

Pursuant to due call and notice there of the Southside Township Board of Supervisor met for the regular meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Southside town hall, Wright County. The following members were present: Chairman Marty Ferguson, Supervisors Jim Hallstrom and Tim Hable and Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Also present: Rachel and David Lowe, Wes Ostlund, Bernie Miller, Meeso Kim, Kris Murphy.

Chairman Ferguson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022, meeting, seconded by Supervisor Hable. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022, meeting, seconded by Supervisor Ferguson. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hable made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2022, meeting, seconded by Supervisor Hallstrom. Motion carried.

The public hearing for the vacation of a portion of 64th ST NW was opened. No one present had any comments.

Supervisor Hallstrom introduced the following resolution and moved for its approval with a second by Supervisor Hable:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

**RESOLUTION APPROVING VACATION OF ROAD IN THE
TOWN OF SOUTHSIDE, COUNTY OF WRIGHT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Southside has received a Petition to Vacate a Road easement, and said petition has been signed by landowners, all of whom are voters residing in Southside Township and who own property within a three-mile radius of the road and easements to be vacated described as follows:

That part of 64th Street Northwest, as dedicated by Coates P. Bull Addition, Wright County, Minnesota, according to the recorded plat thereof, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 12, said Coates P. Bull Addition; thence on an assumed bearing of North 89 degrees 44 minutes 41 seconds East, along the North line of said Lot 12, a distance of 66.12 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 44 minutes 41 seconds East, along said North line, a distance of 13.70 feet; thence North 40 degrees 32 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 8.71 feet; thence South 50 degrees 16 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 10.45 feet to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that vacating said road would be in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southside having considered the petition to vacate the road so described; and

WHEREAS, each Supervisor has separately viewed the subject road and easements proposed to be vacated prior to the date of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board ordered a public hearing to hear all interested parties and to act upon said vacation petition at 7:00 p.m. on the 5th day of April 2022, at the Southside Town Hall.

WHEREAS, all legal requirements regarding giving notice have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, it now appears to the Town Board of the Town of Southside that such town road serves no useful purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Southside, Wright County, Minnesota, hereby orders:

1. The Town road easement located in the Town of Southside, Wright County, Minnesota, described as follows is hereby vacated:

That part of 64th Street Northwest, as dedicated by Coates P. Bull Addition, Wright County, Minnesota, according to the recorded plat thereof, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 12, said Coates P. Bull Addition; thence on an assumed bearing of North 89 degrees 44 minutes 41 seconds East, along the North line of said Lot 12, a distance of 66.12 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 44 minutes 41 seconds East, along said North line, a distance of 13.70 feet; thence North 40 degrees 32 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 8.71 feet; thence South 50 degrees 16 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 10.45 feet to the point of beginning.

- B. The Town Board hereby determines that the vacation of said road shall cause no damage to any abutting or nearby property owners and therefore no damages are awarded to any such property owners.
- C. The Town Board hereby directs the Township Clerk to cause service of the Notice of Damage Award upon the following landowners within seven days of the filing of the damage award with the Town Clerk:
 - a. Susan L Keskey as Trustee of the Susan L. Keskey Revocable Trust Agreement, Jeffrey P. Johnson and Amee J. Pribyl, c/o Amee J. Pribyl, 3717 90th Street N.W., Maple Lake, MN 55358.
 - b. Barbara J. Ostlund, 15095 64th Street N.W., Annandale, MN 55302.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Rachel and David Lowe, 7836 Norris Ave NW were present to request to tear down existing 600 sq. ft. cabin, with 296 sq. ft. deck, and replace with a new 1,384 sq. ft. dwelling and attached garage, to be 72.8 ft. from Lake John and 27.8 ft. from the road. Also proposing a new 12x24 deck that is 61.5 ft. from the lake. Current lake setback is 49 ft. from the deck and 62 ft. from the home. Existing, and proposed, deck and home are within a bluff. The existing holding tank will be removed, and a new septic system installed. Proposed septic tanks are 6.6 ft. from the property line and 10 ft. from the basement, with the treatment area across the road on the backlot. David stated they would like to retire here but need more space and a garage. They will move the new home back from the bluff and expand it 8' east to west and 8' north to south. Bernie stated they could have torn down and rebuilt in the same location but the new proposed location is further off bluff and new deck is as well. There will be a new septic system to replace the existing holding tank with the drain field on the back lot so would like approval for directional boring under the road. Currently the lot coverage is at 7% but will be at 15% when they are finished. Impervious will be at 25%. Supervisor Hallstrom stated he would like to see some erosion control. Bernie stated the bluff is heavily wooded and should not erode but the County will likely ask for erosion control and a storm management plan. Supervisor Ferguson stated the plans are an improvement over the existing structure with a new septic system and well. Supervisor Hable stated he has a few concerns but overall feels it will be an improvement. Supervisor Hable made a motion to approve the variance request to tear down existing 600 sq. ft. cabin, with 296 sq. ft. deck, and replace with a new 1,384 sq. ft. dwelling and attached garage, to be 72.8 ft. from Lake John and 27.8 ft. from the road and a 12x24 deck that is 61.5 ft. from the lake. Approve proposed septic tanks 6.6 ft. from the property line and 10 ft. from the basement, with the approval to directional bore across the road to the backlot for the drain field. Reason for approval: Further off lake and bluff than existing, lot coverage and impervious coverage meet requirements, new septic system. Supervisor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kim Meeso was present to request a conditional use permit for 7407 Quinn Ave NW to allow a land alteration of greater than 50 yards for the installation of boulder walls, rip rap and native plants. Also to include installation of paver patio in the existing beach area. Total cut and fill to be approximately 150 yards. Kim stated most of the work will be done at the shoreline. They will remove the existing walls and steps and replace with larger boulders. Kris Murphy stated they met with DNR hydrologist to get information on restoration of the shoreline with native plants. 1/3 of the shoreline will be returned to a natural state. About 1/2 of the hill be restored to native plants and prairie grass. The existing boulders are 12" and are being replaced with 3'-4' boulders. The total impervious coverage will be at 23%. The cut and fill are to remove the existing rip rap and create a patio

