate of \$18.00.

Other Business

Cass County Association of Township fall conference – MOTION: Stokesbary/passed unanimously: Authorize payment of all expenses for the board to attend the Cass County Association of Township Fall Conference on October 4th at the Bear Pause Theater in Hackensack.

Township property for sale update – Stokesbary reported that he has spoken to McDonald, realtor, about the two properties the township has listed for sale. McDonald said both properties have been shown several times. The board asked that a “for sale” sign and flags denoting the size the lot be placed on Little Boy Lake.

Adjournment – MOTION: Adelman/passed: Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Barbara Anderson, Clerk

Ronald Stokesbary, Chair