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Wabedo Township News

Annual Meeting

As always there is a lot to discuss at the annual meeting. This year was no exception.

There was a lot of discussion about a report from Cass County on “Roads that end in lakes”, Developer’s Agreements and proposed Driveway Ordinance. See articles in the newsletter about these topics.

There was also discussion about moving the town hall. Chair Bliss explained that the Cass County Highway Department is considering a new garage on County Road 54 in Wabedo Township. Cass County has asked if Wabedo Township would like to partner with the County on this land. The County would build a new garage and the township could add bays for future township road equipment. Also, the land is large enough for the township to build a new town hall. The Township Board is looking into this possibility. The Board needs permission from the voters in order to sell the present town hall. The residents at the meeting encouraged the Board to continue pursuing this project.

Goodbye

This winter we said goodbye to Patrick Butler who served the Township as supervisors for seven years. Pat moved out of the township in January of 2008 and passed away one month later. Pat served as the liaison from Wabedo Township to the Longville Area Volunteer Fire Department. He was chair of the fire department board. Pat is missed.

Hello...

Bob Adelman was appointed to the Board of Supervisors to fill Pat Butler’s term. Bob has lived in the township for a few years and is a good asset to the board. Bob commented about how much there is to learn even though he has been attending monthly board meetings as a concerned citizen.

Elections

The township elections are now held in November with the General Election.

Board of Supervisors

Chair: Bill Bliss	363-2335
Road & Bridge Ralph Schmidt	363-3326
Fire Department Bob Adelman	363-3713
Treasurer: Carole Houghton	363-2286
Clerk: Barbara Anderson	363-2649

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Road and Bridges

Road Signs

All road signs are inventoried two (2) times a year. During these inventories signs are counted, checked for repair and checked at night to be sure the reflective material works. We have had some signs come up missing and some have been used for target practice. The signs are not cheap and have to be replaced. The signs are there for your safety. Thanks to all township residents our losses have been very small.

Magnesium chloride—The following township roads will receive magnesium chloride during 2008:

Stoney Creek/Diamond Crest (Little Ponderosa)

Pine Crest South Little Boy Drive

Sioux Camp Island View (part)

Glenmar Shangri-La

Pikie Point Woodduck

Total of 16.6 miles with a cost of \$1,660.00 per mile.

Road right-of-ways:

We need to make sure all right-of-ways are open and free of obstacles that could cause accidents. Please do not construct things in the right-of-way.

Emergency vehicles

Have you looked at how big these emergency vehicles are lately? Now look at your driveway. Can these vehicles get into your driveway? If you are not sure, you may want to get someone from the fire department out to your place and they can tell you.

Township roads:

Remember as of today all roads are gravel. Some of these roads did not have a good base material when they were first built. They get soft and muddy in the spring, icy in the winter and when we have lots of snow the roads get narrow due to the fact there is no where to put the snow. Please drive according to the condition of the road. We will try our best to keep the roads in good shape. If a problem exists please call 218-363-3326.

Potential problem:

A potential problem is the 4 wheel all terrain vehicle. They have become very popular and the misuse and speed will become a problem if it should continue. As always a very few will spoil it for all. Please, if you have friends or family using the township roads, inform them to slow up. Making those sharp turns in the center of the road, while spinning the tires, causes cuts that only the grader can remove. This needs all of our attention before it is too late.

Bridge Resurfaced

The bridge on Sioux Camp Road is scheduled to be resurfaced this summer. This work will be done by Anderson Brothers Construction Company.

Developer's Agreement

On March 13, 2008, the Wabedo Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution that requires the use of a Developers Agreement for any subdivision development in the township of five lots or more. This resolution followed many months of study and meetings by the Wabedo Township Planning Commission.

The Developers Agreement is a contract between the Township, Cass County and the Developer that spells out the terms, specifications, obligations and surety requirements for the development.

One section of the Developers Agreement deals with roads. Roads within or providing access to the subdivision shall be built to the Wabedo Township and Cass County specifications and will be dedicated to the Township prior to Final Plat.

Another part of the Developers Agreement requires a letter of credit as financial security that the obligations of the developer shall be performed at no expense to the township.

Since each subdivision development is different, each development will require its own unique Developers Agreement. However, a sample Developers Agreement is available for review on the township web site. (<http://wabedo.govoffice.com>)

Road Parcels Ending in Lakes (RPELS)

Last December 5, representatives of Wabedo Township attended a meeting held by Cass County and the State DNR. This meeting was to discuss Road pieces ending in Lakes. In the past, some developments provided, on their plats, a narrow road piece to the lake at the edges of their development. Most of these never were developed as roads. The County has researched these and found that there are 225 of the RPELS in Cass County. There are four of them in Wabedo Township.

Two RPELS in Wabedo Township are on Woman Lake at both ends of Manders Broadwater Beach, off of Glenmar Road. Neither of these were developed as a road.

