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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.

Al Ritchie, at the Board's request, prepared and presented a time study on the township owning its own road equipment. A copy of this study is available on the web site.

Because of the information in the time study the residents decided now is not the time to enter into an agreement with Cass County Highway Department for a new garage on County Road 54 in Wabedo Township.

The residents did ask the Board to continue to look at land for a new town hall. It is proposed that the new town hall be built with the proceeds of selling the present town hall. The Board cannot spend the proceeds of the sale of the present town hall without the approval of the township residents.

Community Garden by John Weber

Note: The Board of Supervisors has given John Weber approval to start a community garden behind the town hall.

There is community garden space available at the Wabedo Town Hall. The garden is located down by the lake. It will be first come, first serve as far as availability. The committee will be rototilling the gardening area and will have a better idea of how much space we have. On page 3 some suggestions for rules that were developed for the community garden in Jenkins, MN. Contact John Weber at 218-363-2162 or dtranfly@arvig.net to get on the list for reserving a space.

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Elections

The township elections are now held in November with the General Election. Bob Adelman was elected to a three year term.

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

Cass County Newsletters are available at www.co.cass.mn.us or mail Cass County PO Box 3000 Walker, MN 56484

Road and Bridges *by Ralph Schmidt*

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 materials works. Signs are costly, each year we replace a few signs due to theft and target practice. **If you put up your own sign for some reason, please do not remove the township sign.** As you know the signs are there for your safety.

The following township roads will receive magnesium chloride during 2009:

Stoney Creek/Diamond Crest	
Pine Crest	South Little Boy Drive
Sioux Camp	Island View (part)
Glenmar	Shangri-la
Pikie Point	Woodduck

Total of 15.6 miles with a cost of \$2,097.69 per mile.

ROAD RIGHT OF WAYS:

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

Please do not construct things in the road right-of-way.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES:

An emergency vehicle is one of the last vehicles you want to see come into your driveway. Now what if the emergency vehicle was called to your place but could not make it into your driveway due to trees or obstacles. Now that would shake me up!! If you are not sure, call someone from the fire department to come to your place and check your area. This could be very serious should you have an emergency some day.

“NEW”

During the annual meetings in March 2007 and 2008 the residents told the Wabedo Township Board to develop a driveway approach policy on to township roads. The policy is complete. If you are planning to construct a new driveway: A permit is required, and this is the process to obtain one.

1. Contact the Wabedo Township Clerk Barbara Anderson either by telephone at 218-363-2649 or by e-mail at wabedo@arvig.net to obtain a copy of the application form for a new driveway. Complete the form and return it to the clerk with a check for \$600.00. Of this \$600.00, \$500.00 will be reimbursed after final approval.
2. A Wabedo Township Supervisor will meet with you at your site to determine if the proposed design is adequate to promote proper drainage and also to determine if a culvert is required, if so, what size culvert is needed. The culvert will be purchased by the land owner.
3. After the driveway is completed and the final inspection is completed by a Wabedo Township Supervisor the township will issue the resident the check for \$500.00.
4. You may ask why go through this? There are lots of hills and low lands with the water run off being a big problem. In the past when a driveway was not right the township would have to pay to fix the problem.

NEED YOUR HELP:

With all the 4 wheel ATV's and motorized bikes on our roads during the summer months it has become a big problem. We need each resident to police their area. WE do not want to have an accident and have some one get hurt or killed. Please help. We also do not want to lose the use of the township roads for riding.

Community Garden continued by **John Weber**

2008 Jenkins Community Garden Guidelines

The Jenkins Community Garden was designed for people like you who do not have access to land or who may have too small or too shady of yards. There is no cost to have a plot but you must comply with the guidelines listed below.

The only expectation is that people who choose to be a community gardener must commit to maintaining their garden plot for the entire growing season. There will be a Food Shelf Garden and everyone signed up for a plot must commit to help take care of the Food Shelf Garden.

