

Pursuant to due call and notice there of the Southside Township Board of Supervisors met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Southside town hall. The following members were present: Chairman Jim Hallstrom, Supervisors Latour and Hable and Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Also present: Paul Paco Erickson, Midcontinent Communications, Andy Johnson, Lacy Bros. Home and Remodeling, Chris Husom, Robert & Pat Knickerbocker, Jack Gleason, Lake Augusta, Mark Maddox, Jeffrey Burkhardt, CPA, Jeremy Kaskinen and Lonnie Hendricks.

Chairman Hallstrom led the pledge of allegiance.

Supv Hable made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting. Supv Latour seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no comments during the public forum.

Jeffrey Burkhardt, CPA, presented the 2015 township audit. The township received a clean audit report. Supv Latour made a motion to accept the 2015 audit report as presented. Supv Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chris Husom, Wright County Commissioner was present to discuss current events in the County. The Commissioner's will be touring the new public works facility in the next week. A RFP has been issued for work on the county courthouse. Three architectural firms will be drawing up plans and doing a feasibility study to determine work needed to make the courthouse useable for the next 5-7 years. The County had planned to build a new courthouse out near the new jail facility but due to a downturn in the economy those plans have been put on hold. The firms will look at the space at the current courthouse and determine the cost of using the facility and the space available to meet the needs of the court system. Wright County has been named in a lawsuit by the State Auditor's office. The County is not sure why they were named but are working with the County Attorney on how to best address this lawsuit. The County Board is looking at solar power gardens and how they will impact the land and people in the county. They have tabled decisions regarding new solar arrays for 60 days to allow townships to figure out how to deal with large areas of Ag land that could be converted to solar gardens. Supv Hallstrom agrees with this and feels we get a solar energy farm built and then wait a year to see what happens and gather data to review what energy and money is being saved by the solar farms.

Supv Hallstrom also questioned the easement rights property appraisals for the County Rd 3 NW project. He stated he has heard from property owners they are feeling pressured by the right of way department to sell the easement rights on their properties for less than a fair price. He questioned whether the project was slated for 2017 for certain. Chris stated she will push for the project which was pushed back for 2016 construction due to a higher need for County Rd 5 and 37 construction due to the condition of that area of road. He would also like the County Board to review the gravel pits that are open but unmined in Southside Township. There are several that are open but not currently being mined. They are full of weeds and unused piles of material. He would like the county to find a way to make the owners of these mines clean them up and reclaim them or mine them out before opening more. He will be meeting with Scott Deckert and Sean Riley of Wright County Planning & Zoning to discuss this in the next week. He is just asking the owners to be a good neighbor to the people that make the township their home.

Paul Paco Erickson of MidContinent Communications was present to discuss the installation of internet and video cable to residents of Southside Township as part of the new internet service to Annandale city and area. The Board had determined they would waive the governance of the franchise portion of the services Mid Continent Communications intends to install in portions of Southside Township in summer/fall 2016/2017. Supv Hable introduce Resolution 2016-02 and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION No. 2016-02

RESOLUTION DECLINING TO REGULATE CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM

IN SOUTHSIDE TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 238 provides for the regulation of cable television systems within political subdivision in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Midcontinent Communications has announced that it may, depending upon subscriber interest and other factors, build a CATV system in selected portions of Southside Township, Minnesota during 2016 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 238.02 Subd. 3 (b) 1 allows a political subdivision to remove a system from regulation under Minnesota Chapter 238 if there are fewer than 50 subscribers or less than 1000 total subscribers; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Southside Township, Minnesota has determined it is in the best interests of its constituents at the present time to decline to regulate any CATV system to be built by Midcontinent Communications within the Township boundaries.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township of Southside hereby elects to remove any CATV system built by Midcontinent Communications within its borders until such time as the system has more than 1000 total subscribers within the Township.

Supv Latour seconded the motion. Supv Hable, Latour and Hallstrom voted aye. Resolution carried.