and larger wall. The DNR will review the work. They would also like to get permission for directional bore under Quinn Ave NW for electricity. Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the CUP due to the involvement of the DNR, impervious remaining under 23% and approval of the directional bore under Quinn for electrical work only. Supervisor Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road review was set for Monday, May 16th at 8:00 a.m.

Joint clean up day with French Lake Township is set for June 11th. A joint meeting will be held with the French Lake town board to work out specifics.

Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to accept the bid from Cokato Janitorial for \$113.98 for the Platinum cleaning plan for the township hall. The proposal is for: Work to be performed: Platinum Package Monthly Cleaning Specs. Deep cleaning thru out, floors, swept and mopped, carpets and rugs vacuumed, high dusting, restrooms cleaned and sanitized, counters and ledges cleaned, and garbage or trash removed. Includes twice a year professionally clean window. Carpet cleaning extra First time cleaning Restoration/ Deep cleaning billed separately. Includes: Restoration cleaning sinks and toilets, a deeper cleaning thru out facility. Amt \$250 Carpets Separate.

Supervisor Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Logan Shine of Windstream attended the meeting via Zoom to discuss a grant proposal for Wright County to extend fiber to Lake Sylvia area. If the local government is willing to match at least \$92,000 it would boost the score of the application by 5% and a match of \$200,000 would add 20% to the score. The Board asked why Windstream was asking for funds from us. Logan stated Wright County is requiring local support. They are in the process of bidding the areas for fiber and plan to have the grant to the County by April 20. The Board stated they are not willing to put money into the proposal as they feel Windstream should be willing to bring Fiber to the homes since they will be reimbursed once the homes connect. Logan asked if they were willing to send a letter of support and the Board was unwilling to do that. Our experience with Windstream in our area has not been good.

The Wright County Township Officers meeting is being held Thursday April 7th at 7 p.m. at the Wright County training facility.

The following bills were approved as presented:

| Check # | Date | Payee | Cash Account | Amount |
|-----------------|--------|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| 7555 | 3/1/22 | Annandale Advocate | 100-10100 | 189.80 |
| 7556 | 3/1/22 | Couri & Ruppe, PLLP | 100-10100 | 625.00 |
| 7557 | 3/1/22 | Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Assoc | 100-10100 | 38.00 |
| 7558 | 3/1/22 | Norgren Tree Service | 100-10100 | 980.00 |
| 7559 | 3/1/22 | Waste Management | 100-10100 | 3,435.80 |
| 7560 | 3/1/22 | Windstream | 100-10100 | 151.78 |
| 7561 | 3/1/22 | Wright Hennepin Electric | 100-10100 | 48.57 |
| 7551 | 3/1/22 | James Hallstrom | 100-10100 | 82.41 |
| 7552 | 3/1/22 | Timothy A. Hable | 100-10100 | 166.23 |
| 7553 | 3/1/22 | Eric M. Ferguson | 100-10100 | 96.55 |
| 7554 | 3/1/22 | Carmen M. Merrill | 100-10100 | 1,155.24 |
| 7562 | 3/1/22 | Mid-Minnesota Hot Mix Inc. | 100-10100 | 16,959.11 |
| 7563 | 3/1/22 | Hendricks Sand & Gravel | 100-10100 | 13,240.00 |
| 4081340807 | 3/1/22 | Google LLC | 100-10100 | 6.00 |
| somper000642295 | 3/2/22 | Public Employees Retirement Association | 100-10100 | 166.60 |
| Total | | | | <u>37,341.09</u> |

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