

June 13, 2004
Interview with Woodrow Board of Supervisors

Present from Woodrow Township: Michael J. Froehlig(Chair), Murray Garbett, Arland N. Benson (Vice Chair), James Harrison (Secretary), and Max Gilbert (Supervisor Liaison)

1. What do you see as your 3 biggest assets in your community? Woods, Water, Deep Portage, and diversity of people.
2. What do you see as your biggest problems currently in your township? Growth and development, multi-unit buildings, subdivisions, shoreline development of marginal lands, and back lots with access lot.
3. Are there any shared roads or possible future connecting roads between us? Not any as of now.
4. How many roads do you maintain in the township as township roads? Forty-six miles.
5. Are any of your roads paved? Yes, two, Township #20 and 14th ave.NW.
6. Do you have a lot of growth going on presently within the township? About when did it start? Yes. Seven to ten years ago.
7. Would you be interested in working together on mutual concerns? Have we done this in the past? If so, what was it? Part 1: Yes. Example is our townships border each other in Woman Lake. We should coordinate our plans to eliminate conflicts around the lake. Part 2: No.
8. Is wastewater or water infrastructure a perceived problem in your township? Yes. We are working on it through the Lake Associations. We have not subordinate service districts.
9. Where do you see yourselves in the next 5-10-15 years from now? Single structure homes, 2nd and 3rd tier development spread out.
10. Has your budget increased due to landowners wanting more services? Generally the budget has remained the same.
11. Do you have a written document for or road standards, or have you adopted the county standards? County standards.
12. Do you have many variances in the township? Many applications e.g. decks, less set backs. Ten a month.
13. Do you have any resorts? 15 to 20
14. Do you have liquor establishments? 2

June 15, 2004
Interview with Kego Township Board of Supervisors

Present from Kego Township: Chair Nodie Shepherd, Carol Jordan, Dorothea Felton, Fred Smith and Arne Pirsig. Present from Wabedo Township Planning Commission: Craig Anderson and Ken Sausman.

1. What do you see as your three biggest assets in your community? Low property taxes, the school, medical facilities and the fire department.
2. What do you see as your biggest problems currently in your Township? The city of Longville is the biggest problem now and it includes the ambulance service problems and the possibility of zoning extensions. Also they have no comprehensive plan right now.
3. Are there any shared roads or possible future connecting roads between us? Shared roads today are Shangri-La and Glen Mar. Connecting roads today are County Roads 54 and 7 and State Highway 84.
4. How many roads do you maintain in the Township as Township roads? They have 13.26 miles of Township roads.
5. Are any of your roads paved? No they hire a contractor to grade and snowplow.
6. Do you have a lot of growth going on presently within the Township? About when did it start?

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They have had steady constant growth over the last several years.

7. Would you be interested in working together on mutual concerns or have we done this in the past? We have worked together in the past on Calcium Chloride on Glen Mar Road, etc. This was through our Road Agreement. They would like to work together on the Longville problem of extended zoning.
8. Is wastewater or water infrastructure a perceived problem in your Township? They go by the county guidelines. They have no SSD's at the present time. They think that SSD's are a good idea for the future. They also support common wells.
9. Where do you see yourselves in the next 5-10-15 years from now? Second tier developments will be prevalent.
10. Has your budget increased due to landowners wanting more services? Yes, the roads are now being treated with Calcium Chloride and the township is being asked to take over more roads.
11. Do you have a written document for your road standards or have you adopted the County's? Yes, we have a written document.
12. Do you have a lot of variances in the Township? We have 4 to 5 variances a year.
13. Do you have any resorts in Kego Township? They could think of three of them. Alice Moe, Wilma Somebody and Pine Ridge (old Sarajac). There may be a fourth one???
14. What about liquor establishments? They have no off-sale places. They have two with on-sale facilities, Florio's restaurant and the Chippewa National Golf Course.

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KEGO TOWNSHIP SPECIFICATIONS FOR ACCEPTING NEW ROADS

Width: new development - 66 ft. Cartway 33 ft.

Road Top: 22 ft. driving surface (minimum)

Surface: crowned, ditched and graveled to a minimum of 3 inches

Culverts: where needed

All easements in order

Center line survey

At least eight dwellings on road to be serviced

Brushed back six feet from driving surface

Turn around space at end of road for grader and snow plow

When all the above specifications have been met and a properly signed petition submitted, the town board will consider taking over the road in question. The petition is good for one year, after which a new petition must be submitted.

The township will not go to the expense of putting gravel on the road for at least three years after take over.

