

Pursuant to due call and notice there off the Southside Township Board of Supervisor met for the regular meeting on Tuesday April 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Southside town hall, Wright County, Minnesota. The following members were present: Chairman Dan Berg, Supervisor Jim Hallstrom and Marty Ferguson and Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Also present: Cam Marklowitz, Phyllis Latour, Pat and Leanne Liebsch, Bernie Miller, Meg Dimercurio, Kris Dimercurio, Steve Hoiem, Tom Lundeen, Ted Klein, Eric Hendricks.

Chairman Berg called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2024, regular meeting and the March 12, 2024, Annual meeting. Supervisor Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No one was present for the open forum.

Patrick and Leanne Liebsch, 13488 77th St NW, were present to request a variance to construct a 28'x32' storage building. The reason a variance is needed is the total detached building area allowed will be exceeded if the new shed is built. A 24'x22' shed will be taken down. It is falling apart. The main garage is 1024 sq ft and is detached and cannot be attached to the house because it was built without frost footings. The limit for detached buildings on lots under 1 acre is 1600 sq ft. The two sheds will equal 1932 sq. ft. Pat would like the garage to be the requested size so it is big enough to store his pontoon. The location of the new shed is limited for road setback because of a hill. Road setback will be 51 ft from centerline rather than the 65' required. Total lot coverage is 16.9%. The existing shed corner is already within the road setback. Chairman Berg is concerned about the 332 sq ft overage for the new shed. He'd like to see it meet the requirements. Supervisor Ferguson stated the proposed shed is no closer to road than existing at one corner and it is not encroaching on neighbors' sight lines. The lot limits the setback due to the topography of the lot. Supervisor Ferguson made a motion to approve the variance request for a 28'x32' detached building 51' from the centerline of the road due to the lot coverage is good, the shed is not impinging on neighbors site lines and the new shed will improve the property. Supervisor Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Lundeen, 14187 68th St NW, was present to request a variance to tear down an existing cabin and replace it with a 24'x32' home and deck that will be 5.4' from the north side yard and 10' from the south side yard where 15' is required. The home will be 46.2' from the ordinary high-water mark of the lake where 75' is required. The home is only 768 sq ft and 800 sq ft is the minimum structure size. The lot is 40' x 150' with a 10' easement along one side. The existing home is 54.2' from the OHW and the proposed would be 8' closer. The existing home is 13.4' from the side yard. Total building coverage is 14.9% and total impervious coverage is 21.8%, which meets the requirements. Supervisor Ferguson stated the 5.4' side yard setback is too close for him. He'd like to see the house be narrower and longer to get at least 10' from the side yard. Supervisor Ferguson made a motion to deny the request to build a 24'x32' home 5.4' from the side yard setback, 46.2' from the OHW due to the side yard setback being too close. He proposed the structure be adjusted to meet at least a 10' side yard setback. Supervisor Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kris and Meg Dimercurio of 7583 Pilger Ave NW were present to request a variance for a proposed home that will be 4,063 sq ft with 488 sq ft attached deck/stairs that is 65.8' from the OHW, 55.6' from the centerline of road and a new shed that will be 66.3' from the OHW and 55' from the centerline of the road. They had applied and received a variance to build a similar home in the same place in 2021 but they never built it. They changed the house plans a little and since the original variance referenced the house plans, they had to come back for a new variance. In 2021 changes were made due to grading and limiting the amount of fill brought in. They have an extensive storm water management plan. The building coverage will be 6.7% and the impervious coverage would be 12.3%. The Board reviewed each site plan and agreed there was very little changed from 2021. Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the variance request to build a 4,063 sq ft house with 488 sq ft attached deck/stairs as proposed on the 3/21/2024 plans 65.8' from the OHW, 55.6' from the centerline of road and a new shed that will be 66.3' from the OHW of the lake and 55' from the centerline of the local road

due to a storm water management plan, the 2021 variance approval and lot coverages are all met. Supervisor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cam Marklowitz was present to talk to the Board about considering the paving of 105th ST NW from Quinn Ave NW to Hwy 55. This portion of road was not paved back in 2001 when the other portion was paved. The traffic on the road is high and the road gets beat up. He would like to see it paved. The Board stated they will review it on the May 10th road review.

Ron Bray submitted two project proposals to the Board for consideration for the Wright County Surface Transportation Grant of \$49,118.00. Option A is a 2.5” overlay of 1800’ of Montgomery Ave to 22’ width. The second option is a 2.5” overlay of 5000 feet of Montgomery Ave of 5000 ft, 22’ wide at an estimated cost of \$205,250. The project must be completed this year and the funds spent before the end of the year. The Board discussed both projects and felt that the second project doing Montgomery Ave to 100th St was the best project. Chairman Berg made a motion to approve the asphalt overlay on Montgomery Ave NW to 100th ST for an estimated cost of \$205,250 for submission for the Wright County Surface Transportation Grant. Supervisor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Wright County Township Officers meeting will be held on April 4th at 7 p.m. at Middleville Township Hall.

The Local Board of Appeal meeting is set for April 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

The following bills were approved as submitted:

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
042024	4/2/24	Windstream	100-10100	102.70
7981	4/2/24	Annandale Advocate	100-10100	142.80
7982	4/2/24	Cokato Janitorial LLC	100-10100	113.98
7983	4/2/24	Couri & Ruppe, PLLP	100-10100	1,747.50
7984	4/2/24	Earl F. Andersen, Inc.	100-10100	86.95
7985	4/2/24	Hendricks Sand & Gravel	100-10100	12,840.00
7986	4/2/24	Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Assoc	100-10100	47.00
7987	4/2/24	Norgren Tree Service	100-10100	3,937.50
7988	4/2/24	Wright Hennepin Electric	100-10100	48.66
7989	4/2/24	Waste Management	100-10100	3,831.72
7990	4/2/24	Carmen M. Merrill	100-10100	1,273.70
7991	4/2/24	James Hallstrom	100-10100	206.74
7992	4/2/24	Dan Berg	100-10100	184.70
7993	4/2/24	Eric M. Ferguson	100-10100	274.70
som[er000744270	4/2/24	Public Employees Retirement Association	100-10100	196.00
80399652	4/3/24	United States Treasury	100-10100	1,613.26
0794549600	4/3/24	Minnesota Revenue	100-10100	309.94
online ach	4/4/24	Google LLC	100-10100	6.00
Total				<u>26,963.85</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.