

Pursuant to due call and notice there of the Southside Township Board of Supervisors met for a regular meeting on Tuesday February 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Southside Town hall, Wright County, Minnesota. The following members were present: Chairman Tim Hable, Supervisors Jim Hallstrom and E Marty Ferguson and Clerk/Treasure Carmen Merrill. Also present: Bernie Miller, Matt Bronder, Lonnie Hendricks, Bob & Jean Sutherland, Greg and Steve Alberg, Mike Couri and Charles Web.

Chairman Hable led the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Hable made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 regular meeting. Supervisor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No one was present for the public forum.

Steve and Greg Alberg were present to request to rezone approximately 23 acres from AG General Agriculture and S-2 Residential Recreational Shorelands to A/R Agricultural-Residential and S-2 and a Conditional Use Permit for a two-lot unplatted subdivision (lots proposed are approx. 10.6 & 12.3 acres and are non-riparian). They were in last month to get approval for a lot line adjustment and the 2 lots were created. Now that the lots are approved, they would like them to be rezoned so they can be built on. Supervisor Ferguson stated the lots fit the area and the use. Supv. Hable made a motion to approve the rezoning to A/R Agricultural-Residential and S-2 and also approve a conditional use permit for a two-lot unplatted subdivision to 10.6 and 12.3 acre lots that are non-riparian. Supervisor Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matt Bronder, 13307 80th St NW, was present to request a variance to allow replacement of an existing 572 sq. ft. one story dwelling with a new dwelling that includes a 1,125 sq. ft main level with a lookout basement and a 1,563 sq. ft. modified second story, 528 sq. ft. attached garage, 96 sq. ft. entry porch, and 55 sq. ft. lakeside deck,. New structure to be 87.7 ft. from the OHW, 10.8 ft. from the property line, 18.4 ft. from the center of the road, 15.2 ft. from a Type IV septic system, and within the bluff. A variance requested for a new septic system 5 ft. from the side and road property lines. Also, a variance to replace an 8.8' x 16.8' boathouse within the bluff and over the OHW with a 10' x 17' boathouse 2.3 ft. from the OHW and within the bluff. Matt stated the proposed boat house will replace the existing which is currently 3' in the water line. Bernie Miller stated Matt worked hard on the plans to get a house on the lot along with a new septic system. They moved everything as far off the bluff as possible. Supervisor Hallstrom stated he is concerned about the number of variances. Bernie stated he could avoid some of the variances if they go closer to the lake. The soil is sandy and could handle it. Matt stated they maximized the property location to allow for an actual septic system instead of a holding tank. They meet both the lot coverage and impervious surface requirements. Matt stated they are at the same lake set back as the existing home. They did remove some impervious deck area from the lake side of the home.

Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the variance request due to the new septic system and meeting both lot coverage and impervious surface limits. Supervisor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob & Jean Sutherland, 7177 Newcomb Avenue NW, requests a variance to replace the existing 568 sq. ft. one-level dwelling that is 33.5 ft. from the ordinary highwater mark (OHM) of lake, 7.7 and 8 ft. from the side property lines with a new 660 sq. ft. one-level dwelling (22' x 30') with a 308 sq. ft. loft that has 6 ft. of headroom, and 330 sq. ft. attached garage. Setback variances proposed are 60.2' from the OHW, 10 ft. from both side lot lines and 18.8 ft. from a new Type IV septic system that will be 5 ft. from the property line and 2 ft. from the road right-of-way. Bernie Miller stated the home was designed as a narrow house to get to the 10' from the side lot lines and added the garage to the house. Combining the two cut back 2.5% on lot coverage. Also the smaller design allows for the new septic system. Bob stated all existing buildings will be removed to make this home possible. The new home will be 60.2' from the OHW of Lake John. The existing home is 33.5' from the OHW. The couple plan to move to the lake permanently. The house is only one bedroom with a loft. Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the variance due to the fact the new home is further from the lake and a new septic system will be installed. Supervisor Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Couri, township attorney and Charles Web, township surveyor, were present to discuss a vacation of a portion of 61st St NW that was done in 1990 and recorded in 2016. Mike stated from what he has found on file at Wright County and in the township files the original vacation was never done properly. No notice of personal service to affected property owners was found in the file. The document filed at Wright County did not contain a legal description. The Board reviewed the survey that was done by Charles Web from the legal descriptions printed in the paper at the time of the vacation. Had the road been vacated it would have land locked several properties. Mike suggested the Board meet with the property owners of the area to discuss the findings and develop a plan for moving forward. The Board will hold a meeting with property owners on March 3rd at 7 p.m. after the CRWD meeting. Mike Couri will write a letter and send to affected property owners as well as develop a notice of meeting for the township website.

Supervisor Hallstrom made a motion to approve the South Haven Fire Contract for \$47,863 for 2021. Supervisor Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board will meet with CRWD on Wednesday March 3 at 6 p.m. via zoom to discuss 109th St runoff issues.

The 2021 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization will be held on April 13th at 9 a.m. at Southside Town hall.

The Board worked on the 2022 budget.

The following bills were approved as presented:

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
7330	2/2/21	Adam's Pest Control Inc.	100-10100	137.72
7331	2/2/21	Couri & Ruppe, PLLP	100-10100	840.00
7332	2/2/21	Hendricks Sand & Gravel	100-10100	7,682.50
		Meeker Cooperative Light & Power		
7333	2/2/21	Assoc	100-10100	38.00
7334	2/2/21	Minnesota Benefit Association	100-10100	325.00

7335	2/2/21	Waste Management	100-10100	3,378.40
7336	2/2/21	Windstream	100-10100	159.25
		Wright County Association of		
7337	2/2/21	Townships	100-10100	916.88
7338	2/2/21	Wright Hennepin Electric	100-10100	44.28
7339	2/2/21	James Hallstrom	100-10100	160.54
7340	2/2/21	Eric M. Ferguson	100-10100	83.11
7341	2/2/21	Timothy A. Hable	100-10100	83.11
7342	2/2/21	Carmen M. Merrill	100-10100	<u>1,093.01</u>
Total				<u>14,941.80</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.