



**Meetings & Events
@ Town Hall
(unless otherwise noted)**

Township Board*

1st Wed/month @ 7 p.m.
Next meeting Wed, 3/1
In person and Zoom

Township Board Annual Mtg*

3/14 @ 7 p.m. In person and Zoom

Planning Commission*

Last Mon/mth @ 6 p.m. In person and Zoom

***Meetings via Zoom and open to the public**

MEETING ID:
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PASSWORD: WabanaMtg2

Exercise - SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life)

Tues & Fri /wk @ 10 a.m.
Join area residents for free exercise and socializing

Cribbage

Every Tues @ 1 p.m. (for experienced players) \$3 to play

Community Fund Meeting

5/8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Note: Any changes to Meetings and Events will be posted on the website and at Town Hall.

Wabana Warbler

A newsletter for residents of Wabana Township

Attend the Town Board Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

Residents may participate in their township government at the Wabana Township Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. The annual meeting will be held in person and by Zoom. At the annual meeting, permanent residents can vote on the recommended levy. At the January budget meeting, the board discussed the 2023 budget and will consider the following recommended levy at the March 14 annual meeting:

General Fund	75,945
Road & Bridge.	45,650
Fire	<u>29,000</u>
Total	\$150,595

The 2022 levy was \$150,735.

Wabana Recreation Complex

Wabana Township community members, business donors, and grants have now raised over \$235,000 towards our recreational facilities! Two of the major contributors that are part of the \$235,000 are as follows:

Blandin Foundation	\$50,000
Itasca County TED	\$15,000
(Tourism & Economic Development)	

Paul Bunyan Communications has also made a significant contribution.

THANK YOU ALL for your generosity. It is truly amazing to be part of these efforts and watch people step up to help. It has taken all of us working together to get to this point.

The next couple months are huge. Sarah Carling, CEDA director for our area, is working feverishly on grants for us; one to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) and one to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). If we are successful with these awards we can break ground fall of 2023. If not...well, we'll need to make some decisions....do we wait until we have all the funds needed, or do these projects in phases?

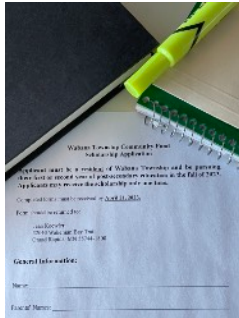
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Photo by Kim Oja

Wabana Community Scholarship Program Applications Due April 21

Applications for the Wabana Community Fund Scholarship are now available on the Wabana Township website at



www.wabatanowship.com/affiliations, and at the counselor's office at Grand Rapids H.S. Applicants must be a resident of Wabana Township and be pursuing the first or second year of post-secondary education in the Fall of 2023. Applicants may receive the scholarship only one time. **Applications must be received by April 21, 2023.** Funding for the scholarship comes from the proceeds of the annual Hunter's Supper. For more information, contact Jean Koewler at 218-326-4302 or email djkoewler@paulbunyan.net.

Hunter's Supper results

The Wabana Community Fund's 2022 Hunter's Supper raised \$2,578.84 that will be used to support scholarships, the annual ice cream social, and funeral lunches. Everyone enjoyed the meal and time visiting with each other. Thanks to all who contributed to this annual community fundraising event!

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We are always looking for your input, so don't be shy. This committee is very open and transparent. Please get involved and let us know if you have any concerns or recommendations. Use the [Contact Form](#) on the Township website to send us a message.

Donations may still be made at any time. [Information and a Donation form is available on the Township website.](#)

Thanks to Wabana Township community. Your support has been fabulous,

Wabana Community Recreation Complex Committee

Wabana Community Fund

The Wabana Community Fund is a non-profit organization that sponsors Wabana Township community events such as the Deer Hunter's Supper in November. The Hunter's Supper is the largest fundraiser which provides funds for the Scholarship Program and other community services and events such as funeral lunches and the annual Ice Cream Social in August.

The Wabana Community Fund has and will be sponsoring various fundraisers during the year to help raise funds for the Wabana Community Recreation Complex. Please be looking for information regarding these events that will be occurring during the year. Thank you to the Wabana Community Fund and all who have supported these fundraising efforts. **The next meeting is scheduled for May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Join us!**

Township Chili Feed Held Jan. 28

The Wabana Community Fund committee and community members held a chili feed fundraiser on January 28 to support the Township Recreation Complex project. A variety of chili, as well as toppings, cornbread, & desserts were provided. Silent auction items were also donated. An estimated 75+ people attended. Over \$1,400 was raised. Thanks to all who contributed to and enjoyed this event! Watch for more fundraising events coming soon.

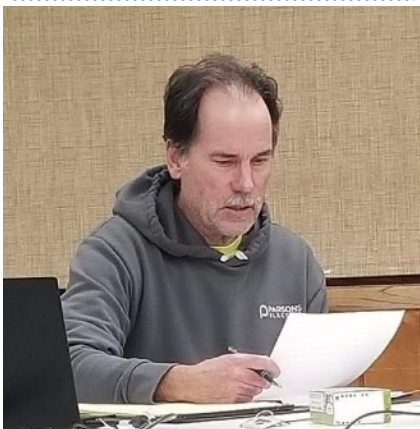


Ruth Fordham recognized for serving as Township Clerk



At the January Township meeting, Ruth Fordham was presented with a plaque thanking her for her 14 years of service as Town Clerk. Her dedication to serving the community all those years is much appreciated.

Meet Steven Melin Newly Elected Township Clerk



Steven Melin was elected to fill the Town Clerk position. Steve began his duties at the January Board meeting. Thanks Steve for stepping up to serve.

Photos by Kim Oja

Planning Commission

The Wabana Township Planning Commission recommended Anne Johnson as one of their members to the Wabana Township Board. She was approved at the February board meeting. Anne’s term will be up March 31, 2024. Thank you Anne for stepping up.

The Planning Commission meets monthly, the 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Meeting dates may occasionally change due to holidays or schedules.

Please see the “Planning Commission” and Planning Commission Responsibilities” documents on the [Township website](#) that outline the Commission and its responsibilities.

Northwoods Arts and Crafts Shows

Northwoods crafters gathered at Wabana Town Hall for the second annual Northwoods Arts and Crafts shows. Two shows were held in 2022; the first on October 8, and the second on December 3. Both shows were well attended by area citizens and showcased talented artists from the township and nearby communities. Stay tuned for the 2023 fall/winter show dates.



Nominations Sought for Citizen of the Year Award

This award recognizes a citizen for outstanding contributions to Wabana Township such as leadership, providing services to residents, or other activities that enhance the environment or quality of life for residents. Send your nomination with a brief description of why you think your nominee is deserving of the award to the Board through the [Contact Form](#) on the Website. The Board may consider nominations at the March 14 annual meeting.

Sign up for Township E-mail News

Sign up to receive township E-mail News on the Township website: <https://wabatanatowship.com/wabana-warbler-newsletter/>. Simply provide your name and email address. You will receive the Warbler and timely township news, events, and other township activities by email. If you want to continue to receive the Warbler by U.S. mail, notify Jean Panchyshyn, jeanonwabana@gmail.com, otherwise you will be removed from the Warbler U.S. mail list.

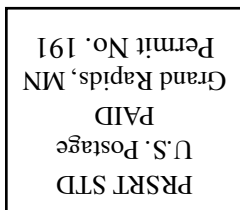
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- Carol Speedling, Deputy Clerk (text: 612-518-8992)
- Ken Aho, Maintenance (ph: 218-256-7230)

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