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Wabedo Township News

Township Changes

Jack Abrahamson, the last charter member of the Wabedo Township Planning Commission, retired from the Planning Commission at the end 2012. The Planning Commission was established in 1996.

Thanks to Jack for his many years of service to Wabedo Township and for all of his hard work and vast store of knowledge that he brought to his role as Commissioner. We do miss your wit, Jack.



Board of Supervisors

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Carole Houghton, Treasurer	218.363.2286
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Newsletter

The Board of Supervisors has decided to publish the Wabedo Township News only on the website. Because of this change this year a post card was sent to every property owner in the township noting this change. Watch for the Wabedo Township News every summer.

Please check the website for all the latest Township news.

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

Road & Bridge by Al Chacey

Road signs continue to be replaced with high reflectivity level signs. January 2015 is the date that all high reflectivity level signs must be installed in the township.

MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE

Application on the following roads was completed on July 17th (which was later than usual due to weather conditions). The following roads were included in this process. :

Sioux Camp Road	1 mile	Shangri-La Road	.4 mile
Glenmar Road	2.9 miles	North hunter Lake Rd/Trl	1.1
Pikie Point Road	1 mile	Island View Rd	1 mile
Pine Crest Rd/Trl	1 mile	Stoney Creek	2.2 miles
Diamond Crest Road	1 mile	Little Boy Rd	.
South Little Boy Drive/Norway Lane	1.8 miles		

It is a privilege to be able to drive 4-wheelers on the roadway in our township. Please see that you and yours drive sensible by not tearing up the roadway or ditches. It is costly to have our contractors grade the road again because of misuse by 4-wheelers

ROAD WORKERS

The following people have been responsible for our road maintenance during the past year. As Ralph said last year “they have done an excellent job throughout the year.” Thank you!

- Lott Excavating (Bill Herheim) South end of the township
- Felton Brothers (Dave Felton) North end of the township
- Dwayne Waldera, brushing and mowing road ditches w/ twp. Tractor

We do need your help too, please let us know of any problems or unsafe conditions on our roads.



Planning Commission ...Craig Anderson

Wabedo Township-2012 Zoning Activity

Report for the Annual Meeting of March 12, 2012

Building Permits	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Houses	1		1	5	2
Houses with garage	1		2	0	2
Houses with septic system	2	2	1	1	1
Houses with septic system and garage	2		4	0	0
Additions to house	4	1	4	2	3
Additions to house plus new garage	1	1	1	0	1
Additions to house plus new septic system			0	0	1
Additions to house plus new screen porch			0	0	0
Garage	7	4	6	5	4
Garage with septic system		1	0	1	2
Garage addition	1		0	1	1
Sheds			0	1	0
Septic System work	13	8	12	15	6
RV or Mobile plus septic system	1	2	0	1	1
Screen porch		1	2	0	0
Decks	2	2	1	0	0
Pole Buildings	2	3	2	4	3
Pole Buildings and septic system			0	0	0
Boundary Fence			0	0	0
Commercial Structure	2	1	1	2	1
Other			3	0	0
Total Building Permits	39	26	40	38	28
Variance Applications	6	6	7	4	2
Shoreland Alterations	18	5	8	10	4
Conditional Use Permits	1	0	3	0	0
Plats	0	1	0	0	0
Total Activity	64	38	58	52	34

Subordinate Service Districts (SSD) by Bob Adelman

SSDs were established in Wabedo Township as a means of controlling waste water from those lakefront properties with failing septic systems. Due to soil conditions the only other alternative was a holding tank.

Wabedo Township currently has three SSDs:

- South Little Boy Drive established in 1994 has 8 properties.
- Sioux Camp Road established in 1998 has 8 properties
- Lazy Boy Trail established in 2006 has 4 properties.

The owners of the affected properties pay for all expenses needed to maintain and operate these systems.

The three systems have just recently been upgraded with a new monitoring system, which has eliminated the need for Peoples Security, greatly improved the monitoring abilities and reduced the monthly operating costs. The township presently has a contract with Northland Septic Systems for all monitoring and any necessary repairs.

