

Pursuant to due call and notice there of the Southside Township Board of Supervisors met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 04, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Southside town hall. The following members were present: Chairman Jim Hallstrom, Supervisors Phyllis Latour and Tim Hable and Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Also present: Vince Ylitalo, John Bishop, Gary & Helen Sue Olsen, Chase Philippi, Wally Peterson & Keith Triplett of Wright County Assessor's office, Lonnie Hendricks and Jeremy Kaskinen.

Chairman Hallstrom led the pledge of allegiance.

Supv Hable made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting with one change in a name from Tim to Eric. Supv Latour seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no comments during the public forum.

Chairman Hallstrom opened the public meeting to consider the vacation of the following road easement:

That part of the road dedicated on the plat of SYLVIA CEDARS RESORT, according to the recorded plat thereof, Wright County, Minnesota, adjoining Lot 1 of said SYLVIA CEDARDS RESORT, lying parallel with, adjoining and 1.5 northerly of the south line of said SYLVIA CEDARS RESORT, and lying westerly of the southerly extension of the easterly line of said Lot 1

The road is located adjacent to Vince Ylitalo's property at 14163 68th St NW. Gary and Brenda Johnson own property on the other side of this easement. Vince stated he is asking for the easement to be vacated because it isn't used. Clerk Merrill stated she received a call from the DNR office in St. Paul and they had visited the site and had no objections to the vacation. Supv Latour stated she has objections to the vacation. She had asked to have the easement vacated in 2004 along with a portion of 68th St NW and the request was denied due to the DNR being against the vacation as well as the Board feeling it was not in the best interest of the public. Supv Latour presented letters from attorneys from the 2004 request that were in favor of the vacation request approval. She stated the snow plow uses the area that is being considered for vacation to turn around. If the area is vacated this will not be available for the township to use for maintenance of the road. She also stated she plans to petition the township to move the road to the position it should be in as platted. The road as traveled is not in the correct location. The road as traveled is on a area of land that the Johnson's have as their back up area should a need arise for a new septic system. Chairman Hallstrom and Supv Hable would like to see an easement be put in place if the easement is vacated that would allow the township access for maintenance purposes. Vince Ylitalo was instructed to contact the Johnson's regarding their land that could be used for a septic system if needed as well as getting the release of damage form signed in the event the easement is vacated. Chairman Hallstrom would like to come to an agreement regarding the easement the township would need for maintenance before any money or time is spent on legal documents for this portion of the vacation. The public hearing was continued to 7:05 p.m. November 1, 2016.

John Bishop was present to start a discussion regarding a property he is considering for demolition of existing structures and replacement with a 1200 sq. ft home. The existing structure is 26' from the OHW of the lake with 19.3% impervious lot coverage. The new structure would be 45' from the OHW and the impervious lot coverage would be at 12%. He will be installing a new septic system. The lot is quite narrow and this is the best plan he could come up with after much planning and review. Supv Latour stated she is concerned about giving a 30' variance on lake setback, afraid it will set a precedent. John stated he felt the other option of building on the existing footprint would be much closer to the OHW of

the lake. He also stated moving the structure further back would impede the septic system design. Supv Hable stated he feels the new structure is a good plan with moving off the lake by 19'. John will contact the County to apply for the actual variance and return once he is scheduled for the variance board.

Helen and Gary Olsen, 10809 Quitter Ave NW, were present to request a variance to build a 26'x30' garage 36.9' and 49.1' from the centerline of the road. The road is not a township maintained road and the garage placement allows for plenty of room for parking of cars in the driveway. Quitter Ave NW is a dead end road so does not get much traffic. Helen stated they would like to add a 5'x16' mud room to the back side of the existing cabin. The Board encouraged them to add this to the variance request for the garage to save them some time and money. Supv Latour stated the permit is good for three years so they would have time to build the mud room after the garage is built. Action on the variance request was tabled to the November 1 meeting so the Olsen's could contact the county to amend their request to include the mud room addition.

Chase Philippi, Wally Peterson & Keith Triplett of Wright County Assessor's office were present to discuss the work they are doing on the township appraisal of properties. The Board asked about the letter we received regarding switching to an Open Book meeting format rather than the Board of Equalization meeting. Keith explained the township would not be involved in review of property if the open book meeting was adopted. Property owners would go directly to the County for review. The Board stated they do not want to give up this meeting. They like being involved in the review of the property of our residents. Southside Township will continue with the current Board of Equalization meetings. Chase Philippi gave a report on the work he and Keith have been doing on Lake Sylvia area of the township. They are doing measurements of each building to get the true size of the buildings and the land area. This way they will have a basis for the value of each based on accurate numbers. He has also taken pictures of each of the approximately 600 properties on Lake Sylvia. He also has notes on the topography, shoreline and riprap of each property. He showed binders with the photos and land. He will be able to present graphs and documentation at the Board of Equalization meeting to support the valuation of the properties. He stated there are many properties that are overvalued and many that are undervalued. He stated there may be several people that are surprised by their property value statements when they receive them. The property values will eventually all be brought up to the 95% value range and remain there. He spends a great deal of time studying sales in the area and has many hours in the appraisals. Wally Peterson is doing the same thing for the Lake John properties. He has found the buildings on Lake John to be overvalued and the land to be undervalued. There will be many adjustments to the tax values on Lake John as well. The plan is to do the same thing for every one of the 1600-1700 properties in the township. Keith Triplett stated the reason for the visit was twofold. One to let the Board know the work that was being done and secondly to ask for their support when the contract comes up in November. The township signed a one-year contract with the County to do appraisals. The work they are doing will take 5 years to complete. He would like to see the township extend the contract so the work can be completed. The Board was in favor of the extension of the contract and the work being done.

The Wright County Township Officer's meeting is being held Thursday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Corinna Township Hall.

Chairman Hallstrom did a study of the properties in the township in regard to fire assessments. He presented a list of properties in the township that do not have fire assessments on them and a second

list that have fire assessments that should not. The ones that he suggests for deletion have no buildings or buildings of little value and should not have a fire assessment charge. Supv Latour made a motion to approve the list for the addition of fire assessment and deletion of fire assessment for submission to the County Auditor's office. Supv Hable seconded the motion.

Supv Latour made a motion to approve the following list of additional election judges for the upcoming general election: Shirley Bruns, Hayley Clouthier, Nancy Berg, Kelly Bergesch, Naomi Volden and Mona Volden. Supv Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following bills were approved as presented:

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
6479	10/4/16	Carmen M. Merrill	100-10100	1,530.02
6470	10/4/16	Windstream	100-10100	39.37
6471	10/4/16	Waste Management	100-10100	2,534.54
6472	10/4/16	Howard's Plumbing, Heating & Air Con	100-10100	55.00
6473	10/4/16	Reinhardt Maurer	100-10100	425.50
6474	10/4/16	Norgren Tree Service	100-10100	770.00
6475	10/4/16	Hendricks Sand & Gravel	100-10100	6,288.40
6476	10/4/16	Wright Hennepin Electric	100-10100	26.25
6477	10/4/16	Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Assoc	100-10100	34.00
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6480	10/4/16	Phyllis Latour	100-10100	83.11
6481	10/4/16	Timothy A. Hable	100-10100	83.11
6482	10/4/16	James Hallstrom	100-10100	80.61
1-422-007-872	10/4/16	Minnesota Revenue	100-10100	171.63
6478	10/4/16	United States Treasury	100-10100	1,113.66
Total				13,386.40

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.