

Pursuant to due call and notice there of the Southside Township Board of Supervisors met for the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Southside town hall. The following members were present: Chairman Jim Hallstrom, Supervisor Phyllis Latour and Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Absent: Supervisor Tim Hable. Also present: Lonnie Hendricks, Brandi & Jeremy Kaskinen, Kevin Miller, Laurie Miller, Rodney Johnson, and Evan Carlson.

Chairman Hallstrom led the pledge of allegiance.

Supv Latour made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2016 as presented. Supv Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no public comment during the open forum.

Chairman Hallstrom presented the two bids received for dust control.

Envirotech bid is as follows:

1 mile long x 18 feet wide \$2851.20

1 foot long x 18 feet wide \$0.54

1 mile long x 12 feet wide \$1900

1 foot long x 12 feet wide \$0.36

Central Minnesota Dust Control LLC

Applying 33% Dustgard PLUS Liquid Magnesium Chloride – using a .27 application rate – price per gallon

1 mile x 18 ft wide 2851 gallons x .93 cents = \$2651.43

1 mile x 12 ft wide 1900 gallons x .93 cents = \$1767.00

1 foot x 18 ft wide Price per foot = \$.50 cents

1 foot x 12 ft wide Price per foot = \$.335 cents

Applying 30% Dustgard Liquid Magnesium Chloride – using a .3 application rate – price per gallon

1 mile x 18 feet wide 3168 gallons x .85 cents = \$2692.80

1 mile x 12 feet wide 2112 gallons x .85 cents = \$1795.20

1 foot x 18 feet wide Price per foot = \$.51 cents

1 foot x 12 feet wide Price per foot = \$.34 cents

Supv Latour made a motion to approve the bid from Central Minnesota Dust Control LLC for applying 33% Dustgard PLUS. Supv Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rodney Johnson 13390 100th St NW was present to get approval for lot line adjustments to three parcels of land. Parcel 217-000-141202 which is south of 100th St NW will use 100th ST NW as the parcels north lot line. A two acre portion of this parcel will be made into a new parcel for a homestead and have a new parcel number. The remaining portion of this parcel will be added to existing parcel 217-000-114300. The large parcel will include Rodney's home site and then can be homesteaded. Supv Latour made a motion to approve the request to adjust lot lines as follows:

Parcel 217-000-141202 which is south of 100th St NW will use 100th ST NW as the parcels north lot line. A two acre portion of this parcel will be made into a new parcel for a homestead and have a new parcel number. The remaining portion of this parcel will be added to existing parcel 217-000-114300.

Supv Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Evan Carlson of Innovative Power Systems was present to request a conditional use permit for a period of Thirty-Five years to construct a two (2) Megawatt AC photovoltaic solar array on a 35.7 acre parcel of land owned by the Triplett Family Limited Partnership, located at 8567 Pittman Avenue NW, South Haven, MN 55382, PID 217-000-212302. The power generated will be connected to the power substation in South Haven. IPS has voluntarily participated in an agreement called the Pollination Pledge, whereby it has agreed to seed with native pollinator friendly vegetation underneath the panels and in surrounding areas within the project site. The land is owned by the Triplett family and is located at 8567 Pittman Ave NW. It currently does not have a building entitlement which is why the township needs to approve the construction. Supv Latour stated she doesn't feel that a solar garden is a good reason to change the zoning to allow building on a land without a building entitlement. Chairman Hallstrom stated he needs to understand where the money is coming from for the solar panels. He stated the land that the panels are on will sit fallow for a minimum of 20 years and will take many years after decommissioning to be productive again. Evan stated his company is a Minnesota company and has been in business for many years. Many of the other proposals in the county are from companies outside of MN. The cost for a 1.75 MW station is \$1.75 million. The investors rely heavily on the 30% Federal Tax credit return and the accelerated depreciation of solar panels to recoup their money. The power generated can offset the owners cost of energy up to 120%. He stated this program exists to serve people who do not have suitable roof space to support solar panels. His company is building size appropriate gardens for the area. Chairman Hallstrom stated he would like to see the decision on the project tabled until numbers can be obtained from a project that has been up and running for at least a year. Once we have actual numbers for cost and energy savings then a decision can be made. He also stated that this project would be another site that would be owned by a company that does not reside in the township. The area residents would have to look at the panels for the next 35 years and they aren't pretty. He feels we have plenty of gravel pits in our area that are owned by non-residents and they too are not nice to look at. He doesn't want to add another such project to the area. Both Supv Latour and Hallstrom tabled the decision until after the Wright County Township officers meeting on April 7th. The County will be presenting information regarding solar gardens at this meeting. If they are interested after this presentation they will contact Evan.

Wright County Planning Commission is holding a public hearing to amend zoning ordinance to strike and replace definition of Commercial Agricultural Tourism and add section adding a purpose, standards and conditions for Commercial Agricultural Tourism. Supv Latour stated she was in agreement with the new definition of Commercial Agricultural Tourism and has seen such operations at wineries and barns that host weddings and other gatherings. Motion by Chairman Hallstrom to approve the new definition of Commercial Agricultural Tourism and add section to Wright County Zoning Ordinance adding a purpose, standard and conditions for Commercial Agricultural Tourism. Supv Latour seconded the motion.

Both Supv Latour and Chairman Hallstrom were in agreement to keep voting in the township in person rather than mail balloting. Supv Latour stated she feels it's important to provide a place for area residents to meet to cast their ballot and know it has been accepted.

The spring road review date was tabled but may take place over a few evenings in April. Dates will be posted on township website.

The Wright County Township Officers meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Marysville Township hall.

The following bills were approved as presented:

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
6245	4/5/16	United States Treasury	100-10100	971.25
6246	4/5/16	Norgren Tree Service	100-10100	2,200.00
6247	4/5/16	Hendricks Sand & Gravel Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Assoc	100-10100	7,500.00
6248	4/5/16	Wright Hennepin Electric	100-10100	32.00
6249	4/5/16	Brandi Kaskinen	100-10100	23.42
6250	4/5/16	Windstream	100-10100	80.00
6251	4/5/16	Burkhardt & Burkhardt, LTD	100-10100	39.37
6252	4/5/16	Waste Management	100-10100	5,360.00
6253	4/5/16	Annandale Advocate	100-10100	2,534.54
6254	4/5/16	James Hallstrom	100-10100	126.72
6255	4/5/16	Carmen M. Merrill	100-10100	390.63
6256	4/5/16	Phyllis Latour	100-10100	855.69
6257	4/5/16	Timothy A. Hable	100-10100	413.51
6258	4/5/16	Public Employees Retirement Association	100-10100	382.46
somper000368998	4/5/16	Minnesota Revenue	100-10100	151.20
1726372928	4/5/16		100-10100	144.60
Total				<u>21,205.39</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.