Garden Details

- Fees—No charge for garden plot
- Food Shelf Garden—Everyone with a plot must agree to help maintain the Food Shelf Garden. This includes weeding, watering and harvesting.
- Weed Control—Each gardener is responsible for weed control in their plot and the control of weeds and grass in paths around the plot. Please dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost areas.
- Plow/Tilling—Woodland Bank will hire the tilling to be done.
- Soil Condition—Gardeners are encouraged to make soil improvements to their plots, using organic materials such as lawn clippings and other compost.
- Garden Agreement—It is expected that if you choose to be a community gardener, you will commit to maintaining your plot for the ENTIRE growing season. Excessive weeds will forfeit your plot.
- Trash Removal—Anything you bring into the garden sites, you are expected to carry out. If you use inorganic weed control (such as landscape fabric) you are responsible for maintaining its appearance. Please secure it to prevent it from flapping in the wind or flying away. The same goes for mil jugs and other plant supports. ALL materials must be removed from the garden at the end of the season. Failing to remove materials will forfeit your plot for next year.
- Garden Days—Keep garden activities to daylight hours. The gardens are officially closed from dusk until dawn.
- Water—Water is available in the holding barrels. Watering cans are available for anyone's use and should be returned to the "work station" area in the center of the garden area as soon as you are done watering.
- Neighborliness—Be considerate. Do not plant tall varieties in such a way that they would shade your neighbor's plot. Do not pick crops from another gardener's plot without permission.
- Prohibitions—Perennial plants, trees, building materials and carpet are not allowed in the community garden.
- Prohibited—Using herbicides and black mulches is prohibited.
- Contact garden coordinator—Please contact the garden coordinator if you are no longer able to tend your plot; will be absent for a long period of time; or have asked a friend to tend your garden.
- Garden Area—Each gardener must clear his or her plot of corner stakes, fencing trellises, string and all inorganic materials before fall plowing dates. If you have a year-round plot, turn under or remove annual plant residents.

Community Garden Coordinator

John Weber, Rising Rock Orchard

218-363-2162

Levies

Each year at the annual meeting, the residents set the levies for the following year. On March 17, 2009 the following levies were set for 2010. Road and Bridge levy is \$137,015. The Fire Department levy is \$29,146. The General Fund Levy is \$30,000, plus donations. Therefore the total for the General Fund levy is \$40,325.



Budget

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
General Fund	\$22,400	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$ 30,000.00
Donations part of General Fund levy		\$8,500	\$5,500	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$ 10,325.00
Road & Bridge	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$85,500	\$103,000	\$121,892	\$ 137,015.00
Ambulance	\$4,500	\$79,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	\$ -
Fire	\$18,076	\$18,514	\$21,446	\$25,424	\$29,756	\$ 29,146.00
Total	119,976	211,514	146,946	164,424	193,656	\$ 206,486.00

Donation

Ambulance	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ -
Baseball Field			\$1,000	* 0.00	\$500	\$ 500.00
Cass County Historical Society		\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$ -
Community Choir					\$2,000	\$ -
Crisis Line						\$ 175.00
Family Safety Network	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$ 1,000.00
Lake Country First Responders	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$0	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$ 1,400.00
Lakes Area Dive Team	\$500	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$ -
Leech Lake Watershed Foundation						\$ 250.00
Library	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$ 1,500.00
Longville Area Foundation						\$ 500.00
Longville Area Ice Skating Ring						\$ 1,000.00
Northland Family Service Center		\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$ 1,500.00
Northland Family Service Center - food shelf				\$1,000	\$1,000	\$ 1,500.00
Northland Scholarship			\$500	* 0.00	\$500	\$ 500.00
Young At Heart					\$500	\$ 500.00
Total of donations	\$2,500	\$8,500	\$5,500	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$ 10,325.00

Treasurer's Report

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WABEDO TOWNSHIP

Cash Control Statement

For the Period 01/01/2008 to 12/31/2008

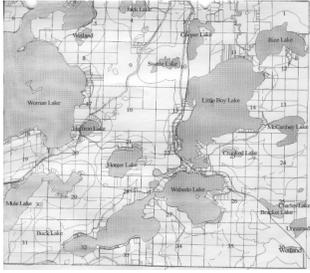
<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund	\$43,832.89	\$77,574.48	\$89,358.50	\$52,048.87
Special Revenue Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Road & Bridge	\$58,368.05	\$19,855.88	\$4,201.44	\$84,012.47
PLANNING COMMISSION	\$129.36	\$4,249.24	\$3,720.52	\$658.08
Lamke Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Housaden	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Taylor Timber	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SSD misc supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt Service Fund	\$0.00	\$8,941.88	\$8,941.88	\$0.00
Lazy Boy Trail ESSD	(\$15,461.64)	\$6,159.66	\$766.52	(\$10,068.40)
Little Boy SSD	(\$4,889.16)	\$3,658.90	\$1,442.92	(\$2,753.18)
Sloux Camp SSD	\$319.04	\$1,821.90	\$1,442.92	\$698.02
Capital Projects Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ambulance	\$2,193.86	\$423.33	\$2,617.19	\$0.00
Fire Building	\$0.00	\$24,833.13	\$24,833.13	\$0.00
Voting Tabulator Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$84,402.50	\$247,518.38	\$207,325.02	\$124,595.86

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.



WABEDO TOWNSHIP NEWS

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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