The SSDs have worked well overall and have allowed the property owners to effectively manage their waste water, while staying in compliance with all state and county regulations.

Treasurer's Report

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

WABEDO TOWNSHIP

Cash Control Statement

For the Period 01/01/2012 to 12/31/2012

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund	\$81,394.95	\$53,316.80	\$47,264.29	\$87,447.46
Special Revenue Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Road & Bridge	\$132,192.51	\$227,182.71	\$141,358.74	\$218,016.48
pc do not use	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Housaden	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	(\$22.00)
Longville Fire Department	\$0.00	\$29,605.66	\$29,605.66	\$0.00
Longville Ambulance	\$0.00	\$38.84	\$38.84	\$0.00
Developers Agreement	\$1,575.00	\$600.00	\$1,575.00	\$600.00
Debt Service Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lazy Boy Trail ESSD	\$2,418.46	\$2,333.36	\$3,148.59	\$1,603.23
Little Boy SSD	\$1,867.59	\$3,052.20	\$4,975.26	(\$55.47)
Sioux Camp SSD	\$1,397.19	\$3,837.06	\$5,068.81	\$165.44
General Capital Projects	(\$2,030.75)	\$0.00	\$579.00	(\$2,609.75)
Ambulance don't use	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fire Building don't use	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$218,814.95	\$319,966.63	\$233,636.19	\$305,145.39

Board Chair's corner ...Ron Stokesbary

Wabedo Township receives \$60,000 from FEMA

Last year around June 20th, we received about 9 inches of rain causing flooding at the culverts on Stoney Creek Rd. We had to tear out the road to save the culverts. This damage plus loss of gravel and chloride on many of our roads was the basis for a claim to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association). We were part of a disaster claim from Cass County and received almost \$60,000 to help restore damages. We applied some gravel last fall and applied chloride and the rest of the gravel this spring. We were allowed 18 months to complete our repairs.

Garage/maintenance building

We have bulldozed an area on the lot we purchased near town. This area will be used for our garage/maintenance building and possibly, someday, for a future town hall. The garage will contain the tractor/mower and the attachments (blower and gravel reclaimer) as well as signs, posts, barricades and other road-related materials. It will provide a place to perform the needed maintenance on the tractor. Some of the damage from the June 20 storm was covered by our normal road budget so we have some money left from that to help put up our garage/maintenance building. This will help minimize the amount of money we need from our normal township sources. We hope to have the building up yet this fall so the tractor can be protected this winter.

Subordinate Service Districts (SSDs)

Wabedo Township was the leader for the entire state when, in the mid-1990's, we decided to create SSD's to provide septic services to areas of our township where suitable land was no longer available for septic systems. Wabedo Township has three of these districts serving 20 properties. These systems operate like a municipal sewer system where the users pay for the entire system and all of its operational costs and Wabedo Township manages them and contracts for needed services. This last year our contractor who had been managing our systems decided to discontinue those services so we had to take on some of that work and find new contractors for the rest. We also performed some long overdue maintenance and replaced 15+ year old alarm systems so hopefully these systems will be ready to perform for another 15 years.

Check out the Web Site

The township web site wabedo.govoffice.com has been updated so check it out for township information. We try to keep it as current as we can. Let us know if you would like to see additional information there.



Garage/maintenance building site.

Annual Meeting

As mandated by State law, the annual meeting was held on the second Tuesday in March. Many people question why the meeting is held when so many residents are gone for the winter. It is state law.

At this meeting the residents of the township discuss the budget for the following year, donations, and hear reports on what has been done the previous year.

This year the residents heard more about the road damage received in May and June of 2012. The Board worked with FEMA to have our roads repair. See the Chair's report on page 5.

The residents also discussed the present town hall and plans for the future new town hall. The new town hall will be built with the proceeds from selling the present town hall and grants, if available.