Interview with Longville Council 7/14/2004

1. What do you see as your biggest assets in your community?
 - People
 - Surrounding Lakes
 - Road Accessibility – State Highway 84 and County Roads 5, 7 and 54.
 - Airport with hangars
 - Library
 - Medical Clinic
 - YAH Club and its building
 - Elementary School—Need a good school to entice young people to stay.
 - Municipal Liquor Store—Both on-sale and off-sale. They are working on a separate building to house the off-sale portion. A lot of their revenue is generated by the “Muni”. They expressed appreciation for the Township responding “no” to the recent off-sale liquor license at the golf course, since it impacts their present economy.
 - Ambulance Service
 - Volunteer Fire Department
2. What do you see as your biggest problems currently in your City?
 - Restrictions from higher governments (non-funded mandates)
 - Loss of Local Government Aid restricting their ability to provide services
 - Sewer
 - Personnel – need additional qualified staff
 - Water areas-silt fences, etc.
 - Having to pay expenses for the Library
 - No Hospital located here
 - Negative side of the airport. They feel that they are subsidizing the airport for the surrounding townships.
 - The problems with the Ambulance management and building.
 - People in surrounding townships want and demand amenities from the city.
 - The City has no area to grow. An example is that they need new hangars at the airport and that they have to move the baseball field somewhere else.
 - Townships are fighting annexation by the city but the city has never approached them.
 - Today there is confrontation between the townships and the city. The city would prefer dialog among the townships and itself.
3. Are there any shared roads or possible future connecting roads between us?
 - We share County Road 7. A future connecting road could be a bypass road of the city but a bypass was the last choice on a recent survey. Suggestion that dialogue for commercial uses complimentary to the local entities nearby would be a start to build bridges.

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4. Do you have a lot of growth going on presently within the City?
 - They are losing population but they think it is mostly because people are homesteading elsewhere. They still have their place in the city but are not counted in the homestead count.
 - Need financial assistance for assisted and senior living. Housing needed in city especially multi-unit housing.
5. Is wastewater or water infrastructure a perceived problem in your City?
 - They have individual wells and a common sewer system. The sewer system came into being in the 1950's. The water treatment portion was upgraded in 1991-1992. Bigger sewer pipes were installed just a couple of years ago to be used to hook into the treatment system; street collection system is old and will need repairs in the future.
6. Where do you see yourselves in the next 5-10-15 years from now?
 - The neighboring townships are more cooperative and are blending in more.
 - The city has grown in all directions by a mile or two. (they would like a planned growth area)
 - There are younger people in the city so that the average age of the area has decreased.
 - They see themselves working with the Initiative Foundation on an economic plan.
 - There will be another major plan for the local airport.
 - There will be more businesses in the city.
7. Has your budget increased due to landowners wanting more services?
 - Yes - slightly upward, but trying to keep it reasonable.
8. Would you be interested in working together on mutual concerns?
 - This question was never directly asked, however the answer could be taken to be yes if you consider the answers to question number 2 above. They would rather have dialog than confrontation. And they feel that the people in the townships are demanding services, which are difficult for them to provide. They would like help and cooperation from the townships to meet these demands.
9. Do you have city ordinances?
 - Just recently, they adopted the county ordinances but now they will be refining these ordinances to fit the City's needs in the next month or so.
10. What can you say about diversified housing in your city?

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- They have a trailer park that is virtually full. There is room for 31 units there. There is a multiple housing development going in on Journey's End Road. They see a need for assisted living. It was mentioned that perhaps one or more of the churches would be interested in a project of assisted living units.

11. Inter-governmental Relations

- The City Council was receptive to considering periodic meetings and building bridges.

Craig Anderson – Chair of Wabedo Township Planning Commission

Bridget Chard – Small Communities Project Coordinator

Attended the Longville City Council meeting of July 14, 2004.

Interview with Inguadona Township

1. What are your three biggest assets?
A) Federal forest land
B) Isolation with nature
2. What are your current problems in the township in order of urgency?
A) Tax base- Lack of taxable property
B) Maintenance of roads with little money
3. Are there any shared roads or future connecting roads between us?
None
4. How many roads do you maintain?
12 roads- 15-15 1/2 miles
5. Are any of your roads paved?
None
6. Do you have a lot of growth in your township presently?
Started within the last two years
7. Would you interested in working together on mutual concerns? Have we done so in the past?
Common interests will work together. No •
8. Is wastewater or water infrastructure a perceived problem in your township?
Nothing specific, feels the county is not enforcing sewer replacement within the year of failure.
9. Where do you see yourself in the next 5-10-15 years?
Little Boy River development
10. Has your budget increased due to landowners wanting more services?
Yes- forest road maintenance and ambulance
11. Do you have written documents for your road standards? No- Have you adopted the counties? Yes
12. Have you had many variance requests? 12-15 per year- What are they for?
Garages and sewers
13. Do you have any resorts in your township?
Anchorage
14. Do you have liquor establishments? On/off sale? Anchorage

Blind Lake Township

Assets: A lot of County land which makes revenue in timber sales
Quality of people

Problems: None

Roads: No shared roads

Maintain two roads: One that is 1.3 miles and one that is 2 miles

No paved roads.

Future growth: They don't see much there are only two lakes in the township *Blind Lake*

Working together: We worked with them on the old grade along with the DNR

Wastewater: They have no problems

Where will you be in the future: Not a lot different then now

Land owner services: No

Road standards: Not a problem