Mark Maddox, 7005 Pilger Ave NW was present to request a variance to allow changes to the variances granted on 12-4-15. The expansion and remodeling project proposed to include a 3.5 ft. balcony off the upper level, to be 65 ft. from the ordinary high-water mark of lake. Also, expansion of the 8'x8' rear porch that was 15' from the side property line is proposed to be a 7'x16' porch 10' from the side property line. The porch would be no closer than the existing home which is 9'6" from the side property line. Mark stated the actual size of the porch requested is 6'x14' not 7'x16'. The 3.5' balcony is requested mostly for aesthetic purposes. He would be willing to make the balcony smaller. Supv Hable asked about the roof overhang size. Maddox replied it is 2' and would be happy to keep the balcony 2' to fit under the overhang. Supv Latour does not feel the balcony is necessary since it is within the required 75' setback from OHW. Supv Hable felt since it is cosmetic in nature and not exceeding the 2' roof overhang it would not be an issue. Supv Hable made a motion to approve a variance for a 6'x14'

rear porch 10' from the side property line and a 2' balcony off of upper level in line with roof overhang that will be 66.5' from OHW. Supv Hallstrom seconded the motion. Hable & Hallstrom voted aye. Latour voted nay. Motion carried.

Andy Johnson and Kim Sawatzke, 6423 Osborn Ave NW, were present to request a variance of Section 502.2 & 605.5 & 612 of the Wright County Zoning to allow construction of a new 2'x17' cantilever addition lakeside to be 74.7 ft. from the ordinary high-water mark of lake (OHW); replace and expand existing deck to be 65.9 ft. from the OHW; a new 10' x 18.33' one-story addition over a basement that will be 76 ft. from the OHW, and a new 8' x 10' entry porch on the roadside that will be 48.5 ft. from the center of a platted road. Supv Latour asked if they are taking off the old deck which they will. They are not adding anything that will encroach closer to the lake. The addition on the side of the home meets the OHW setback of 75' since it is 76' from OHW. The entry porch on the road side is on a private road with little traffic. Supv Latour made a motion to approve the new 2'x17' cantilever addition lakeside to be 74.7 ft. from the ordinary high-water mark of lake (OHW); approve the replacement and expansion of existing deck to be 65.9 ft. from the OHW; and a new 10' x 18.33' one-story addition over a basement that will be 76 ft. from the OHW, and a new 8' x 10' entry porch on the roadside that will be 48.5 ft. from the center of the platted road due to the deck being a replacement of an existing deck and the entry porch being on a road that is non township maintained and has low volume of traffic. Supv Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pat and Rob Knickerbocker were present to request a variance to build an 8'x13' deck 71' from the OHW of Lake Sylvia. Their home is a year old and was originally planned for a 4' deck to meet setbacks. Rob explained the 4' deck does not allow them enough room to sit with legs extended. If more people are on the deck they need to stand to let others pass. Supv Latour stated she doesn't feel this is a hardship as required for approval of a variance. This is a new home and would be new construction for the deck. Supv Latour made a motion to deny the variance request due to it being new construction and encroaching on the 75' OHW requirement. Supv Hable seconded the motion. Request denied. Motion carried.

Supv Hable made a motion to approve and sign the South Haven Fire Department fire contract for 2016. Supv Latour seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board worked on the 2017 budget for the annual meeting.

The following bills were approved as presented:

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
6229	3/2/16	Norgren Tree Service	100-10100	1,265.00
6230	3/2/16	Minnesota Benefit Association	100-10100	325.00
6231	3/2/16	Annandale Vet Clinic	100-10100	89.78
6232	3/2/16	B&N Signs	100-10100	21.38
6233	3/2/16	Wright County Recorder	100-10100	46.00
6234	3/2/16	WSB & Associates	100-10100	344.25
6235	3/2/16	Knife River Corporation - N.C. Meeker Cooperative Light & Power	100-10100	11,583.83
6236	3/2/16	Assoc	100-10100	32.00
6237	3/2/16	Wright Hennepin Electric	100-10100	23.78
6238	3/2/16	Windstream	100-10100	36.51
6239	3/2/16	Waste Management	100-10100	2,534.54

6241	3/2/16	Phyllis Latour	100-10100	166.23
6242	3/2/16	Carmen M. Merrill	100-10100	848.20
6240	3/2/16	Hendricks Sand & Gravel	100-10100	7,500.00
6243	3/2/16	Timothy A. Hable	100-10100	83.11
6244	3/2/16	James Hallstrom	100-10100	80.61
SOMPER000364603	3/3/16	Public Employees Retirement Association	100-10100	<u>138.60</u>
Total				25,118.82

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.