Budget

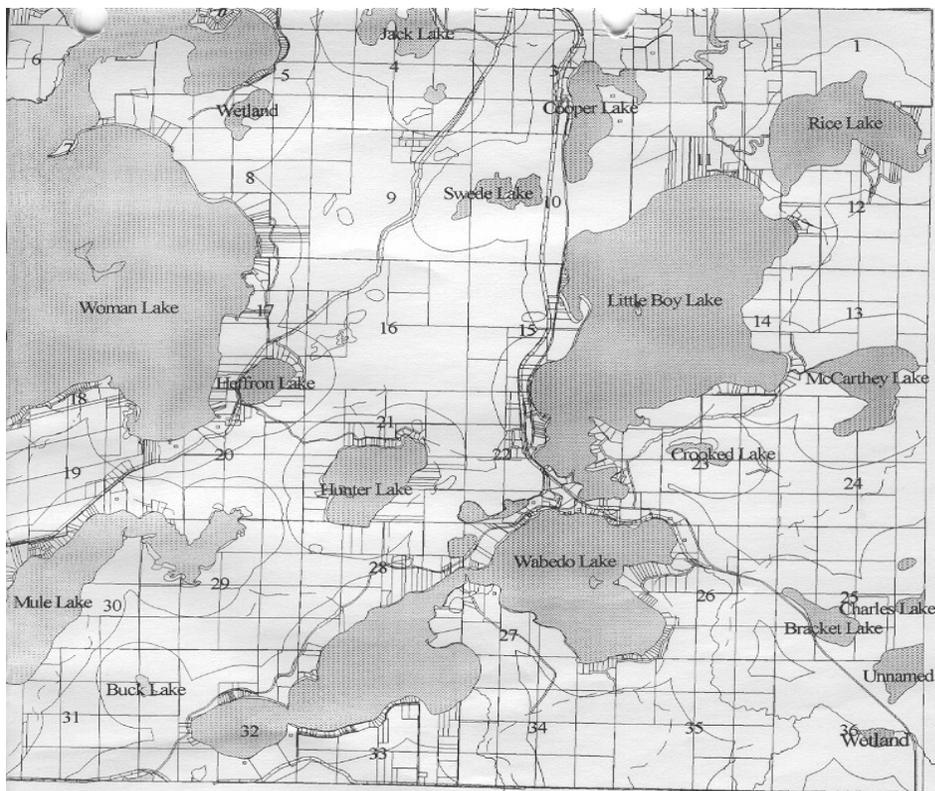
Budget review for the year:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
General Fund	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Donations	\$ 10,325.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 6,950.00
Total General Fund	\$ 40,325.00	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 43,850.00	\$ 41,950.00
Road & Bridge	\$ 136,465.00	\$ 134,295.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Fire	\$ 29,181.00	\$ 29,605.67	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Total	\$ 205,971.00	\$ 250,900.67	\$ 186,850.00	\$ 196,950.00

Donation

Baseball Field	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	*
Cass County Historical Society	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	**
Crisis Line	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Family Safety Network	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	*
Faith In Action	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Lake Country First Responders	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Leech Lake Watershed Foundation	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Let's Go Fishing with Seniors			\$ 100.00	*
Library - Friends of the library	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Longville Area Ice Skating Rink	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Northland Family Service Center	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Northland Family Service Center - food shelf	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Sexual Assault Program			\$ 250.00	*
Young At Heart	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Total of donations	\$ 10,325.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 6,950.00

Note: The residents voted that the maximum donation amount for 2014 be set at 4% of the total levy.



Elections

A great place to live!

The Township elections are held in November as part of the general elections.

This past November Bob Adelman and Al Chacey were elected to the Board of Supervisors.

Carole Houghton was re-elected Treasurer.

Website

The Wabedo Township website

<http://wabedo.govoffice.com>. 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—Jon Stroman

Girl, Child & Woman Lakes Property Owners Association:

Web site—www.womanlakechain.org

President—Don Kruse

Mule Lake

Website: www.mulelake.org

President—Al Zahn

Inquadona Lake

Website: www.ingquadona.com

President Jeff Knuf

Other:

Leech Lake Water Shed Foundation

Executive Director: Paula West 218-675-5773