

Pursuant to due call and notice there of the Southside Township Board of Supervisors met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 04, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Southside town hall, Wright County. The following members were present: Chairman Tim Hable, Supervisors John Reynolds & Jim Hallstrom and Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Also present: Kevin Gannon, Hard Drives Inc., Dennis Anderson, Midwest Contracting Inc., Elaine Fleskes, Lonnie Hendricks, Brandi and Jeremy Kaskinen and Christine Husom.

Chairman Hable led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dust control bids for 2017 were opened. Three bids were received.

Central Minnesota Dust Control LLC

1 mile x 18 ft wide \$2594.41 1 mile x 12 ft wide \$1729.00

1 ft. x 18 ft wide \$0 .49 1 ft x 12 ft wide \$0.327

Envirotech:

1 mile x 18 ft wide \$2993.76 1 mile x 12 ft wide \$1995.84

1 ft x 18 ft wide \$0.567 1 ft x 12 ft wide \$0.378

NSI

1 mile x 18 ft wide \$2637.36 1 mile x 12 ft wide \$1758.24

1 ft x 18 ft wide \$0.499 1 ft x 12 ft wide \$0.333

The township used Central Minnesota last year with good results. We got above average rain fall and the roads were graded more than average due to the rains and the dust control held up.

Supv Hallstrom made a motion to award the dust control bid to Central Minnesota Dust Control due to their bid being the lowest and 2016 dust control with their company was good. Supv Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no one present for the public forum.

Kevin Gannon of Hard Drives was present to request a conditional use permit to allow the location of an asphalt plant in the existing gravel pit for three years (2017,2018 & 2019). The portable plant expects to be in operation 8-12 weeks each season. Operations to include recycled asphalt, millings and aggregates stockpiled on site to be recycled back into the bituminous mix. Supv Hallstrom asked Kevin to look at the trees in the berm as a couple of them have died. Kevin will contact the office to have them replaced. Kevin presented plans for the pit with Phase 1 area of 3.93 acres being mined. When they are finished with Phase I they will move into Phase 2 which includes the reclaiming 7.47 acres and mining 9.09 acres for a total open area of 36.2 acres. Kevin stated the hours of operation will remain the same as in previous years. Motion by Supv Hallstrom to approve the conditional use permit for Hard Drives for 3 years for a asphalt plant in the existing gravel pit for 2017,2018 & 2019 with the hours of operation to remain the same as in previous years. Reason the approval is given is due to no complaints received from previous years operations. Supv Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elaine Fleskes was present to ask for township approval to place a sign in the township road right-of-way near the Lake John private landing on Nevens Ave NW. The sign will state the lake is participating in the Wright County Regional AIS program and an inspection is required before launching a boat. The sign will be placed once the DNR approves. A letter from the township will be sent to the adjacent property owner that will state the township approves of its placement. The Board was in full support of the signage.

Dennis Anderson of Midwest Contracting was present to request a conditional use permit to allow a temporary mining operation during the 2017 construction season for the County Road 3 reconstruction project. Operations include removal of approximately 60,000 cu. Yds. Of granular material and include placement of a crusher, stockpiling and recycling of asphalt. Site restoration will return the project area back to agricultural use. The proposed start date is May 15th with a project completion date of September 15th. The road would remain open to traffic. Weather conditions could lengthen the construction work. The road would remain gravel over the winter of 2017/18 with the asphalt being placed in 2018. Midwest Contracting will not be doing that work. The proposal asked for hours of operation from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Dennis stated the actual start time would be closer to 6:30 a.m. The Board discussed the hours of operation and it was decided to set the hours at 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. If the Board receives any complaints, they will contact Dennis and the hours can be adjusted. Dennis stated he is willing to work with the township and its residents during this period. Supv Reynolds stated he is concerned about the traffic during the holiday weekends since the road is an access road to the Swap Meet. Dennis stated the road would be passable during the construction. Supv Hallstrom asked for a public meeting regarding the project before it begins. The meeting could be held at the township hall with the County and contractors present to answer questions regarding the project. Dennis stated he would be happy to participate in the meeting if the County decides to hold one. Supv Hallstrom made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for Midwest Contracting Inc. to allow a temporary mining operation during the 2017 construction season for the County Road 3 reconstruction project. Operations include removal of approximately 60,000 cu. Yds. Of granular material and include placement of a crusher, stockpiling and recycling of asphalt. Site restoration will return the project area back to agricultural use. Hours of operation will be 6:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday with adjustments made if necessary. All work to be completed in 2017 construction season. Supv Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Supv Hallstrom made a motion to accept the Frontline Warning Systems quote of \$1500.00 for battery replacement and annual maintenance and inspection of the emergency warning sirens in the township. Supv Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board signed the haul road designation form for MN DOT for Nevens Ave NW for use of 90th St NW during the installation of the stop light on Hwy 55. Supv Hallstrom stated the road was not used during the project but the state had requested its use prior to the start of the project.

The Board will meet with French Lake Township on April 20 at the Southside Town hall to discuss Junk Amnesty Day.

Wright County Association of Township meeting is Thursday April 6th at 7:30 p.m. at Wright County Highway Department.

The Local Board of Review & Equalization will be held on Tuesday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m. at the town hall.

Christine Husom was present to bring the Board up to date on what's happening in the County. She is in full support of the creation of a regional inspection program and decontamination site as proposed by the Lake Sylvia, Lake John and Pleasant Lake associations. She stated she was very disappointed in the DNR when they did not close the landings once Starry Stonewort was found in Lake Sylvia. The lake associations would like to set up a Lake Committee to stay on top of this problem. The County has started the planning process for the new court facility. The plan is to break ground in 2018 and finish the project in 2019. The cost of remodeling the present facility came in at \$20 million and the expected life of the building with remodel was only 10 years. This didn't make sense so the Board began the process of planning for a new facility. The County is looking at a local tax of ¼ to ½ %. Christine is unsure about this tax and would like input from her constituents regarding the tax. A public hearing will be held in May regarding the tax. Asphalt prices are coming in low which is good for all the road projects in the county.

The following bills were approved as presented:

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
6567	4/4/17	United States Treasury	100-10100	904.76
6568	4/4/17	WSB & Associates	100-10100	218.00
6569	4/4/17	Knife River Corporation - N.C.	100-10100	13,943.41
6571	4/4/17	Burkhardt & Burkhardt, LTD	100-10100	5,510.00
6572	4/4/17	Wright County Auditor Treas.	100-10100	70.00
6573	4/4/17	Wright Hennepin Electric Meeker Cooperative Light & Power	100-10100	25.69
6574	4/4/17	Assoc	100-10100	33.00
6575	4/4/17	Norgren Tree Service	100-10100	3,300.00
6576	4/4/17	Hendricks Sand & Gravel	100-10100	7,500.00
6577	4/4/17	Windstream	100-10100	39.17
6578	4/4/17	Carmen M. Merrill	100-10100	966.79
6579	4/4/17	James Hallstrom	100-10100	376.16
6580	4/4/17	Timothy A. Hable	100-10100	465.57
6581	4/4/17	John H. Reynolds	100-10100	422.05
Total				<u>33,774.60</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.