The other two RPELS in Wabedo Township are on Wabedo Lake. One is part of the Wabedo Springs plat off of Wabedo Spring Road. The other is in the Wabedo Pass plat on Wabedo Pass Road (County 120). Neither of these has been developed as roads either.

The county and the DNR are asking the township what should be done with these RPELS. Should the township, county or DNR take them over? The DNR has indicated they will not allow these parcels to be sold to property owners.

A county meeting will be held this June to further discuss the disposition of these RPELS.

Election Judges Needed

Last year at the annual meeting the residents decided that the election hours for a State or Federal Election will be 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Therefore we need more election judges. There is special training throughout the summer. The pay is \$10.00 per hour.

We need judges to register new voters, sign in registered voters, hand out ballots, help voters with the voting machine, count ballots at the end of the day.

If you are interested in becoming an election judge or want more information either contact your political party or Barbara Anderson, township clerk. .



Levies

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
General Fund	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$22,400	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Road & Bridge	\$58,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$85,500	\$103,000	\$121,892
Ambulance	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$79,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$0
Fire	\$16,610	\$16,256	\$18,076	\$18,514	\$21,446	\$25,424	\$29,756
Total	89,110	110,756	119,976	203,014	141,446	158,424	183,656

Donation

Ambulance	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lakes Area Dive Team			\$500	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$500
Lake Country First Responders			\$2,900	\$2,900	\$0	\$1,400	\$1,400
Library	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,000
Family Safety Network			\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Clinic	\$1,750	\$2,000			\$0	\$0	\$0
Northland Family Service Center -						\$1,000	\$1,000
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Cass County Historical Society				\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
Northland Scholarship					\$500	* 0.00	\$500
Baseball Field					\$1,000	* 0.00	\$500
Community Choir							\$2,000
Young At Heart							\$500
Total of donations	\$4,750	\$5,000	\$7,400	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$10,000

Treasurer's Report

The following treasurer's report was given at the Annual Meeting.

WABEDO TOWNSHIP

Cash Control Statement

02/21/2008

For the Period 01/01/2007 to 12/31/2007

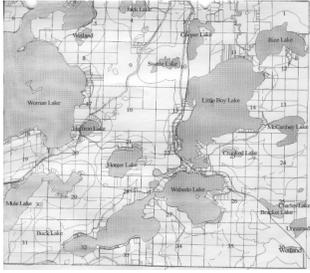
<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Less Deposits In Transit</u>	<u>Plus Outstanding Checks</u>	<u>Total Per Bank Statement</u>
General Fund	\$30,858.69	\$51,168.87	\$38,194.67	\$43,832.89			
Special Revenue Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Road & Bridge	\$66,202.53	\$140,214.60	\$148,059.08	\$58,358.05			
PLANNING COMMISSION	\$0.00	\$4,900.00	\$4,770.64	\$129.36			
Lemke Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Housaden	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Taylor Timber	\$0.00	\$2,966.25	\$2,966.25	\$0.00			
SSD misc supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Debt Service Fund	\$0.00	\$9,019.88	\$9,019.88	\$0.00			
Lazy Boy Trail ESSD	\$1,034.28	\$36,619.68	\$53,115.50	(\$15,461.54)			
Little Boy SSD	\$0.00	\$3,909.50	\$8,878.66	(\$4,969.16)			
Sioux Camp SSD	\$0.00	\$847.70	\$528.66	\$319.04			
Capital Projects Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Ambulance	\$18,093.56	\$29,630.95	\$45,530.65	\$2,193.86			
Fire Building	\$0.00	\$21,446.25	\$21,446.25	\$0.00			
Voting Tabulator Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total	\$116,189.06	\$300,723.68	\$332,510.24	\$84,402.50	\$0.00	\$4,722.63	\$89,125.13

More Information

Financial Depository—The residents moved to continue using Woodland Bank as the depository for the township for 2006.

Legal newspaper - The residents moved to make the Pine Cone Press Citizen the official newspaper.

Culverts - Ralph Schmidt, road & bridge supervisor, is working with the Planning Commission to determine an ordinance on driveway approaches to the township roads and how to determine when a culvert is needed. This will help the property owner and the township. They have given a draft to the Board for consideration.



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A great place to live!

Website

The Wabedo Township website is up and doing well.
<http://wabedo.govoffice.com>. Do not use the www.

At the website you can read the agenda and minutes of the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission. Read about road projects and special notices.

Join your local Lake Association!

Here is a list of Lake Associations in Wabedo Township. Joining a lake association is a good way to support your local lakes

Wabedo-Little Boy- Cooper-Rice Lakes

Website: www.wabedolakes.org

President—Ron Stokesbary 363-2186

Woman –Girl-Baby-Man:

Web site—www.womanlakechain.org

President—Don Kruse 363-2580

Mule Lake

President—Al Zahn 682-2907

Inquadona Lake

President Jeff Knuf 363-2236 or 218-839-0846

Other:

Leech Lake Water Shed Foundation

www.leechlakewatershed.org