

Pursuant to due call and notice there of the Southside Township Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday August 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Southside Town hall for the regular meeting. The following members were present: Chairman Tim Hable, Supervisors Jim Hallstrom and Marty Ferguson and Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. Also present: Phyllis Latour Dawn and Rick Becker, Janet Erickson, Bruce Grandt, Patrick Liebsch, Fred Knowles, Keith Kohn, Jerid Adickes, Ron Brey, Steve Hoiem, Bill Katina, Suzanne Katina, Lynn and Tom Lohmann, Jan Evenson.

Chairman Hable led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting with a second by Supervisor Hallstrom. Motion carried.

Chairman Hable opened the public hearing for 62<sup>nd</sup> St NW road improvement continued from June 28, 2021. Engineer Ron Bray reviewed the project which is an 800 ft section of 62<sup>nd</sup> St NW. Improvement will be curb and gutter section at 21 feet back-to-back for 800 feet and include blacktop paving of surface. Estimated construction cost is \$180,000 including contingency. To proceed the Board must approve unanimously. There are approximately 8 to 9 homes on the proposed paved portion and about 20 other parcels that use 62<sup>nd</sup> Street NW as an access road. The project would be done using the 429-assessment process. This process requires that a minimum of 20% of project cost be assessed. Typically the township would assess 80 to 100% of a local neighborhood improvement. Construction costs and interest rates are favorable now for this process. There are two public hearings, one on project and one for assessments which is held after project is bid and constructed. The property owners have a right to appeal the assessment if they do not see a benefit in the value assessed. Preliminary assessment estimates are one assessment unit would be \$6000 over a 10-year period or approximately \$600 per year plus a 4 to 5% interest rate. Property owners with direct access to 62<sup>nd</sup> St NW would receive a full assessment. Feeder property owners on Porter and north private road would be assessed a .5 unit or \$3000 or \$300 per year plus interest. Preliminary project cost total amount estimated at \$185,000 to \$215,000. This could be less by \$11,216 if Class 5 is used instead of Class 6 which would bring the cost to \$169,000. These are all estimates currently. The Board accepted the feasibility report and set the public hearing in June 2021. Plans and specs and quotes were ordered on June 28, 2021. The quotes were opened on Friday. 4 quotes were received. The low bid was from Mid MN at \$180,438.20. The assessment hearing will be held in November 2021. The property owners have a right to appeal. The final assessment role will be filed with the County for taxes in December for 2022 taxes payable.

Chairman Hable opened the floor for public comments. Fred Knowles, 16030 62<sup>nd</sup> St NW, asked if the Board knew how much they spent on annual maintenance of 62<sup>nd</sup> ST NW. The Board did not have a number. He asked about the longevity of the blacktop. Ron Bray stated it is built for 20 years but with sealcoats and perhaps a mill and overlay it could last up to 50 years. He asked how it will handle the rain. Ron stated it is designed to handle a 4" rain which is the 100 years high.

Caleb of 16070 62<sup>nd</sup> St NW stated he does not feel a ½ assessment is fair. He maintains his own private road that has all the issues that 62<sup>nd</sup> St has. He takes care of the road himself and uses his own money.

Jarid Addickes – 6070 Porter Ave NW – is in the process of buying this property. He wanted to know what his project will have on Porter. Ron stated the water will be spread out and flatten to the south. The curb will come around to the private street to slow down then drain off.

Since there were no other comments, Supervisor Ferguson made a motion to close the public portion of the hearing with a second by Supervisor Ferguson. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**TOWN OF SOUTHSIDE**

**COUNTY OF WRIGHT  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION # 2021-02**

## **RESOLUTION ORDERING IMPROVEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Southside Town Board has received a feasibility study prepared by the Town Engineer related to the cost to reconstruct 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, all such improvements located within the Southside Township pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 429.011 to 429.111 (“Improvement”); and

WHEREAS notice of the public hearing to consider the Improvement was properly mailed and published according to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 429; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has held a public hearing on June 28, 2021 and on August 10, 2021 and has taken comment from the public regarding the proposed Improvement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF SOUTHSIDE TOWNSHIP, WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA:**

1. Such Improvement is hereby approved and ordered.
2. Plans and Specifications prepared by the Town Engineer are hereby approved.

**ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHSIDE TOWNSHIP BOARD THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.**

Supervisor Hallstrom seconded the motion. Supervisor Hable, Hallstrom and Ferguson voted aye. Resolution passed.

Ron Bray stated the quote could be approved and construction could begin if the Board was in favor of accepting the bid from Mid MN . Supervisor Ferguson made a motion to accept the quote from Mid MN for \$169,000 for the 62<sup>nd</sup> ST NW improvement. Supervisor Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Couri stated after the final construction cost is known a notice will be sent to property owners regarding the next public hearing perhaps around November.

Richard & Dawn Becker – 13271 80<sup>th</sup> ST NW –were present to request a variance to allow the existing one level dwelling that exists at 74.5 ft from the OHW of Lake John and 4.5’ from the property line, to be lifted and replace the crawl space with a new walkout basement, add a 6’x6’ covered stoop roadside and 6’x10’ lakeside main level deck. Structure to be repositioned to be 78’ from the OHM and 10’ from west property line. Existing and proposed structure will be located within the bluff and will be served by a holding tank. Dawn stated the cabin has been in the family for years. It has a partial basement and a dirt floor. They would like to build on the basic footprint with a small deck. Bernie Miller stated the house was repositioned to be 78’ from the OHW. They are installing a holding tank to replace the existing system which is probably a cesspool. The are installing a basement to increase the living space and adjusting elevations to better fit. They have increased the side lot line to 10’ and increased setback from OHW by 3.5’. Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the variance request to approve the existing dwelling to be lifted and replace the crawl space with a new walkout basement, add 6’x6’ covered stoop roadside and 6’x10’ lakeside main level deck. It will be moved to be 78’ from the OHM and 10’ from the west property line and a better septic system will be installed. Supervisor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Patrick Liebsch and Don Kunelius were present to present a petition signed by 10 residents within 3 miles for vacation of a portion of Norris Ave NW. They are neighbors and the area to be vacated is the portion of the road on the curve on Norris. Patrick has two entrances to his property so can access the property by either driveway. After a review of the documents it was noted there was no legal description for the portion of the road to be vacated. The request was tabled to the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Clerk Merrill will send the petition to Mike Couri for review and advise on what is needed to move forward.

Residents that live along 80<sup>th</sup> ST NW or use it daily to get to and from their homes were present to ask for the Boards help with a safety issue. They are concerned about speeding drivers and pedestrians and bikers as well as their safety while driving on the road. Lynn Rohman stated the past few years she has seen increased utilization of the road. She has seen serious safety issues including speed and drivers passing over the double yellow line. She would like to see a traffic count done. She stated she is not expecting the Board to fix the problem and is hoping to work together for a solution. Suzanne Kutina lives at 7861 Pleason Ave NW she has witnessed people going too fast. She would like to know what can be done to get people to slow down. Perhaps a speed limit sign would help. Laurie Macgregor stated she too has witnessed speeding and dangerous driving. Supervisor Ferguson stated we can start with a traffic count. Supervisor Hallstrom stated often times the traffic is local so perhaps getting something in the GLSA newsletter would help. He also stated calling the county sheriff and commissioner to get more patrols would help. Supervisor Ferguson stated doing a traffic count now and in November would show if the traffic is related to summer and the lake. Supervisor Hallstrom stated a call to the DOT would help. He will contact them to request a speed study. Radar speed signs will be purchased and installed as a start.

Phyllis LaTour –14193 68<sup>th</sup> ST NW requests a lot line adjustment to attach a backlot- parcel #217-060-000060 that contains the septic system with the lakeshore lot and dwelling pid#217-059-000032 and 000034- The remaining backlots, consisting of tax 217-059-000090, 00091 and 00070 would be combined as a lot of record and retain one building eligibility. She is required to attach the two lots since the backlot contains the septic system. Her other lots contain her shed. She is giving up a building entitlement on one of the lots. Supervisor Ferguson questioned the lots with the septic system and home having the road between them. Could they still be combined? Phyllis stated the road would remain as is. Supervisor Ferguson made a motion to approve the lot line adjustment to attach a backlot- parcel #217-060-000060 that contains the septic system with the lakeshore lot and dwelling pid#217-059-000032 and 000034- The remaining backlots, consisting of tax 217-059-000090, 00091 and 00070 would be combined as a lot of record and retain one building eligibility. Supervisor Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bruce Grandt of 10586 Montgomery Ave NW was present to request a variance to allow a new septic treatment system area to be 30 ft from the OHW of Clearwater Lake. Bruce owns two lots on the lake. The lot that his house is on is small and the backlot has the room for the septic system. His system is a 3 tank system and will be pressurized. His neighbors well is within 100' of an area he wanted to put the system on and he has offered to share a well but the neighbor would not agree so this is his only solution. Supervisor Ferguson has visited the site since he lives in the area. This is the only way to get a new system on the site. The area has never been flooded. Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the variance to allow a new septic system treatment area to be 30 ft from the OHW of Clearwater Lake. Supervisor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeremy Kaskinen discussed cleaning up the area around the railroad trestle on Nevens Ave NW. He will clean the brush away and hire a contractor to remove the stumps. The Board approved of the work. He also asked for markers for culverts or stumps in the road right of way. Supervisor Ferguson will order.

The following bills were approved as presented:

<b>Check #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Cash Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
7429	8/10/21	Adam's Pest Control Inc.	100-10100	137.72
7430	8/10/21	Annandale Advocate	100-10100	192.40
7431	8/10/21	B&N Signs	100-10100	25.00
7432	8/10/21	Central MN Dust Control LLC	100-10100	3,838.66
7433	8/10/21	Earl F. Andersen, Inc.	100-10100	315.95
7434	8/10/21	Hendricks Sand & Gravel	100-10100	6,441.29
7435	8/10/21	Barrett Decorating LLC	100-10100	5,000.00
7436	8/10/21	Couri & Ruppe, PLLP	100-10100	2,260.00
7437	8/10/21	IntegriPrint	100-10100	146.47
7438	8/10/21	Reinhardt Maurer Meeker Cooperative Light & Power	100-10100	268.25
7439	8/10/21	Assoc	100-10100	39.00
7440	8/10/21	Norgren Tree Service	100-10100	2,665.00
7441	8/10/21	Waste Management	100-10100	6,684.30
7442	8/10/21	Windstream	100-10100	53.40
7443	8/10/21	Wright Hennepin Electric	100-10100	48.40
7444	8/10/21	WSB & Associates	100-10100	1,963.00
7445	8/10/21	Carmen M. Merrill	100-10100	992.42
7446	8/10/21	Timothy A. Hable	100-10100	279.58
7447	8/10/21	James Hallstrom	100-10100	281.77
7448	8/10/21	Eric M. Ferguson	100-10100	271.74
7448V	8/10/21	Eric M. Ferguson	100-10100	-271.74
7449	8/10/21	Eric M. Ferguson	100-10100	83.11
<b>Total</b>				<b>31,715.72</b>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.